



Nurse Prescribing in Community Health

Trial experience

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The Beginning...

The Programme...

The Stories...



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COUNTIES
MANUKAU

HEALTH



POSITIVE SEXUAL HEALTH

Family Planning



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Objective

Enabling registered nurses
to make **prescribing decisions**
so patients receive more
accessible, timely and convenient healthcare,
within
holistic nursing and cultural frameworks.



NZRN Nurse Prescribing

Full Prescribing: Nurse Practitioner

Specialist Prescribing: Specialty

Designated Prescribing: Limited



The Programme...



Nursing Profile

General Practice

Public Health

Primary & Secondary Care Schools



Nursing Profile

- *3 years experience*
- *1 year in area of intended prescribing*
- *Utilise Standing Orders*
- *Employer support*



Regulatory Framework

- Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (2003)
- The Medicines Act (1981)



Regulatory Framework

- Drug and Therapeutic Governance Group
- Infectious Diseases Team
- Framework for Education and Development (FEDS)



Clinical Governance

Panel Members

- *Chief Medical Officer*
- *Chief Nurse Advisor, Primary & Integrated Care*
- *Primary Health Organisation Nurse Leaders*
- *Pharmacist*
- *Programme Co-ordinator*



Course Requirements

- Clinical Supervisor
- Mentor
- Working knowledge of Clinical Pathways and clinical decision support tools
- Current portfolio



Health Conditions

- Common skin conditions eg. simple eczema, impetigo, fungal infections and parasites;
- Common aches and pains;
- Ear infections;
- Sore throats and rheumatic fever prophylaxis and ongoing treatment;
- Common forms of contraception;
- Treatment of common sexually transmitted infections, urinary tract infections and constipation.



Course Components

- Six months education
- Blended learning approach
- 12 hours of face to face study days
- Online learning modules
- Submit a portfolio including 2 case studies:
 - ✓ Clinical decision making
 - ✓ Assessment
 - ✓ Treatment recommendations
 - ✓ Evaluation of treatment plan



Graduates





The Stories...



Designated Nurse Prescribers

- Autonomous nursing care
- Timeliness of care
- Affordability of care
- Reaching communities of need
- Satisfaction for patients & families



Considerations in the Pacific Region

- Nursing Workforce development planning
- Blended learning vs post-graduate study
- Open for more nurses to complete and practice



Kia Manuia

Fa'afetai tele lava