

There are two pathways an organization can take when considering training and supporting a Nurse Endoscopist to join the workforce.

Nurse Endoscopist – Senior Nurse, currently falls under Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)

Organisation supports the Nurse Endoscopist Internship Programme.

Minimum of 5 years clinical experience post registration-is a NZ registered Nurse with a current APC.

Advanced cardiac life support training.

Preferably have experience in gastroenterology/endoscopy or related area such as colo-rectal surgery.

Completed or working toward a PG DIP - Papers should include

- Advanced assessment and clinical reasoning
- Biological science for practice
- Clinical reasoning in pharmacotherapeutics
- Practicum for RN designated prescribers

These papers (or those equivalent depending upon academic facility) are prerequisites for the Master of Health Science/Nursing.

Training Contract

External/Additional training

Mentor

(See Programme for NE Internship for the above in detail)

Conjoint committee recognition of training in Endoscopy

The Nurse Endoscopist practices as a senior nurse/CNS performing endoscopic procedures independently.

*the nurse prescribing formulary does not cover many of the medications utilized in endoscopy/Gastroenterology/Colorectal. Standing orders may be required for ongoing practice until progression to NP. Support from the individual organizational nursing and SMO teams is required.

The nurse will progress to complete Masters Education – this ensures the Nurse Endoscopist:

- Is at a level of advanced education/practice.
- Provides the foundation for the future, should the nurse or organization agree that the NP pathway is the way forward.

Nurse Practitioner/Endoscopist

Already practising (Nurse Endoscopist) training to perform Endoscopic procedures.

Minimum of 5 years clinical experience post registration –is a NZ registered nurse with a current APC.

Advanced cardiac life support training.

Preferably have experience in gastroenterology/endoscopy or related area such as colo-rectal surgery.

A need has been identified within the service for a Nurse Practitioner. Completed a PG DIP.

Enrolled on Master of Health Science pathway leading to NPTP.

As per NPTP requirements at least three years in speciality in which the nurse intends to prescribe.

Support, funding and release time is available to complete the programme, as per NPTP requirements there is a role/job as a NP when programme completes.

Nurse Practitioner pathway resources

<https://www.waikato.ac.nz/about/faculties-schools/health/nursing-uow/nurse-practitioner-pathway/>

<https://practitioner.nurse.org.nz/>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/strategies-initiatives/programmes-and-initiatives/nursing/nurses-in-new-zealand/nurse-practitioners>

https://nursingcouncil.org.nz/Public/NCNZ/nursing-section/Nurse_practitioner.aspx

Please note: within the Nurse Endoscopist Internship programme, it is advised that the eligible nurse whilst training is in a trainee/internship role (approx. 2 years dependent upon individual) – 1) This is to allow two training lists per week (in gastroscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy/polypectomy/therapeutics) and the ability to join other endoscopy lists ad hoc in addition to the two training lists. 2) Allowing for release time to attend Gastroenterology clinics, Surgical clinics, MDT, histopathology meetings and other training days or online training.