

## Return to General Nursing Practice Module Descriptor

<b>Module 1</b>	<b>The Art Science of Nursing;</b> The aim of this module is to provide programme participants returning to clinical practice with the opportunity to explore the art and science of nursing and the legal/ethical implications of practice.
<b>Module 2</b>	<b>Professional Development in Clinical Practice;</b> This module aims enable the programme participant to acquire the knowledge, skills and competencies to practice as a safe, competent, committed practitioner in a dynamic, complex healthcare environment.
<b>Module 3; Part 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>Clinical Practice Skills Module (Part 1) &amp; Clinical Placement (Part 2);</b> The clinical practice skills module is a shared module with the Clinical practice placement, to allow participants returning to practice, to update and develop their clinical practice skills and to facilitate the development of professional competence and confidence.
<b>Module Coordinator:</b>	<b>Registered Nurse Tutor</b>
<b>Indicative Learning Outcomes:</b> <b>On completion of these 3 modules the programme participant will be able to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrate evidence based nursing knowledge and skills in the provision of holistic nursing care for patient/ clients with varied and complex illnesses and diseases from either the general, mental health, or intellectual disability services</li> <li>• Accept responsibility for the organisation and delivery of the nursing care of a caseload of patients/clients in a timely manner, either the general, mental health or intellectual disability services</li> <li>• Demonstrate competence in complex nursing procedures and skills, including medication management, aseptic technique, glucometer recordings, Early Warning Score (EWS), Electrocardiograph (ECG), infection control for patients in either general, mental health or intellectual disability services</li> <li>• Demonstrate awareness of the legislative implications of practice and the health care organisation.</li> <li>• Recognise the relevance of research and evidence based nursing intervention.</li> <li>• Assist individuals, families and groups achieve optimum health, independence, recovery or a peaceful death in a professional, timely and caring manner</li> <li>• Utilise a systematic approach to nursing care including assessment/identification of needs, planning, prioritising, facilitating, delivering and negotiating the delivery of person centred care and evaluating nursing care for all client groups</li> <li>• Identify, plan, implement and evaluate the nursing care needs of the individual, family or group (including the community as appropriate)</li> </ul>	
<b>Indicative Student Workload:</b>	
<b>Class Contact:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 52 hours approximately dedicated to the Theoretical &amp; Clinical Skills component (or as deemed appropriate).</li> </ul>
<b>Specified learning activities:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete Specified Self Directed Learning Units, Clinical Skills workshops, group discussion, lectures and clinical tutorials</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment Strategies: Modules 1&amp;2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A written assignment of 2,000 words (+/-) (70%) and oral presentation (30%): 10-15 minutes approx. (Total combined assessment (written and oral) = 100%).</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment Strategies: Module 3:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct observation of the programme participants performance throughout the period of clinical placement</li> <li>• Question and answer sessions to assess underpinning knowledge and reflective discussions between the programme participants and the Preceptor regarding professional progress</li> <li>• Evidence of documented nursing care &amp; Learning log evidence (NMBI, 2015).</li> <li>• Each programme participant must be deemed competent in all of the learning outcomes identified in the NMBI Clinical Competence Assessment Tool.</li> </ul>
<b>Total Hours:</b>	156 hours (minimum) must be dedicated to the clinical ward placement and approximately 52 to Clinical Skills = 208 hours approximately.