

Pap Smear Provider Module

Participant Quotes (taken from course evaluation)

"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 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 with provided relevant and up-to-date information."

"The course excelled my expectations. 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 registered nurses with specialist knowledge and skills to practice as a Pap Smear Provider and to be eligible for authorisation as a Registered Nurse Pap Smear Provider to access data on the Queensland Health Pap Smear Registry.

Eligibility & Pre-requisites

- Registered nurses who work in setting where they may provide cervical screening services (including general practice and rural and remote areas)
- Current QNC registration
- FPQ's *Introduction to Sexual and Reproductive Health Theory* or equivalent is an advantage
- This course is also open to enrolled nurses and health workers

Course Recognition

- 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 Registered Nurse Pap smear provider to access data on the Queensland Pap smear registry.

Course Objective

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.

Theory component

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

- submit a completed theory workbook. (To be completed within 6 months of theory component.)

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, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Townsville, Cairns, and Rockhampton. A minimum of 2-3 days clinical supervision is required, with a minimum of 15 Pap smears performed.

Assessments

The assessment requirements are:

1. Completion of Theory Workbook
2. Completion of Clinical Workbook
3. Demonstration of additional readings
4. Case Study

Course Materials

The course materials include:

- Pre-reading materials
- Theory workbook
- Clinical workbook
- FPQ Publications CD
- Handout of PowerPoint presentations
- Support materials from Queensland Health Cervical Screening Program

Accreditation & Credit Points

This program is accredited with the RCNA.

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 2 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 one component of the Registered Nurse Sexual & Reproductive Health. The other components are:

- Introduction to Sexual & Reproductive Health Theory
- Clinical Aspects of Sexual & Reproductive Health Course
- Sexual & Reproductive Health Clinical Attachment Module

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PAP SMEAR PROVIDER MODULE SAMPLE TIMETABLE

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
9:00 – 9:45am Introduction	8:30-10:00am Communication History Taking Documentation	8:30-10:00am Gynae and STI Issues in Cervical Screening
9:45-11:00am Cervical Cancer The organised approach/principles of screening		
MORNING TEA 11:00-11:30am	MORNING TEA 10:00-10:30am	MORNING TEA 10:00-10:30am
11:30am-1:00pm The Cervix A&P, CIN, HPV and Co-factors	10:30am-11:15am Practical Aspects of Pap Smear Taking	10:30am-11:30am Scope of Practice
		11:30am-12:15pm Breast Health
LUNCH 1:00-2:00pm	LUNCH 12:00-1:00pm	LUNCH 12:15-1:15pm
2:00-4:00pm Pap Smear Results – NHMRC Recommendations	1:00pm-3:00pm The role of the PSR and RN authorisation Medicolegal issues for RNs	1:15pm-2:30pm Midlife Health
AFTERNOON TEA 4:00-4:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA 3:00-3:30pm	AFTERNOON TEA 2:30-3:00pm
4:30-5:30pm Treatment and Management Options –From colposcopy to hysterectomy	3:30-4:30pm The Lab and New Technologies	3:00-5:00pm Practice Session Evaluation