

## Submission Form

### Consultation on the draft education programme standards for the registered nurse scope of practice March 2010

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### Consultation questions on the draft education programme standards for the registered nurse scope of practice

Standard one: The educational institution and the programme comply with legislated requirements and the Nursing Council policies and guidelines.

1. Do you support standard one and criteria?

- Yes
- No

If no, please outline your suggested changes

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Standard two: The programme has a structured curriculum that enables students to achieve the programme outcomes and the Council competencies for the registered nurse scope of practice.

2. Do you support standard two and criteria?

- Yes
- No

If no, please outline your suggested changes

2.3 Our recent survey of smoking cessation education in undergraduate Schools of Nursing showed that the modular framework of papers did not support integration of content about this topic across the years students were learning to be nurses. We received multiple responses from some Schools which showed they were unaware of what was being taught in other parts of the students’ programmes. Therefore we suggest the following addition (in italics)

“The structure of the curriculum identifies:

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the expected progression **and integration** of academic and practice knowledge throughout the curriculum and courses

2.6 and 2.11 We suggest 2.6 and 2.11 are rewritten so they are congruent with each other and use general principles to reflect the Nursing Council’s scopes of practice and competencies as suggested in the AUT University submission.

We agree strongly that national health priorities and population health are recognised. Our 2009 national survey of nursing curricula shows that only 63% of undergraduate nursing programmes provide some form of smoking cessation education (Stokes, 2010). Yet reducing smoking is a current health target and has been a national health priority for many years. Similarly, family violence is a major population health problem.

We recognise that national health priorities change. Therefore we suggest including a process which incorporates national health priorities and population health issues in a general sense alongside general principles to structure curriculum content. ....

2.14 We believe it is essential to include consultation with stakeholders who can provide input about current national health priorities and consumers. Therefore we suggest the following:

*The curriculum is written and reviewed in consultation with stakeholders including nurse educators, practising registered nurses, tangata whenua, **health care providers** and members of the public (e.g. **consumer groups**).*

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Standard three: The programme is implemented by staff who are qualified and well prepared for their role.

3. Do you support standard three and criteria?

Yes                      x      No

If no, please outline your suggested changes

3.1 .....have a relevant master’s degree **or higher**

3.3 Holds a relevant masters degree **or higher** .....

This is to recognise those who move directly from Bachelors to PhD

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Standard four: Facilities and resources are available to support the achievement of the expected outcomes of the programme.

4. Do you support standard four and criteria?

- Yes                       No

If no, please outline your suggested changes

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Standard five: The environment supports the teaching-learning process.

5. Do you support standard five and criteria?

- Yes                       No

If no, please outline your suggested changes

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Standard six: Student performance is assessed against learning outcomes relevant to nursing practice and the programme outcomes and the assessment process meets the Council policies.

6. Do you support standard six and criteria?

- Yes                       No

If no, please outline your suggested changes

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Standard seven: The candidate for registration complies with legislated requirements and the Council policies and guidelines.

7. Do you support standard seven and criteria?

Yes                       No

If no, please outline your suggested changes

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8. Do you have any other comments on the draft standards for education programmes for the registered nurse scope of practice?

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**References**

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