The Pathway to becoming a Nurse Practitioner

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The nurse practitioner role includes assessment and management using nursing knowledge and skills. The role may include, but is not limited to, the direct referral of patients to other health care professionals, prescribing medications and ordering diagnostic investigations. The role is grounded in the nursing profession’s values, knowledge, theories and practice, and provides innovative and flexible health care delivery that complements other health care providers.

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What is a Nurse Practitioner?
Clinical Masters
Clinical Expertise
APHRA

How to become a NP
Designation of area
Clinical practice guidelines
Creditionaling

The next step
Various specialty fields
NP’s access to medicines under the PBS
Limited access to MBS Medicare

The role of the NP
Completed a Bachelor of Nursing
- Rural, remote and metropolitan experience
- Leading teams and service development

My pathway
Nurse Practitioner led clinic
Based in traditional community mental health clinic
Providing assessment and screening to the most marginalized group of health consumers.
Primary health care

The Wellness Clinic
Useful links