



## NS90 MASTER OF NURSE PRACTITIONER

### Evidence of Advanced Practice Nursing and Course Requirements

1. You must have a minimum of four years full time equivalent clinical practice experience as a registered nurse in the nominated clinical field, which consists of a minimum of two years full time equivalent experience (within the last six years) at an **advanced practice level** in the nominated specialty. In addition, you must be **working at an advanced practice level** for the duration of the course at a minimum of 0.5 FTE.
2. The course comprises three units requiring supernumerary clinical hours:
  - Science of Health Assessment – 40 hours over one semester
  - Integrated Professional Practice 1 – 130 hours over one semester
  - Integrated Professional Practice 2 – 130 hours over one semester
3. You must have ready access to the nominated **clinical support team** (CST) during your supernumerary clinical learning days. Your CST will provide support through supervision, monitoring and review of your advanced practice to meet learning objectives.
4. You must have a CST consisting of two nurse practitioners (NP) or two senior medical officers (SMO) or a combination; in some models an NP may not be available therefore a second SMO is acceptable. CST members must have relevant clinical and professional experience and be currently practicing in your nominated specialty and be able to provide direct supervision of your clinical practice.
5. You are responsible for identifying and obtaining support from a suitable clinical learning environment and an appropriate CST who will be available to supervise you. The composition of the CST will be approved by the University on final review of your application prior to admission.
6. The CST members will be re-confirmed prior to the start of each integrated professional practice unit. It is your responsibility to notify the Unit Coordinator of any changes to your CST members or clinical learning environment as soon as practicable.
7. During the integrated professional practice units, you are expected to manage complete episodes of patient care at the advanced practice level under direct supervision. This includes taking a history of the presenting concern, physical and mental health assessment, clinical reasoning using relevant investigation and assessment findings, and the development of a treatment plan. Completion of episodes of care is documented in a clinical log that will amount to a total of 300 hours across the NP course.
8. The CST members will conduct regular clinical practice reviews (including observation of practice and review of relevant documentation) to assess your management of these patients/clients as a mechanism for teaching and learning and to monitor quality and safety of care.
9. You are encouraged to develop a learning plan and discuss your learning goals with your CST early in the semester (by Week 2). In addition, you should meet with your CST throughout the semester to discuss your progress and make amendments to your goals, to assist you in meeting unit requirements before the end of the semester.
10. Specific details of assessment of clinical and academic performance during integrated professional practice are outlined in the Unit Information and Course Handbook. It is your responsibility to organise the processes for your assessments in consultation with your CST.
11. Members of the CST will be required to contribute to and sign off all assessment records for integrated professional practice units.

#### Course contact:

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The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia define advanced nursing practice as follows:

“Nurses practicing at an advanced practice level incorporate professional leadership, education, research and support of systems into their practice. Their practice includes relevant expertise, critical thinking, complex decision-making, autonomous practice and is effective and safe. They work within a generalist or specialist context and they are responsible and accountable in managing people who have complex healthcare requirements. Advanced nursing practice is demonstrated by a level of practice and is not by a job title or level of remuneration.” (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, 2020).

Please complete the **Australian Advanced Practice Nursing Self-Appraisal Tool**. The self-appraisal tool will assist in providing an understanding of the context of your advanced practice, in support of your demonstration of **advanced practice** within the last six years. These advanced practice hours should align with your CV.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, **CERTIFY THAT**  
*(First and last name of applicant)*

I have four years' FTE experience (in the last 6 years) in \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Clinical specialty)*

AND have been working as an \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Advanced Practice Nursing role)*

for a minimum of two years (FTE) within the last six years.

I am currently employed at \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Organisation)*



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Name of applicant: (print)	First Name:	Last Name:	
AHPRA registration No:			
Specialty:		Years' experience in specialty:	
Organisation:			
Location (City and State):			
Present position:			
Ward/Unit/Department/Practice:			
Employment status (choose one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time (State number of hours per week) _____ hours per week		
Phone number:	Email address:		
<b>Applicant Checklist*:</b>			
1. I am registered as a nurse (Division 1) with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia without conditions <i>Please provide your Curriculum Vitae</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2. I have a minimum of four years full-time equivalent clinical practice experience as a Registered Nurse in the nominated specialty <i>Please provide a Statement of service on letterhead</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3. I have obtained a graduate certificate (or higher) qualification in nursing or in my nominated specialty area <i>Please provide evidence attached if obtained from an institution other than QUT</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4. I have attached the signed form of Support from my Executive Director of Nursing (or equivalent) in support of my QUT Master of Nurse Practitioner application		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5. I have attached two signed forms of Support from my Clinical Support Team (CST) in support of my QUT Master of Nurse Practitioner application		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6. I have completed The Australian Advanced Practice Nursing Self-Appraisal Tool with peer review signatures for each section		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7. If there are any changes to my circumstances (e.g. place of employment, clinical support team members, level of support) I will notify the Study Area Coordinator as soon as practicable.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**I certify that** I am applying to undertake **NS90 Master of Nurse Practitioner** at Queensland University of Technology, Faculty of Health, School of Nursing, in preparation for Nurse Practitioner endorsement. **I certify that** I have read the attached **course expectations related to the clinical learning environment and clinical support team** and I am aware of my clinical learning requirements if I am accepted into the course. I anticipate I can meet the expectations in terms of time and resources required, while I am undertaking the required Three semesters of integrated professional practice. **I certify that** I have kept a copy of this letter of support for my records.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_