

MASTER OF NURSING (NURSE PRACTITIONER)

Applicant Curriculum Vitae Requirements

Introduction

All applicants for the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) must provide a comprehensive CV that demonstrates

- how they meet all entry requirements to be admitted to the program
- clear evidence of advanced practice, and includes two referees who can attest to their advanced practice

The following information has been provided to assist applicants in preparing their CV.

Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) Entry Requirements

All applicants for the program must:

- hold current general registration as a registered nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia; AND
- hold a postgraduate qualification from a recognised higher education institution in a relevant clinical field. In

addition, to be accepted into the program, applicants will be required to:

- have a minimum of four years full-time equivalent experience as a Registered Nurse, including two years full-time equivalent as a Registered Nurse in a clinical field and two years full-time equivalent at an advanced practice level in the same clinical field.
- establish a suitably qualified Clinical Support Team in their clinical field to assist them in the development and extension of their specialist practice. The Clinical Support Team must be approved by the Program Director;
- provide a completed and signed Employer Support Form as evidence that their employer is willing to facilitate the extended clinical practice components of the program within their workplace or related agencies.

Specific information for [prospective students](#) can be found at:

Definition of Advanced Practice

The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) defines advanced practice as “a continuum along which nurses develop their professional knowledge, clinical reasoning and judgement, skills and behaviours to higher levels of capability (that is recognisable). Nurses practising at an advanced level incorporate professional leadership, education and research into their clinically based practice. Their practice is effective and safe. They work within a generalist or specialist context and they are responsible and accountable in managing people who have complex health care requirements.

Advanced nursing practice is a level of practice and not a role. It is acknowledged that advanced nursing practice is specific to the individual within their context of practice (enrolled nurse, registered nurse or nurse practitioner)”.(NMBA 2016).

Description of an Advanced Registered Nurse

An Advanced Registered Nurse:

1. Uses best available evidence, observations and experience to plan, conduct and evaluate practice in ways which incorporate complexity and/or a multiplicity of elements
2. Uses health and/or nursing models as a basis for practice
3. Manages outcomes in complex clinical situations
4. Anticipates and meets the needs of individuals and groups with complex conditions and/or in high risk situations
5. Integrates and evaluates knowledge and resources from different disciplines and health care teams to effectively meet the health care needs of individuals and groups
6. Seeks out and integrates evidence from a range of sources to improve health care outcomes
7. Safely interprets and modifies guidelines and practice to meet the health care needs of individuals and groups
8. Leads and guides the nursing team to promote optimum standards of care
9. Shares information and resources to initiate improvements and/or innovation in nursing practice
10. Fosters and initiates research-based nursing practice
11. Acts as a mentor and role model for nurses and other health professionals
12. Contributes to development of nursing knowledge, standards and resources through active participation at the broader professional level
13. Facilitates education of individuals and groups, students, nurses and other members of the health care team
14. Acts as a resource for other nurses and members of the health care team
15. Provides nursing as a resource to others through their capacity to practice outside single contexts and episodes of practice

Adapted from Australian Nursing Federation, Competency Standards for the Advanced Registered Nurse, 2005.

- Australian Nursing Federation, Competency Standards for the Advanced Registered Nurse, 2005. Available from <http://trove.nla.gov.au/work/19556235?selectedversion=NBD4O312320>
- Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, 2016 *Fact sheet: Advanced nursing practice and specialty areas within nursing*, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, Melbourne. Available from <http://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines-Statements/Professional-standards.aspx>