

# Nurse Prescribing in Community Health

Trial experience

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# The Beginning...











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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

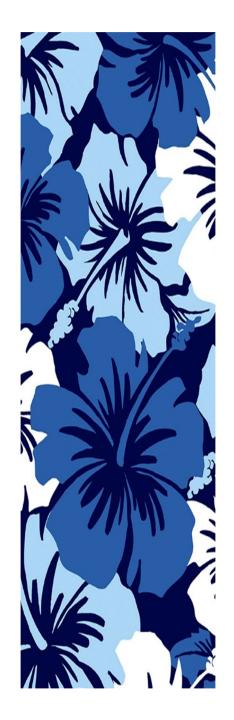
Full Prescribing: Nurse Practitioner

**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)



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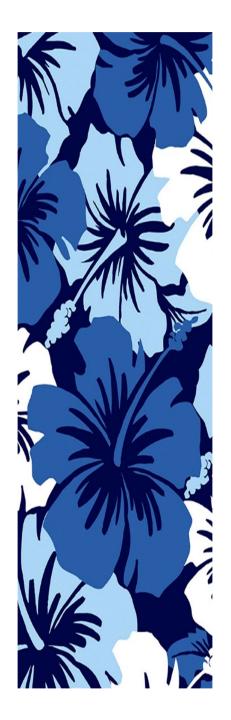
- Drug and Therapeutic Governance Group
- Infectious Diseases Team
- Framework for Education and Development (FEDS)



### 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



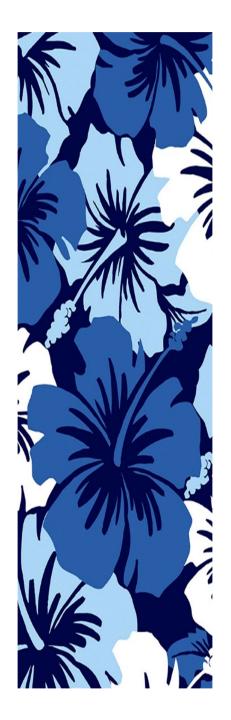
### Health Conditions

- 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



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