

Midland Collaborative Designated RN Prescriber in Community Health (RNPCH) Update 1 September 2020

Kia ora koutou

On Friday, 28 August, NCNZ notified the Midland Collaborative that our application to provide the designated RNPCH programme has been approved for 5 years. The programme seeks to address inequity and access and is delivered by registered nurses, using a kaupapa Māori, person and whanau centred model. It will enable the development of a nurse's existing skills to support people with their significant others, to access care in a way that meets their needs and preferences within a holistic nursing framework.

Applications:

Formal applications can now be sent for the November inaugural course. EOIs/Applications received to date will be converted to formal applications, so no need to resubmit. Application details and the form have been shared in previous communications- November course applications will need to be received by your locality lead **by 21 September**.

Theory component (Compulsory):

Comprises 6 self-directed online modules via Ko Awatea and 7 Zoom group learning sessions. We are working to get the designated RNPCH programme modules hosted by Ko Awatea on the WDHB site, and localised over the next couple of months. Each locality will be able to access the modules once the participant is registered with the Midland Collaborative designated RNPCH programme.. More detail will follow regarding access once available. Those wanting to enter the programme must be registered with Ko Awatea. Your locality lead will have shared info on how to do this in the past; contact them for help.

Course details:

The first course is being scoped up now. Course dates/info:

- 7 Zoom group sessions on consecutive Wednesdays, starting Wednesday 4 November 2020 and ending Wednesday 16 December 2020. 6-8pm or 6-8.30pm depending on content.

The second course dates/info:

- 7 Zoom group sessions on consecutive Wednesdays, starting Wednesday 24 February 2021 and ending Wednesday 7 April 2021. 6-8pm or 6-8.30pm depending on content.

Each session will be recorded in the event someone is unable to attend. It is preferable to commit to a course that allows attendance at all 7 sessions, as these will be interactive.

There will be two choices to complete the compulsory theory depending on your learning style:

- Shorter period for theory:
Ko Awatea modules will align with Zoom group sessions so that you can choose to complete a Ko Awatea module and attend a Zoom group session of similar topic, to aid concurrent learning within a 1 week time frame for the 7 weeks.

Or

- Longer period for theory:
Take your time completing the Ko Awatea modules over a period of weeks prior to joining the first Zoom group session, with completion of the zoom group sessions over a 7 week period.

Information packs will soon be available for:

- Applicants
- Clinical supervisors
- Assessors and moderators
- NP educators (delivering the Zoom group sessions)