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## Qualifications

- Registered Nurse Division 1 Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia AHPRA registration number NMW0001314778
- Bachelor of Nursing, Australian Catholic University
- Immunisation for Health Practitioners, Australian College of Nursing
- Hyperbaric Nursing Course

## Professional Summary

- Well-developed people skills, with the ability to interact and negotiate with, and inform and assist people of diverse backgrounds and ages in clinical environments as well as home environments.
- Planning and co-ordination of people and resources to achieve group objectives and commitments.
- Assessing and evaluating data and circumstances to arrive at logical conclusions.
- Implementation of policies, systems and procedures to achieve established standards of quality control, efficiency and quality outcomes.

## Key Nursing Skills

Accredited Nurse Immuniser for Your Community Health, East Reservoir as part of the Covid Response/Integral Care team:

- Team member & Team lead for several "Pop-Up" and Outreach Covid, FluVax and M/Pox Clinics throughout Northern suburbs of Melbourne.
- Prepared multi-dose vial vaccines for Covid & M/Pox vaccinations, Administered Covid and Flu vaccines to Vaccinees ranging in age from 5 years and above. Administered M/pox Vaccines to Vaccinees ranging in age from 18 yrs and above, completed admin, documentation and vaccination records for same.
- Observed Patients post vaccination for any adverse reactions for period of 15 mins or longer (30 mins) if hx of Anaphylaxis.
- Cold chain storage, management and documentation
- Worked on Covid Positive Pathways telehealth team.

Accredited Nurse Immuniser for Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH) MCEC Mass Vaccination Hub COVID19 2021 Mass Vaccination Programme:

- Administered COVID19 vaccines for age bracket 12 years and above.
- Observed Clients post vaccination for mandatory 15-30 minute observation period for any adverse reactions.
- Supervised and assessed Clinical skills and Competencies of Emergency Nurse Immunisers as per Victorian COVID-19 Clinical Skills & Competencies Certificates.
- When required worked as team leader.

Accredited Nurse Immuniser for Alfred Health Complex Care Quarantine Hotels 2021 Flu Vaccination Programme:

- Responsibilities included co-ordinating with hotel pharmacist the supply and cold chain management of 2021 Flu Vaccinations as supplied by Alfred Health.
- As per Alfred Health Flu Vaccination consent form, RN gained informed consent from clients prior to administering flu vaccination ,and then administered age appropriate flu vaccination to client as IMI as per immunisation product information guidelines.
- Post administering flu vaccination, observed Clients for compulsory 15 minute observation time, monitoring for any adverse events following immunisation.

Accredited Nurse Immuniser for Alfred Health COVID-19 Vaccination programme:

- Worked as a Team Leader for Alfred Health COVID 19 Vaccination rollout programme for their Quarantine Hotels support programme.
- Co-ordinated Vaccination teams made up of Pharmacist, Emergency Nurse Immunisers ,Clerks and Cleaners to deliver in a timely and efficient manner the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine doses 1 & 2 over a period of 6 weeks too Complex care Quarantine staff.
- Observed Clients post vaccination for mandatory 15-30 minute observation period for any adverse reactions.
- Responsible for Allergy response management, i.e Anaphylaxis management as well as responsible for supply and storage of Anaphylaxis Kit.
- Supervised and assessed Clinical skills and Competencies of 4 x Emergency Nurse Immunisers as per Victorian COVID-19 Clinical Skills & Competencies Certificates.

Community Nurse:

- Working autonomously delivering care to patients in their homes.
- Oral medication administration.
- Insulin administration as well as other care related to diabetic conditions.
- Stoma care.
- Wound care for chronic wound patients.
- Documentation/Communication done through portable PC using Procura Medical software system.

On Set/Unit Nurse:

- Administers First-Aid care to cast & crew on film set when required as well as medical advisor to Directors and cast when required.

#### Hyperbaric Nurse and Wound care Nurse:

- Over 1600 compression hours experience as hyperbaric attendant in multiplace chamber settings.
- Care for patients within chamber setting with rare conditions such as necrotising fasciitis & decompression illness to the more common conditions such as soft tissue radio necrosis, osteo-radio necrosis and chronic non-healing wounds.
- Attend to patients pre hyperbaric assessments and vital signs.
- Preceptor for hyperbaric nurse trainees.
- Attend to wound care of patients with chronic non healing wounds due to conditions such as Diabetes, Vascular Dx, and Radiation Tissue Injuries.
- Liaise with and assist hyperbaric doctors in all care related to hyperbaric and wound care patients.

#### Intensive Care & General nurse in a hospital environment:

- Participate in multi-disciplinary teams within various hospital units including Intensive Care, Hyperbaric and Cardio-thoracic Intensive Care.
- Administer nursing care to critically ill patients requiring mechanical ventilation and other life support mechanisms.
- Cardiac and haemodynamic monitoring.
- Administer immediate post-operative care for cardio-thoracic patients.
- Liaise with and assist visiting and resident medical professionals.
- Liaise with and assist patients and their families.
- General nursing care.

#### **Employment and Experience**

December 2021 to present  
Accredited Nurse Immuniser  
Your Community Health, Integrated Care and Covid Services

May 2021 to December 2021  
Accredited Nurse Immuniser  
Royal Melbourne Hospital/MCEC, COVID19 Mass Vaccination Program

February 2021 to May 2021  
Accredited Nurse Immuniser  
YNA/Torrens Health/DHHS For Alfred Health  
COVID -19 Vaccination Programme/Alfred Health Staff Flu Vaccination Programme  
Alfred Health Complex Care Quarantine Hotels Melbourne

September 2020 to February 2021  
Wound Care and Hyperbaric Nurse  
Hyperbaric Health Wound Care Centre  
Bundoora Victoria

2017 to May 2020  
Community Nurse  
Sub-contractor to Bolton Clarke (Formerly known as RDNS)

2014 to 2017  
Registered Nurse, Casual Pool Staff  
Hyperbaric Medicine Unit/Adult ICU  
Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick NSW

2012 to present, on Casual basis  
On-set/Unit Nurse for several Film and TV Productions  
Melbourne and Sydney

Most recent:

- Wentworth, Season 8
- Preacher, season 4, casual days 2<sup>nd</sup> unit, construction unit

2011 to 2012  
Registered Nurse, Casual Pool Staff  
The Alfred Hospital  
Melbourne VIC  
Hyperbaric Medicine Unit

2003 to 2011  
Registered Nurse  
Adult Intensive Care/Hyperbaric Unit  
Prince of Wales Hospital  
Randwick, NSW

2008  
Border Control Nursing  
SEAHS, Sydney Airport

2003  
Registered Nurse, Full-time Staff  
The Royal Marsden Hospital  
Intensive Care Unit  
London, UK

1994 to 2003  
Registered Nurse  
Prince of Wales Hospital  
Randwick NSW

- Hyperbaric Medicine Unit (1999-2003) casual and permanent
- Adult Intensive Care Unit (1997-2003) casual and full-time
- Cardio-Thoracic Intensive Care (1998-1999) full-time
- Gastroenterology Medical/Surgical Unit (1994-1996) full-time

- Radiation Oncology/Endocrine Unit, Gastroenterology Med/Surge Ward (1994-1995) Graduate Nurse Programme

## **Education**

- 2020 Immunisation for Health Practitioners  
Australian College of Nursing
- 2010 Advanced Life support course  
Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick NSW
- 1999 Hyperbaric Nursing Course  
Hyperbaric Medicine Unit,  
Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, NSW
- 1993 Bachelor of Nursing  
Australian Catholic University  
North Sydney

## **References**

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