NetP Policy Critique Marking Criteria:

Identify a policy or procedural guideline that is currently used within your nursing clinical environment and critique its usefulness against current evidence based practice, discussing how this promotes best practice. From this critique you are then expected to generate recommendations that can be used to inform future practice; and share the information you have learnt with your colleagues within your clinical environment.

- Discuss your choice of policy or procedure with your nursing line manager for relevancy, prior to commencing this assignment.
- Use the following instructions and the marking guide as a framework to develop your assignment:
- The cover page is to be submitted separately from the rest of your assignment. Your executive summary, policy/procedure critique and reference page are to be submitted electronically as ONE document.

Executive Summary:
This is a summary of your policy/procedure critique. It will be used for review by the Directors of Nursing Canterbury and West Coast regions. The Executive Summary is one single-sided page, to include:

- Your name, workplace, topic of the policy/procedure
- A short overview of your findings under the heading 'Outcomes of Policy Critique' (one paragraph)
- A summary of your recommendations under the heading 'Recommendations' (a paragraph or bullet-points is fine). Please include the same recommendations that you have identified in your policy/procedure critique.

Policy/Procedure Critique:

- Word Limit: 2000 (+/- 10%) This word limit does **not** include the Executive Summary nor the Reference page of your assignment

Font	12 point Calibri or Arial
Line Spacing	1.5 or double spaced
Page layout	Single sided
Margins	2.5 cm on the **left**, 5 cm on the **right**
Alignment	Align to the left hand side inclusive of headings
Paragraph Spacing	Keep spacing between paragraphs consistent: Two styles are acceptable: • Do not indent and leave a blank line between paragraphs **OR** • Indent the first line of each paragraph but leave no spaces between paragraphs
Page Numbering	All pages of the assignment must be numbered, excluding the cover page
Identification	Your name in the top right hand corner of each page
Referencing:	APA referencing, 6th Edition: various sites are available on line, for example: http://www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz/assets/Learning-Central/Short-Guide-to-APA-Referencing.pdf

Canterbury NetP RNs: Please upload all components of your assignment to the healthLearn NetP site.
West Coast NetP RNs: Please forward to the Nurse Educator office, NetP, Grey Hospital, Greymouth.

- You must obtain a 60% mark to pass this component of the NetP programme.
- If on your first attempt you get less than 60% you will be offered remedial assistance if required and you may resubmit your policy critique, but you will achieve a grade no higher than 60% on the resubmitted work.
- 5% deduction in marks will be given if the word limit is 10% above or below 2000 words.

Topic/Name of Policy/Procedure:	

NetP RN Name: **Area of work:**

Word Limit: 2000 (+/- 10%) **Note:** This word limit does <u>not</u> include the Executive Summary nor the Reference page of your assignment

Marking Guide for Assignment:	Mark
1.0 Demonstrates an understanding of the chosen policy/procedure and explains its relevance to nursing practice 1.1 Explains relevance of chosen policy/procedure to area of nursing practice 1.2 Describes background to policy/procedure development and its rationale for use	**10%**
2.0 Undertakes a comprehensive critical analysis of the content of the chosen policy/procedure discussing its links to evidence based nursing practice 2.1 Provides detailed analysis of research, based on a balanced reading and overview of evidence in the literature, on own knowledge and observations and on experience gained in the nursing environment 2.2 Links chosen policy/procedure to evidence based practice clearly 2.3 Uses appropriate literature related to the policy/procedure to support discussion	**30%**
3.0 Describes and critically analyses the quality impacts or risks of non-adherence to chosen policy/procedure 3.1 Critiques potential complications or risks to patients and/or staff that would arise if the policy/procedure is breached/not adhered to 3.2 Uses appropriate literature to support discussion of quality impacts of non-adherence to policy/procedure	**20%**

4.0 Makes clear recommendations (in main body of assignment) supported by evidence based practice 4.1 Provides recommendations for policy/procedure update and change in practice based on new evidence or provides rationale to maintain current policy/procedure based on current evidence 4.2 Uses appropriate literature related to recommendations/rationale	**20%**
5.0 Scholarly Presentation 5.1 Spelling / Grammatical Errors 5.2 Academic format / layout of assignment 5.3 Clear and concise flow of information 5.4 APA referencing (6th Edition) complete within text and reference list (Includes at least 9 references) 5.5 Executive Summary is included	**10%**
6.0 Sharing what you have learnt with your colleagues 6.1 Evidence to be provided on the Cover Page (which is retrieved from healthLearn) that the policy critique has been shared with colleagues within the clinical area (e.g. Handover, Presentation), by the due date.	**10%**
Overall Comments:	**Final Mark** **/100%**
Assessed by:　　　　　　**Signature:**　　　　　　**Date:** **Designation:**	

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