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NURSE PRACTITIONER

University sends medical students to rural NZ to help relieve doctor shortages

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NEW ZEALAND

NZ's doctor shortage: What needs to be done?

Chronic GP shortages across the country to worsen when aging doctors retire

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WHAT IS A NURSE PRACTITIONER?

"advanced education, clinical training and the demonstrated competence and legal authority to practice beyond the level of a registered nurse"



SCOPE OF PRACTICE

3 Scopes

Different education requirements

- Enrolled Nurse (EN)
- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)



NURSE PRACTITIONER REGISTRATION

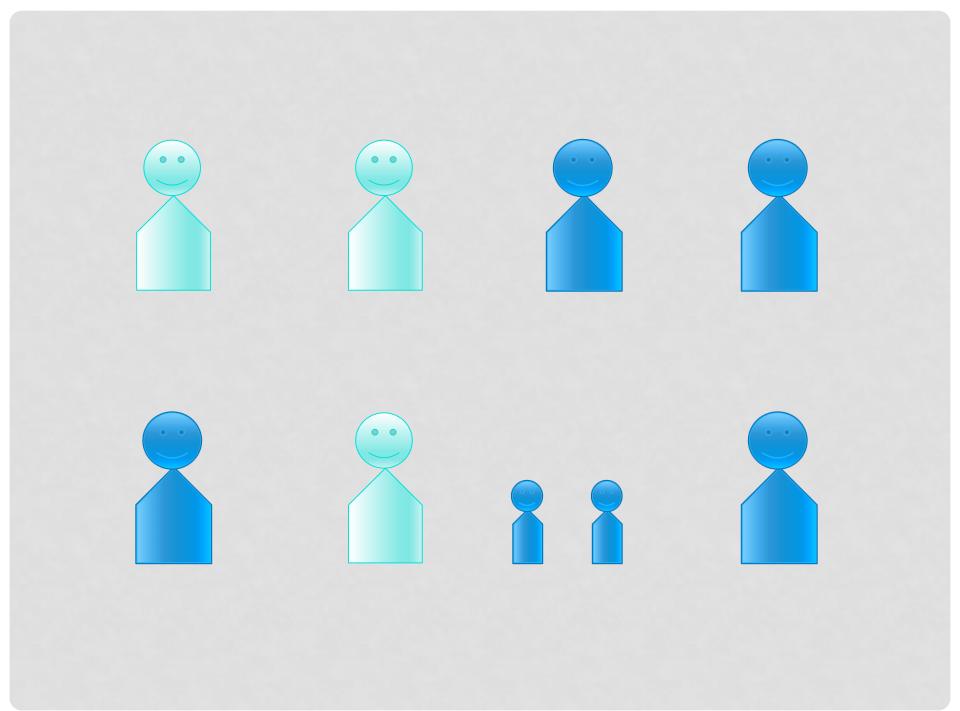
- Registration with the Nursing Council of New Zealand in the registered nurse scope of practice
- A minimum of four years of experience in an area of practice
- An approved clinical master's degree programme for the nurse practitioner scope of practice
- An assessment against the nurse practitioner competencies by a Council approved panel



ADVANCED PRACTICE ROLES

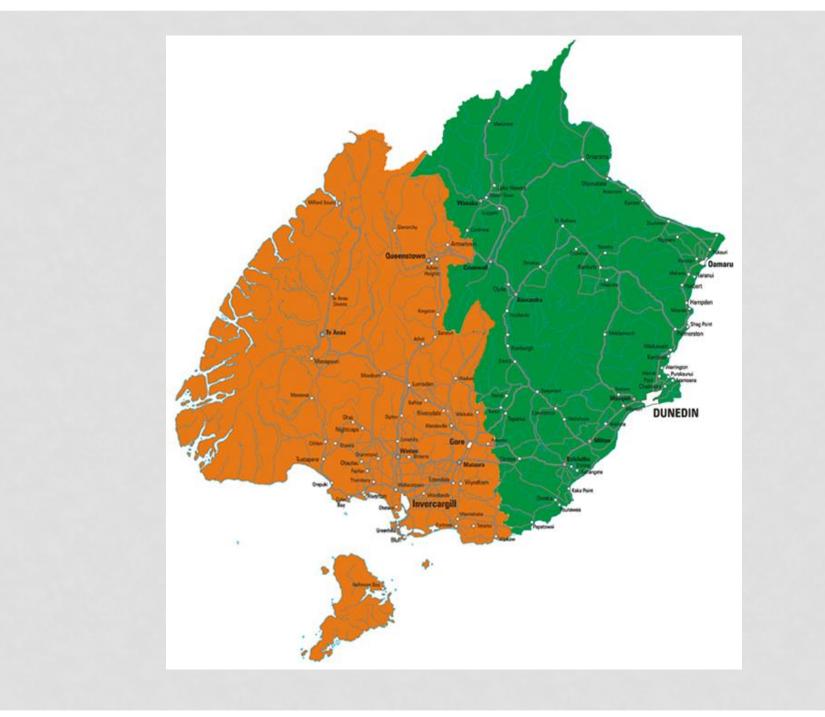
COMPARISON OF 3 ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING ROLES

	RN expanded practice e.g. CNS	RN with prescribing	Nurse Practitioner
Scope of practice	Registered Nurse	Registered Nurse	Nurse Practitioner
Academic preparation	Usually minimum post graduate diploma / 4 level 8 papers	Grad cert in RN prescribing / 2 level 8 prescribers	Masters of Nursing
Diagnostic ordering	By arrangement	By arrangement	By right
Medical diagnosis	Provisional only	Provisional only	Definitive and differential
Prescribing range	Nil	Requires supervision of medical diagnosing and prescribing	Authorised prescriber No supervision required
Autonomy	Autonomous practice	Autonomous practice	Extended autonomy and authority
NCNZ requirement for prescribing competence assessment for APC renewal	N/A	Annual assessment by authorised prescriber	Three yearly assessment by prescribing peer





NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE





NURSE PRACTITIONER BENEFITS



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