

Decision-Making and Support Flowchart for Registered Nurse Prescribing in Primary Health and Speciality Teams

Timeframe before postgraduate (PG) career conversation and when PG applications close

The registered nurse (RN) intending to apply for a RN prescribing course with a university must be Expert or Senior Expert on the Professional Development Recognition Programme (PDRP) and be working in a role and clinical area that will benefit from RN prescribing. All role development with prescribing must be discussed and approved at a Service level and with the Workforce and Practice Development Unit (PDU).

- RN must initially discuss this with line manager and contact the Nurse Consultant Advanced Practice (helen.costello@ccdhb.org.nz)
- when the Service is new to supporting RN Prescriber role development an initial meeting including the line manager/Operation Manager, Clinical Leader/CHOD or authorised prescriber (Medical or Nurse Practitioner) and Nurse Director, with the Nurse Consultant if often required. Role titles differ in primary health or aged residential care setting. This ensures the RN prescribing role development is a good fit for the patient population, Service and RN.

Preparation for PG application

Decision to proceed with RN prescribing practicum enrolment

PG application process

RN contacts University prescribing practicum coordinator for course requirements. **Note** this includes three years practice experience in the area the RN is planning to prescribe in. Nurse Consultant can assist RN to prepare Prescribing Practicum Support Plan and practice preparation. This may include:

- considering timing and university for best fit for RN Prescribing Practicum course focus in relation to RN current role, prerequisite PG courses and projected clinical career pathway
- advise on meeting practicum requirements e.g. optimal clinical mentor/ supervisor for prescribing
- negotiating clinical experience including placements - where and how this may occur
- PG Career Conversation completed

Practicum Support Plan is completed and submitted with application for PG funding

Prepare for RN Practicum application to university using required course templates as applicable :

- employer support letter
- clinical mentor/supervisor details and collaborative team support
- clinical information regarding potential patient population and conditions managed with related prescribing supported by clinical area. Refer to latest Nursing Council of NZ Guidance for this designated prescribing level (NCNZ, 2022).

February or mid-year start depending on practicum semester

Workforce and PDU notifies RN and Service regarding funding for prescribing practicum course and contribution towards clinical mentoring when applicable

Progress through practicum is monitored by Workforce and PDU

RN Prescribing Practicum and District Support

- Ensures workplace support for advancing clinical practice and role optimisation e.g. clinics, policy etc.
- Access to professional development opportunities and peer review support
- Expectation is that RN communicates with Service and Nurse Consultant if time delay is required between completing prescribing practicum course and submitting evidence to NCNZ for authorisation

Notification required when NCNZ authorisation as designated prescriber is achieved

RN authorisation as designated prescriber

- RN provides NCNZ authorisation letter as confirmation to line manager for confirmation.
- Transition to RN Prescribing Position Description for current role
- RN notifies Nurse Consultant and RN added to RN Prescribers distribution list for the District and Nurse Prescribing Register

Workforce and PDU on behalf of the Chief Nursing Officer maintain the District database for all nurse prescribers. RN Prescribers are asked to advise when work address details change