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Nurse Endoscopist

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Nurse Expanded Scope of Practice

Nursing Council NZ Definition:

- Response to a changing health care need
- Meet the consumer's health needs / enhance outcomes
- Will the organisation culture and interdisciplinary team accept the change?
- Increased range; autonomy, accountability, responsibility
- Formal pathway to role expansion
 - further education (Knowledge & skills)
 - credentialing

Planning for change

- Joint planning by DHB, service and nurse
- What are the needs of the patient population
- Plan a mix of clinics & endoscopy to provide services
- Plan training:
 - Clinical assessment & diagnostic reasoning
 - Endoscopy training list (2/week, 8 points)
 - Procedural sedation
 - Disease recognition
 - Requesting tests
 - Referral
 - Assessment of competence

Prerequisites

- Experience
 - 5 Years Post registration practice
 - 3 Years Gastro-intestinal/ Endoscopy practice
 - Level of practice Proficient (level 3) minimum
 - ACLS
- Academic
 - Post graduate diploma

Prescribing

- Designated nurse prescribing vs Nurse practitioner
- Prescribing for clinics
- Prescribing for procedural sedation
- Work underway
 - What is it appropriate for nurse endoscopists and gastroenterology nurses to prescribe?

Credentialing

- Relevant specialty or professional standards that have been developed by, or endorsed by, professional organisations or multidisciplinary groups
- Assessment of competence
 - 4 Summative DOPs
 - Expert Global Evaluation
- Expanded Scope of Practice Competencies
- All included in Professional Development Portfolio (Nursing Council of New Zealand requirement)



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Nurse Endoscopist Academic Pathway

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Postgraduate Nursing Endoscopy – 2020

A pathway for postgraduate study for Registered Nurses.

A three step qualification approved by Nursing Council of New Zealand

- each step ends in a qualification, can be followed by a pause or leads on directly to the next.
- B Grade Average (GPAS) needs to be achieved to progress on to Masters.

Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences

60 points – 2 years part-time

Recommended* Courses

NURSING 773	Advanced Assessment and Clinical Reasoning	30 pts
NURSING 742	Biological Science for Practice	30 pts

Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences

Advanced Nursing 60 points – 2 years part-time

Recommended* Courses

Alternative course options are available. Please seek course advice. Choose 60 points.		
NURSING 785	Clinical Reasoning in Pharmacotherapeutics (Prerequisites: NURSING 770 or 773 and NURSING 742.)	30 pts
NURSING 746	Evidence-based Practice and Implementation	30 pts

Master of Nursing

120 points

NURSPRAC 715	Endoscopy Nursing (Next offered Semester One, 2020)	30 pts
NURSING 744	Endoscopy Nursing Practicum (Next offered Semester Two, 2020)	30 pts
NURSPRAC 717	Practicum for RN designated Prescribers	30 pts
NURSING 701	Clinical Project	30 pts

Academic prerequisites(or equivalency)



Biological Science for Practice (N742)

- Understand risk factors, the underlying pathology, pharmaceutical and lifestyle interventions in the management of patients with gastroenterology conditions.

Advanced Assessment and Clinical Reasoning (N773)

- Develop complex cognitive process required for skilled health examination, consideration of differential diagnoses and evidence based diagnostic reasoning.

Clinical Reasoning in Pharmacotherapeutics (N785)

- Develop knowledge and skills related to clinical decision making in pharmaco-therapeutic reasoning.
- Pharmacological profile of the drug and its pharmaceutical, pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetic properties and how these guide clinical reasoning in prescribing.

Optional Prerequisite

Evidence-based Practice and Implementation(N746)

- Develop tools to find and appraise the best quality evidence for implementation into clinical practice.
Implementation

Or Other 30pt optional course in discussion with an academic advisor

Nurse Endoscopist Specialty Courses

NURSPRAC 715 Endoscopy Specialty Nursing

- Builds on evidence from biomedical and social science research to equip nurses for the care and treatment of patients in endoscopy specialty areas.

NURSING 744 Specialty Nursing Practicum (Nurse Endoscopist)

- Extend clinical skill and practice knowledge and to advance their clinical decision making.
- The focus is on on-going development of clinical expertise, using a practice development approach emphasising person-centred, evidence-based practice, and critical thinking skills to improve health outcomes.

RN Designated/Nurse Practitioner Prescribing

Practicum for RN Designated Prescribers(NURSPRAC 717)

- Minimum of 150 hours of clinical practice
- Supervision of a prescribing mentor
- In a gastroenterology /endoscopy area of practice the nurse will prescribe in.
- Opportunities to develop diagnostic skills, patient consultation and assessment skills, clinical decision-making and monitoring skills

Advanced Nursing Practicum (NP) N743 & N740

- Authorised Prescriber (minimum of 300 practice hours)
- Advanced assessment skills along with disease management models and developing evidence based clinical decision making and treatment prescribing.

Where to from here?

- Alignment with National standards for training
- Identification of future health needs
- Prepare future students
- Resolve prescribing for procedural sedation

Doughty, L., & Watkins, J. (2018) Scoping the future: The role of the Nurse Endoscopist. Nursing Review, 18(4), 22-23.





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Thank you!

Questions?