

## Pap smear provider module (Nurses and health workers)

### Participant quotes (taken from course evaluations)

“Fabulous module, it has not only increased/alterd my job description, but has increased my confidence in the area I was already working in. It has increased my understanding of Pap smear result interpretation and improved the quality of service our clinic offers.”

“Many doctors have commented that we have had better training than they ever received; now that says something.”

“The course really reinforced important issues in cervical screening.”

“The course was well presented and allowed for questions and feedback. Easily understood. It was very informative and provided relevant and up-to-date information.”

“By far one of the best courses I have been to.”

“The course provided a wealth of valuable information, was well delivered and pitched at level of comprehension for registered nurses.”

The Pap smear provider module is comprised of two components; a theory component and clinical attachment. The course provides nurses with specialist knowledge and skills to practice as a Pap smear provider and to be eligible for authorisation as a non-medical Pap smear provider (NPSP) to access data on the Queensland Health Pap smear registry.

### Eligibility and pre-requisites

- Registered nurses who work in a setting where they may provide cervical screening services (including general practice and rural and remote areas)
- Current AHPRA registration
- This course is also open to enrolled nurses and health workers where appropriate workplace support is available to them
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers must have completed a Certificate IV in Primary Health Care or equivalent
- FPQ's *Introduction to sexual and reproductive health theory* or equivalent is an advantage.

### Course recognition

This course is recognised by:

- Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA)
- University of Southern Queensland (USQ)
- James Cook University (JCU)
- Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
- Successful completion of the theory component and clinical attachment will allow the participant to be eligible to apply for authorisation as a nurse Pap smear provider (NPSP) to access data on the Queensland Pap smear register (PSR)

## **Course objectives**

To provide an opportunity to develop cervical screening practice skills.

## **Course content**

To successfully complete the FPQ Pap smear provider module, participants must complete the theory component and clinical attachment and submit the assessment materials.

### *Theory component*

Participants are required to attend a three day face-to-face theory course (see below for a sample course timetable).

### *Clinical attachment component*

The clinical attachment is to be completed within twelve weeks of the theory course and can be undertaken in FPQ clinics in Brisbane, Cairns, Ipswich, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville. A minimum of 2-3 days clinical supervision is required, with a minimum of 15 Pap smears performed.

### *Assessment*

The assessment requirements are required to be completed within six months from attendance at the theory component.

- Completion of theory workbook
- Completion of clinical portfolio, including client satisfaction surveys
- Demonstration of additional readings
- Case study

## **Course materials**

The course materials include:

- Pre-readings, course readings and FPQ publications
- Theory workbook
- Clinical portfolio
- Handouts of PowerPoint presentations
- Support materials from Queensland Health Cervical Screening Program

## **Accreditation and credit points**

This program is accredited with the RCNA and attendance attracts 50 RCNA CNE points as part of RCNA's Life Long learning program (3LP). (Theory workshop – 21 points; clinical attachment – 24 points; assessment – 5 points)

USQ – will give credit for the course NUR8550 – Professional Studies 1 or NUR8560 – Professional Studies 2 in the Master of Nursing program.

JCU – completion of the entire program i.e. 12 module points – over no longer than two years will be eligible for academic credit of 3 credit points (one subject) towards the Master of Nursing Studies and Master of Advanced Nursing Practice.

QUT – awarded academic credit of one (1) x 12 Credit Point (elective) unit towards selected QUT Postgraduate Nursing Courses.

On successful completion of this course, participants have completed on component of the FPQ Certificate in sexual and reproductive health. The other components are:

- Introduction to sexual and reproductive health theory
- Clinical aspects of sexual and reproductive health
- Sexual and reproductive health clinical attachment module

## Sample timetable

WED	THUR	FRI
8:30 – 9:15 am INTRODUCTION	8:30 – 10:00 am COMMUNICATION HISTORY TAKING DOCUMENTATION	8.30 to 10:00 am MIDLIFE HEALTH
9:15 – 10:45 am CERVICAL CANCER THE ORGANISED APPROACH/PRINCIPLES OF SCREENING		10:00 to 11:00 am GYNAE AND STI ISSUES IN CERVICAL SCREENING
MORNING TEA 10:45 – 11:15 am	MORNING TEA 10:00 – 10:30 am	MORNING TEA 11.00 to 11.30am
11:15 am – 12:15 pm THE CERVIX A&P, CIN, HPV AND CO- FACTORS	10:30 am – 12:00 pm PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF PAP SMEAR TAKING	11:30 to 12:30 pm BREAST HEALTH
LUNCH 12:15 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH 12:00 – 12:45 pm	LUNCH 12:30 – 1.30 pm
1:00 – 2:00 pm MANAGEMENT OF SCREEN DETECTED ABNORMALITIES – NHMRC RECOMMENDATIONS	12:45 – 1:00 pm WOMEN'S HEALTH QLD WIDE	1.30 to 2.30 pm PREPARING FOR PRACTICE
	1:00 – 2:00 pm THE ROLE OF THE PSR AND NURSE AUTHORISATION	
2:00 – 3:00 pm PAP SMEAR RESULTS	2:00 – 3:00 pm MEDICOLEGAL ISSUES FOR NURSES	2:30 to 3:45 pm CASE ACTIVITIES
AFTERNOON TEA 3:00 – 3:30 pm	AFTERNOON TEA 3:00 – 3:30 pm	AFTERNOON TEA 3:45 – 4.00 pm
3:30 – 4:30 pm INTERPRETING PAP SMEAR RESULTS	3:30 – 4:30 pm TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT OPTIONS FROM COLPOSCOPY TO HYSTERECTOMY	4:00 to 4:30 pm CONCLUSION/EVALUATION

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