

New to General Practice Nursing Program Fact Sheet

South Western Sydney PHN and the Clinical Support Team will provide support to new, returning or transitioning nurses working in general practice by offering training and mentoring over 12 months.

The aim is to up-skill the practice nurse workforce, leading to improved patient wellbeing through prevention, early intervention and self-management of chronic conditions and a reduced burden on acute care.

The *New to General Practice Nursing Program* will support the nurses by:

- Providing opportunities to increase knowledge and skills through
 - o Access to continuing professional development activities tailored to general practice nurse roles
 - o In-practice support and mentoring
 - o Competency based resources and information
- Assisting with implementing and/or enhancing practice systems that promote health screening activities
- Promoting best practice to improve patient outcomes

Education

- Review South Western Sydney PHN CPD event calendar for education <http://www.swsphn.com.au/cpd-events> >
- Based on module requirements either CPD certificate or online course certificate needs to be submitted

Activities

- Complete and submit activity checklists for each learning module
- Complete questionnaires and evaluations as required

Competencies

- Complete and submit competency checklist for each learning module
- Checklist reviewed and co-signed by South Western Sydney PHN Clinical Support Team

The *New to General Practice Nursing Program* requires active participation for a 12-month period. The program will provide opportunities for the practice nurse to access CPD events, links to online learning and resources.

The practice nurse will be provided with support and mentoring via phone, email and in-practice visits. A minimum of two practice visits are required. Once all course requirements have been met, the practice nurse will be provided with a certificate of completion.

Education and training

In-house support will be provided at regular intervals throughout the program.

Education opportunities will be provided for each learning module. The practice nurse is required to complete educational activities, attend CPD events, or complete self directed online training.

The modules *New to General Practice Nursing Program* covers are:

- Immunisation
- Cold Chain/Vaccine Management
- Infection Prevention and Control/Sterilisation
- Chronic Disease Management
- Registers, Reminder and Recalls
- Preventive Health Screening and Assessment
- Clinical Activities- Spirometry, Electrocardiogram (ECG), Wound management, Triage, Procedures, Advanced skills

Activities and competencies

The *New to General Practice Nursing Program* includes 26 activity checklists and competency checklists.

The practice nurse is required to submit a minimum of one activity checklist and competency checklist per month from the learning modules (due by the end of the month).

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General Practice and practice nurse obligations to access this program

- Active participation for the full project period
- Complete questionnaires and evaluations during the course of the program
- Attendance at CPD events or equivalent online learning and submission of related certificate documentation
- Completion of activities and competencies
- Active participation with HealthChat discussions and updates

Endorsement

This program is officially endorsed by the University of Wollongong



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