



**RCSI**

**Clinical Learning Environment Audit Tool:  
Advanced Practice Nursing Programmes**

**(With prescribing)**

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### Profile of the Unit

Hospital/Organisation	
Unit Name:	
Site approved by NMBI for pre-registration programme	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> (if yes) Affiliated Programme _____ Affiliated 3 <sup>rd</sup> level college _____
What is the clinical speciality?	
What is the patient profile in this area? (i.e. number of beds, patient demographic, patient throughput)	
What is the staff profile in this area? ( i.e. grades, number of staff)	

### Student Supports

	Y	N
The unit provides learning opportunities that enable the achievement of learning outcomes and competence in Advanced Practice with Prescribing Programmes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students undertaking Advanced Practice with Prescribing Programmes have access to library and information services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students undertaking Advanced Practice with Prescribing Programmes have access to relevant policies, guidelines and learning outcomes/competencies for the ward/unit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students on the Advanced Practice with Prescribing Programmes have access to a dedicated Prescribing Site Co-ordinator or an individual who will act in this capacity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students on the Advanced Practice with Prescribing Programmes have access to a designated medical mentor for the duration of the programme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medical practitioners acting as mentors are fully appraised and familiar with all documentation pertaining to student prescriber supervision, teaching, learning and assessment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students on the Advanced Practice with Prescribing Programmes required to establish a learning contract with their mentor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students on the Advanced Practice with Prescribing Programmes will have support for the development of their Collaborative Practice Agreement from individuals such as the mentor, prescribing site co-ordinator, programme co-ordinator and the Office of the Nursing Services Director HSE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The unit provides an environment which is welcoming, supportive of learning and students are made feel part of the team	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Students are able to raise any concerns about the practice placement experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The unit has access to support from RCSI as necessary	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Arrangements for monitoring and improving patient safety

	Y	N
Evidence based practice guidelines to support appropriate standards of care and for systematic approaches to nursing care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policies that support audit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Risk Management systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adverse event reporting system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policies that support good practice in recording clinical practice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policies to address complaints/concerns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mechanisms to support interdisciplinary team working	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A structure within which concerns around clinical practice are raised and addressed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mechanisms to involve service users in the development and review of healthcare provision; and Evidence of clinical and educational audit for each placement site used in education and training of registrants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please list any other staff who support clinical learning for students undertaking Advanced Practice with Prescribing Programmes (e.g. RNPs: CNSs, RANPs, Medical, Pharmacy colleagues).

### **Action Plans/Further Planning**

If deficits have been identified above please detail how these will be addressed. Please also list any plans for further development of the learning environment on the ward/unit.

Director of Nursing / Midwifery Signature:	
Date:	

Audit Conducted by:	
Date:	
To submit this form to the RCSI please follow the instructions received by email.	

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