

Prison Nursing Resource List

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Prison/Correctional Nursing :- Australia, New Zealand, Canada, UK

Following nursing dream

Department of Corrections. (2020, Sept 10).

For as long as Tabby Al Shaikhli can remember she has wanted to work in the health field. She has a passion for helping people and brings that passion to her work as a nurse at Auckland Prison.

https://www.corrections.govt.nz/news/2020/following_nursing_dream

Nurse - Department of Corrections

Nursing at Corrections provides opportunities to change lives through improving the health of vulnerable and often high health need people.

<https://careers.corrections.govt.nz/home/nurse/>

Nurse of the year hopes win will change perceptions of prison nursing

De Castella, T.

Nursing Times. (13 January, 2021)

At the Nursing Times Awards 2020, held virtually in November, Ms Bishton picked up the award for nurse of the year – renamed the Florence Nightingale Nurse of the Year Award to mark the bicentenary of Florence Nightingale’s birth.

<https://www.nursingtimes.net/news/leadership-news/nurse-of-the-year-hopes-will-change-perceptions-of-prison-nursing-13-01-2021/>

Nurses’ role in the care of detainees and prisoners

International Council of Nurses. Adopted in 1998, reviewed and revised in 2006 and 2011

https://www.icn.ch/sites/default/files/inline-files/A13_Nurses_Role_Detainees_Prisoners.pdf

Nursing behind bars: life as a nurse in one of the country's biggest prisons

Stuff – July 15, 2019

For some Kiwis, the first time they have seen a doctor or nurse is in prison. For Waikeria prison nurse Albert O'cay, that was one of the most difficult things to come to terms with when he first started.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/111626936/nursing-behind-bars-life-as-a-nurse-in-one-of-the-countrys-biggest-prisons>

Nursing in Canada's Correctional System

Nurses are the primary health-care providers for federal offenders. They work in clinics located in correctional institutions and their role, according to Correctional Service Canada, is to provide "every inmate with essential health care and reasonable access to non-essential mental health care."

<https://www.cna-aic.ca/en/nursing-practice/evidence-based-practice/nursing-in-canadas-correctional-system>

Nursing roles in forensic and justice services

The specialist nursing staff working in each of the forensic and justice services

Royal College of Nursing – 3/8/2019

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/clinical-topics/criminal-justice-services/nursing-roles-in-criminal-justice-services>

RCN Parliamentary Submission: Response to Commons Select Committee's prison healthcare inquiry (2018)

Royal College of Nursing response to the House of Commons Health and Social Care Select Committee inquiry into prison healthcare Summary • Nursing staff are on the frontline of delivering health care to those in prison, yet they increasingly find themselves unable to provide high-quality, person centred care to their patients. Staffing pressures, poor opportunities for development and training, and an increasingly challenging and risky working environment has contributed to staff feeling undervalued and unsupported.

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/about-us/our-influencing-work/policy-briefings/conr-2018>

Working as a nurse in a correctional facility (Australia)

<https://www.ontimehealthcare.com.au/working-as-a-nurse-in-a-correctional-facility/>

Journal Articles

A career dedicated to prison nursing: prison nurses constantly strive for excellence, but the growing demand for services, along with fiscal constraints, mean delivering this service can be challenging

Rozalia Biczó

Kai Tiaki: Nursing New Zealand. (2017), 23(8), 15.

Prison nursing is a highly specialised field and the importance of our work can never be underestimated. Relationship-building is crucial to our work, not only with our colleagues but, also, and most importantly, with the patients under our care.

Alcohol, tobacco and other drugs nursing within a correctional setting

Andrew Wiley & Susan O'Neill

Australian Nursing and Midwifery Journal. (2016). 24(6), 39.

In Australia 67% of prisoners report previous illicit drug use (AIHW, 2015) with 39% reporting high risk of alcohol-related harm. The links between effective ATOD health programs and

outcomes are clearly linked to reduced recidivism (Ombudsman report, 2015) and better biopsychosocial determinates. Correctional nurses' work in challenging environments but their adaptability and passion are key to the provision of community equivalent care.

Caring for prisoner-patients: Student nurses on clinical placement observe that how nurses care for prisoners in hospital is affected by whether or not they know why the patient has been imprisoned

Alyssa Cabrillas, Matthew Clay, Tayla Glass, Helene Haraldsen, Ilaria Perich, & Victoria Taylor *Kai Tiaki: Nursing New Zealand*. (2019). 25(10), 28-29.

The prisoner was struggling with tobacco withdrawal, and the preceptor RN provided the patient with smoking cessation support, including nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) lozenges. Knowing the patient's crime can affect the relationship between the patient and nurse, and undermine the nurse's duty to care.

Correctional nurse education and training for the care and support of prisoners with dementia: a systematic review of text and opinion protocol

JBI Evidence Synthesis. (2019, June). 17(6), 1043-1050.

The objective of this systematic review is to synthesize the best available evidence on the perceived education and training required for correctional nurses to care for and support prisoners with dementia in the Australian context.

Delivering a Holistic Difference Undeterred by Adversity Adversity: Nursing Leadership in a Federal Correctional Institution.

Chow, R. K.

Beginnings. (2021). 41(1), 14-16.

The article shares author's experience of her potentially adverse experience as a member of the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps. It discusses that organizational leadership bolstered by unwavering faith and hope is crucial for generating ideas to improve patient care; and mentions that spirituality is an integral part of patient-centered holistic care, meeting each individual's needs is essential.

End of life care in English prisons is inadequate, says Hospice UK in new report

HospiceUK, Apr 26, 2021

The number of older prisoners has increased the need for high quality end of life care, with the prison system now the nation's largest provider of residential care for frail, older men. A new report by Hospice UK, [Dying Behind Bars](#) investigates the increasing need for better end of life care in English prisons, revealing that prisoners are missing out on adequate care at the end of their lives.

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/about-hospice-care/media-centre/press-releases/details/2021/04/26/end-of-life-care-in-british-prisons-is-inadequate-says-hospice-uk-in-new-report>

Evidence-based recommendations to improve reproductive healthcare for incarcerated women

Knittel, A., Ti, A., Schear, S. & Comfort, M.

International Journal of Prisoner Health. (2017). 13(3/4), 200-206.

The purpose of this paper is to describe standards for evidence-based reproductive healthcare for incarcerated women.

If we truly cared': understanding barriers to person-centred nursing in correctional facilities

Solell, P. & Smith, K.

International Practice Development Journal. (2019, Nov). 9(2), 1-16.

This qualitative study explored US nurses' experiences and perceptions of caring in carceral environments to analyse the possibilities of and barriers to enacting person-centred care for incarcerated people.

Nurse-led mind-body relaxation intervention in prison: A multiperspective mixed-method evaluation

Dominique Pralong., Audrey Renaud., Anne-Dominique Secretan., Marysette Blanc., Nathalie Charmillot., Elisabeth Mouton., Hans Wolff & Nguyen Toan Tran.

Nursing Outlook. (2020). 68 (5), 637-646.

Mind-body relaxation techniques are complementary or alternative to medication to manage high stress and anxiety levels in prisons. To assess the motivation to attend and perceived benefits of a nurse-led group relaxation intervention in prison, investigate the experience of participants, prison officers, and health professionals, and identify improvements.

Nursing in the American Justice System

Deborah Shelton., Annette T. Maruca & Raneé Wright

Archives of Psychiatric Nursing. (2020). 34(5), 304-309.

While advances in expanding the role of the nurse in the healthcare system have shifted because of efforts by nursing's response to the 2010 Institute of Medicine report, the challenges for correctional/custody nursing have not been adequately articulated. This paper seeks to enhance awareness of Correctional Nursing through a discussion of challenges posed to nurses who work at the intersection of justice and public health in prisons, jails, detention centers and community supervision in this response to the Future of Nursing report.

Rewards and challenges of caring for women in custody: Perspective of a women's health nurse practitioner

Sellers, Sherri L.

Women's Healthcare: A Clinical Journal for NPs. (2020). 8(5), 13-15.

The role of a nurse practitioner (NP) was and still is new in Australia. Females in a correctional setting have the same needs as in the general population, except they often come from disadvantaged backgrounds that leave them with a disproportionate amount of chronic and acute diseases, often undetected, along with increased rates of substance abuse.

The Role of Nursing Leadership in Ensuring a Healthy Workforce in Corrections

Almost, J., Gifford, W., Ogilvie, L. & Miller, C.

Nursing Leadership. (2020). 33(1), 59-70.

Nursing leadership at all levels of the correctional system is critical in creating work environments that optimize workplace well-being and minimize burnout. The purpose of this paper is to discuss the role of nursing leadership in facilitating and enabling a healthy workforce in corrections.

Screening and Evaluating COVID-19 Correctional Healthcare Cases: What are the Standards?

Cosby, M. F. & Rogers, B.

Journal of Legal Nurse Consulting. (2021). 32(2), 28-32.

Over the past year, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has impacted numerous aspects of society. The delivery of correctional healthcare services within the closed environment of our nation's prisons and jails was no exception.

Supporting Nurses in Provincial Corrections

Ogilvie, Linda

Nursing Leadership. (2021). 34(2), 35-38.

When the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic became a reality in March 2020, nurse leaders within corrections struggled to understand what the impacts would be on the organization and, in particular, on nurses who were already struggling to manage overlapping epidemics, such as hepatitis C, mental illness and addictions in their patient population.

The use of 'tie down' in New Zealand prisons—what is the role of the health sector?

Julia Carr, Paula King

New Zealand Medical Journal. (2019). 132(1493), 60-68.

We draw upon two recent reports from the Chief Ombudsman that describe the prison management of people assessed at risk of self-harm or suicide, as cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. People were mechanically restrained on 'tie-down' beds by their legs, arms and chest or placed in waist restraints with their hands cuffed behind their backs over prolonged periods.

What to expect from correctional nursing

Arias, A. & Zeller, J.

American Nurse Today. (2020, Dec). 15(12), 15-15.

Correctional nursing is a growing specialty that's evolving to meet the needs of incarcerated populations in a variety of settings. People who are incarcerated need compassionate nurses to address medical and mental healthcare needs and serve as advocates.

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