

A **clinical nurse consultant** (also known as an advanced practice nurse) is a nurse practising in the advanced practice role. Advanced practice nursing is a qualitatively different level of advanced nursing practice to that of the registered nurse due to the additional legislative functions and the NDIA Price Guide 2019-20

regulatory requirements. The requirements include a prescribed educational level, a specified advanced nursing practice experience, and continuing professional development. Nurses practising at an advanced level incorporate professional leadership, education and research into their clinically based practice. Their practice is effective and safe. They work within a generalist or specialist context and they are responsible and accountable in managing people who have complex health care requirements.

Duties of a clinical nurse consultant will substantially include, but are not confined to:

- providing leadership and role modelling, in collaboration with others including the Nurse manager and the Nurse educator, particularly in the areas of action research and quality assurance programs;
- staff and patient/client education;
- staff selection, management, development and appraisal;
- participating in policy development and implementation;
- acting as a consultant on request in the employee's own area of proficiency; for the purpose of facilitating the provision of quality nursing care;
- delivering direct and comprehensive nursing care to a specific group of patients or clients with complex nursing care needs, in a particular area of nursing practice within a practice setting;
- coordinating, and ensuring the maintenance of standards of the nursing care of a specific group or population of patients or clients within a practice setting; and
- coordinating or managing nursing or multidisciplinary service teams providing acute nursing and community services.