

Certificate in Nurse Prescribing of Ionising Radiation (X-Ray) Process Flow Map

Access Criteria

- Clinical governance arrangements must be in place through a Local Implementation Group.
- Registered nurses accessing this programme:
 - Must be nominated by their Director/s of Nursing based on identified service need;
 - Must be practicing in a designated clinical area where nurse referring of ionising radiation (X-Ray) is established or in the process of being established;
 - Must be actively registered as a RANP (adults and / or children) or ANP candidate (adults and /or children), or RGN (adults only) or RCN (children only) with the Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland.
 - Must have a minimum of three years post-registration experience in the identified area of clinical practice;
 - Must be currently practicing in the designated area for a minimum of one year;
 - Must have a designated clinical supervisor, who is a Registered Medical Practitioner, agreed through the Local Implementation Group.



Application Process

- The registered nurse must complete a Programme Application Form (available for the Director of Nursing) and submit it to the Director of Nursing for approval.
- The Director of Nursing must forward the following documentation for each individual programme applicant to the Programme Co-ordinator, by the advertised closing date:
 - Completed Programme Application Form and CV;
 - Fully completed and signed Declaration Form.



Programme Co-ordinators

- Review completed programme application forms against the stated programme access criteria.
- Hold a follow-up meeting, or teleconference, with programme applicants to review application documentation, as necessary,
- Inform applicants, in writing of acceptance onto programme and provide them with the Learner's Handbook and other relevant documentation in advance of the programme commencement.



Programme Participants

- Must have 100% attendance on the five theoretical days of the programme in addition to 100 hours of supervised practice in prescribing ionising radiation (X-Ray), over sixteen weeks, in the designated clinical setting.
- Must commit to undertake self directed learning.
- Must successfully complete all programme requirements including theoretical and clinical competency assessments.



Following Award of Certificate from Awarding Body (QQI)

- On successful completion of the programme the registered nurse is responsible for submitting a copy of his / her certificate to the Line Manager and Director of Nursing.
- On receipt of this documentary evidence, the Director of Nursing is responsible for ensuring entry of the registered nurse's name on the HSE National Database for Nurse & Midwifery Referrers of Patients for Medical Ionising Radiation (X-Ray). The National Co-ordinator will advise on this process, as required.
- A nurse whose name is entered on the National Database of Registered Nurses with Authority to Refer Patients for Ionising Radiation (X-Ray) has the authority to refer patients for ionising radiation within his/her Scope of Practice and in compliance with approved employing institution's policy.

