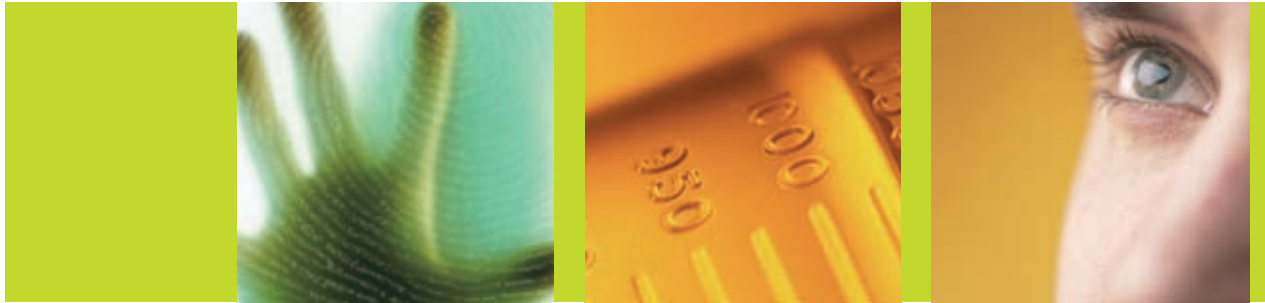


Competency Standards

for nurses in general practice



Professional development plan (registered nurse)

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Date	Units of competency 'I need to do further work to consistently meet this unit of competency'	Professional development activity	Evaluation
Self assessment 1 July 2004 Review 15 January 2005	Core competency unit 1 I practice in accordance with legislation affecting nursing practice and health care.	This is a high priority for me as I am out-of-date. Review the legislation relevant to nursing in [state/territory]. Buy a book on law and nursing and review a chapter every month. Attend a seminar/workshop on nursing and the law or health law.	I have copies of the legislation and other relevant documents and I have reviewed them. I have purchased a text-book and I have reviewed chapters on negligence and vicarious liability, and consent to treatment but I need to finish reviewing the book. I have booked into the ANF Branch's seminar on nursing and the law.
Self assessment 1 July 2004 Review 15 January 2005	Core competency unit 5 I conduct a comprehensive and systematic nursing assessment.	This is also high priority. Develop improved mental health assessment skills by: A. Looking at the resources available including text-books, short courses and journal articles; B. Reflecting on current skills when assessing patients; C. Raising the issue through the professional nursing organisation and the local network of nurses working in general practice; D. Discussing a potential plan of action with the employer/ general practitioner; E. Consulting the mental health liaison team in the area about any assistance they can offer.	I have reviewed resources that are available and I am reflecting on my mental health assessment skills but I would like to arrange to work with an expert mental health nurse so I am planning to speak to my employer about this during January.

¹ IMPORTANT – keep your activities achievable with the highest priority ones being done in the short-term and develop a plan to achieve others in the longer term. You may need to change the plan during the year

<p>Self assessment 1 July 2004</p> <p>Review 1 July 2005</p>	<p>Registered nurses in general practice competency unit 1.1 Practice is based on primary, preventative care or early intervention health care approaches.</p>	<p>Important.</p> <p>Improve my understanding of the preventive care approach used in this general practice and work with the general practitioners to increase the role of nurses in this approach to patient care:</p> <p>A. Reviewing the resources in the general practice including the RACGP guidelines;</p> <p>B. Considering competence in relation to preventive health care interventions, for example, older people;</p> <p>C. Discussing the nursing role in preventive health care at the next general practice meeting.</p>	<p>The general practice is very proactive in preventative health care strategies.</p> <p>I have reviewed the RACGP red book (guidelines for preventive activities in general practice).</p> <p>I am increasingly involved in the preventive health care strategies for older people and I am developing skills and knowledge about preventive health care strategies for children and young people.</p>
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