

What is a Nurse Practitioner

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Nurse Practitioner Career Pathway

- ▶ Currently registered as a Div. 1 Registered Nurse
- ▶ Equivalent full time experience of at least 3 years (5,0000 hours) at an advanced clinical nursing level of practice
- ▶ Completion of an Nursing and Midwifery Board Australia approved Masters course
- ▶ In addition, endorsement as a nurse practitioner will be in the area of clinical specialty that you will practice as a nurse practitioner. The scope of practice of the NP enables NPs to manage episodes of care as a primary provider.

Continuing professional development

- ▶ Continuing professional development for NPs includes the required 20 hours expected of all registered nurses, together with an additional 10 hours of CPD each year relating to prescribing and administration of medicines, diagnostic investigations, consultation and referral.

- ▶ NPs are the most senior clinical nurses in our health care system. The title "Nurse Practitioner" is a protected title in Australia and can only be used by a person who has been endorsed by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

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Video

Who we are and what we do

- ▶ <https://www.acnp.org.au/aboutnursepractitioners>



Benefits to patients and our Healthcare system

- ▶ Improve access to healthcare
- ▶ Provide cost-effective care
- ▶ Target at-risk populations
- ▶ Provide outreach services in rural and remote communities
- ▶ Provide mentorship and clinical expertise to other health professionals



▶ Resources

▶ Questions

▶ I'm available throughout the conference to answer any further questions.

▶ References

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