


# Indicative Educational Pathways

## Advanced Clinical Practice

### Clinical Nurse Specialist

"The CNS's advanced practice reflects knowledge and skills gained through education and experience."

CNS role varies according to context:	Unit - Based CNS	CNS: Nurse LED Clinics/Initiatives	CNS Working Across Health Settings case management
Possible educational pathway may vary according to role expression			
<b>Clinical Nursing Masters</b> May include specialist / interdisciplinary papers	May include completion plan for Clinical Masters in Nursing if limited  Advanced Therapeutics paper		
<b>PG Nursing Diploma</b> → with papers or equivalent	Nursing Research Clinical Leadership Teaching / Adults learning	Nursing Research [+] Pharmacology	Nursing Research Teaching / Adults learning Family Practice
<b>PG Clinical Certificate</b> → with papers or equivalent	Advanced Health Assessment Advanced practice / knowledge in speciality or other relevant paper	Advanced Health Assessment Advanced practice / knowledge in speciality	Advanced Health Assessment Advanced practice / knowledge in speciality

Entry to a CNS role usually requires five or more years of nursing practice, including experience in the clinical speciality and a relevant clinically-focused postgraduate qualification

**Notes:**

1. Postgraduate qualification preferred at Diploma level, with postgraduate Certificate as a developmental step
2. Papers on "Indicative Pathway" are examples - paper titles in Clinical Masters programmes vary
3. Attainment may be by educational equivalence

<sup>1</sup> Darryle Deering. **Advanced Practice Nursing Strategy for the Addiction Treatment Sector: A Discussion Document** Christchurch: The National Addiction Centre, University of Otago, and Matua Raki National Addiction Treatment Workforce Development. July 2008

### Nurse Practitioner

Regulated by the Nursing Council



Preparation for this role requires organisational support. Please discuss this with your Director of Nursing.

A clinically focused Masters Degree programme approved by the Nursing Council of New Zealand, or equivalent

**AND**

A pass in a Nursing Council assessment of Nurse Practitioner competencies and criteria

Nurse Practitioners seeking registration with prescribing rights are required to have an additional qualification

Visit the website at [nursingcouncil.org.nz](http://nursingcouncil.org.nz)

To learn more about these postgraduate qualifications, visit the CDHB Intranet at <http://intranet/division/ed/pg/default.aspx>