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For further information on the development of Specialist and Advanced Practice career pathways, please use the QR code above to contact the ONMSD Specialist and Advanced Practice Nursing and Midwifery Expert Reference Group representative within your local Nursing and Midwifery Planning and Development Unit



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Specialist and Advanced Nursing and Midwifery Practice

Information Leaflet



Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director

The Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director (ONMSD) supports the development of specialist and advanced nursing and midwifery practice services, which are developed as a direct response to population health and organisational requirements. The ONMSD Specialist and Advanced Practice Nursing and Midwifery Expert Reference Group provide expert advice and guidance to nurses and midwives on specialist and advanced practice matters.

A **Clinical Nurse/Midwife Specialist** is a registered nurse or midwife operating in a specific area of nursing or midwifery practice that requires the application of specially focused knowledge and skills. Working within the multidisciplinary team, specialist nursing and midwifery practice encompasses a major clinical focus of care to service users and their families in hospital, community and outpatient settings.

Advanced Nursing Practice is defined as a career pathway for registered nurses who are committed to continuing professional development and clinical supervision in order to practice at a higher level of capability as independent autonomous and expert practitioners.

Advanced Midwife Practitioners promote wellness, offer healthcare interventions and advocate healthy lifestyle choices for women, their families and the community in a wide variety of settings in collaboration with other healthcare professionals.

Clinical Nurse / Midwife Specialist



Eligibility Criteria Clinical Nurse/Midwife Specialist

- ▶ Registered nurse/midwife with the NMBI
- ▶ Minimum of 1 years' post registration experience
- ▶ Minimum of 1 years' specialist area experience
- ▶ Have a minimum of QQI Level 9* PG Diploma relevant to area of specialist practice
- ▶ Have continuing professional development relevant to the specialist area

Candidate Clinical Nurse/Midwife Specialist Pathway

Two year pathway at CNM1/CMM1 grade to achieve:

- ▶ A minimum of 1 years' specialist area experience
- ▶ A QQI Level 9* PG Diploma relevant to area of specialist practice
- ▶ Continuing professional development relevant to the specialist area

*QQI Level 8 is acceptable up to September 2026

Advanced Nurse / Midwife Practitioner

Advanced Nurse Practitioner Domains

Professional Values and Conduct

Clinical Decision Making

Knowledge / Cognitive

Communication / Interpersonal

Management / Team

Leadership / Professional Scholarship

Advanced Midwife Practitioner Principles

Respect

Accountability

Quality

Trust

Collaboration

Advanced Practice Registration Pathways

PATHWAY 1:

To meet the NMBI Advanced Practice Standards and Requirements, you must:

- ▶ Be a registered Nurse or Midwife with the NMBI
- ▶ Hold a MSc (or higher) in advanced nursing/ midwifery practice
- ▶ Register with NMBI as ANP/AMP

PATHWAY 2 (developmental pathway):

To meet the NMBI Advanced Practice Standards and Requirements, you must:

- ▶ Be a registered Nurse or Midwife with the NMBI
- ▶ Be a registered Nurse/Midwife Prescriber
- ▶ Attain a MSc relevant to area of advanced practice
- ▶ Achieve 500 hours clinical practicum
- ▶ Complete education to include minimum 3 modules relevant to advanced practice nursing/midwifery
- ▶ Register with NMBI as ANP/AMP