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ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER ROLE

The core competencies for the Advanced Nurse Practitioner role in Northern Ireland are stipulated in the Advanced Nursing Practice Framework (DHSSPS 2016) <https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/health/advanced-nursing-practice-framework.pdf>

The Advanced Nursing Practice role is supported by a set of four core competencies and related learning outcomes, which have been developed from the work already completed nationally and internationally in Republic of Ireland (2005), Scotland (2007), Hamric et al (2009), Wales (2010), England (2010), Australia (2011) and RCN (2012, revised).

Direct Clinical Practice is the first core competency of Advanced Nursing Practice and is supported by three additional competencies:

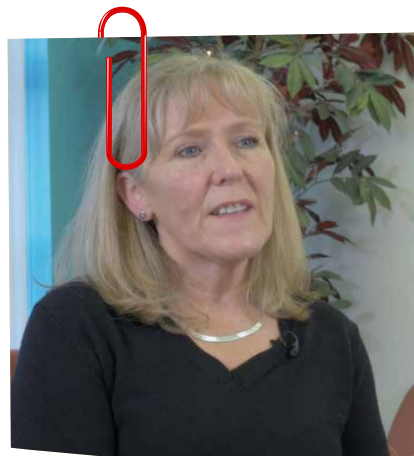
- Leadership and Collaborative Practice
- Education and Learning
- Research and Evidence-Based Practice

The Advanced Nurse Practitioner will undertake comprehensive health assessments, and will manage a range of illnesses and conditions that frequently present in the care settings within which the individual works.

The Advanced Nurse Practitioner will:

- practise autonomously within an expanded scope of practice.
- demonstrate a person-centred approach to care delivery.
- develop and sustain partnerships and networks to influence and improve healthcare outcomes and healthcare delivery.
- educate, supervise or mentor nursing colleagues and others in the healthcare team.
- contribute to and undertake activities, including research, that monitor and improve the quality of healthcare and the effectiveness of practice.

It must be noted that only those who meet the requirements of the role and who are employed as Advanced Nurse Practitioners, will be able to use the title.



ADVANCED NURSE PRACTITIONER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

The core education requirements for the Advanced Nurse Practitioner role in Northern Ireland are stipulated in the Advanced Nursing Practice Framework (DHSSPS 2016). Advanced Nurse Practitioners must have successfully completed an MSc Nursing programme designed to meet the requirements for advanced nursing practice as set out by the Department of Health (DHSSPS 2016)

Students undertaking the MSc Advanced Nursing Practice programme will be supported in practice by a clinical practice supervisor who will be a nurse with an Advanced Nurse Practitioner qualification or doctor (GP or Consultant) who meet the criteria for this role.

In order to be eligible to apply for the MSc Nursing - Advanced Nursing Practice, applicants must be on the NMC register, have a degree or equivalent, and a NMC V300 recordable qualification.

The Advanced Nurse Practitioner should be supported through annual appraisal and supervision to continue to develop skills in their role.