

Position Description | Te whakaturanga ō mahi

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This position description is intended as an insight to the main tasks and responsibilities required in the role and is not intended to be exhaustive. It may be subject to change, in consultation with the job holder.

Title	Nurse Educator <Sub Speciality Medicine/Cardiology and Cardiothoracics/Ward 6 South>
Reports to	Charge Nurse Manager, Ward 6 South
Location	Capital, Coast & Hutt Valley (CCHV) District
Department	Ward 6 South, Regional Heart and Lung Unit
Date	10/09/2026
Salary band (indicative)ⁱ	NZNO Collective Agreement
Children's Worker roleⁱⁱ	Yes

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We know that great healthcare starts with great people. That's why we are committed to building a high-performing, inclusive workplace where our people are supported to grow, contribute, and make a real difference for patients, whānau, and communities across Aotearoa.

About the role

The primary purpose of the role is to:

[Facilitate training and education that develops the nursing workforce competence and capability both within Ward 6 South, Regional Heart & Lung Unit and across the District. This is a senior designated nursing role is critical for ensuring and maintaining essential nursing knowledge and standards of safe quality care.

Practice development and change implementation are important aspects of the educator role as clinical and health care delivery context changes rapidly. Educators lead the implementation of nursing education, change and practice development across the services, supporting CCHV strategic direction. This is achieved through developing, implementing and evaluating orientation, ongoing training, education programmes and resources. Training delivery occurs in both clinical and non-clinical settings.

The NE provides professional and clinical nursing leadership, working with staff to meet quality and safety standards of care. This includes contributing to development of policies and procedures. The clinical component of the role is to provide expertise and role modelling by working with staff to teach, coach and demonstrate practice excellence.

The NE works closely with nursing leadership and the Workforce and Practice Development Unit to support workforce development through Clinical Learning Experiences (pre-registration placements), Supported First Year of Practice (SFYP) RN and EN, PDRP and Preceptor Programmes.

The Nurse Educator will:

- Have sound clinical practice
- Be an expert in education delivery, informed by assessing the nursing team's educational needs and outcomes
- Provide education across Cardiology and Cardiothoracics and share speciality knowledge and skills across the organisation to optimise assessment, care and outcomes for patients
- Conduct training needs assessments informed by practice and organisational need
- Provide clinical expertise and work alongside staff in the management of complex/ challenging clinical cases
- Engage clinical staff in providing teaching sessions to encourage team responsibility for learning
- In collaboration develop, review and evaluate progress against ward 6 South, Regional Heart & Lung Unit workforce development plan
- Collaborate with other Nurse Educators and Clinical Nurse Specialists to develop shared education packages/resources and participate in education across the organisation as required

The NE will respond to the Districts changing needs, performing other tasks as required. The NE is expected to contribute to implementing District and nursing goals and values, while promoting Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand Capital, Coast and Hutt Valley as a centre of excellence for nursing practice.

The Regional Heart & Lung Unit (Ward 6 South) combines both the Cardiology Services and the Cardiothoracic Department for the Central Region of New Zealand. There are 40 inpatient beds where tertiary level acute and elective care is provided for patients with complex cardiac and thoracic health care requirements.

As a Nurse Educator in the Regional Heart & Lung Unit you are a designated Senior Nurse and will have a valid annual practicing certificate, advanced clinical knowledge and skill to be able to provide nursing care for patients within the unit, as well as the education of the nursing staff. You will have post graduate study and will be on the Professional Development and Recognition Programme as Senior/Senior Expert.

As a Nurse Educator in the Regional Heart & Lung Unit you will provide education and skill development to Nurses in Ward 6South, to ensure ability to be able to provide care to manage patients with (not limited to):

- Acute Coronary Syndrome (Myocardial infarction and Unstable Angina) and potential complications associated with ACS
- Cardiac valve disease
- Arrhythmia
- Heart Failure
- Lung disease and thoracic condition requiring surgical management
- Cardiothoracic trauma

Common management and intervention for the above conditions in The Heart & Lung Unit includes pre and post care for (not limited to):

- Angio +/- angioplasty
- Coronary artery bypass graft
- Valve repair/replacement
- Trans Aortic Valve Implantation, Mitral Valve in Valve Implantation
- Electrophysiology studies and treatment including ablation, pacing and cardiac devices
- Heart Function Management
- Thoracic surgery
- Chest drain and advanced analgesia management

Key Result Area	Expected Outcomes / Performance Indicators
Leadership	• Role models and applies the principles of Te Tiriti O Waitangi in nursing practice • Applies Te Whatu Ora policies and processes and contributes to a safety culture for patients, whānau and staff • Works across the service as part of the leadership team and incorporates the organisational priorities into practice • Champions equity and diversity in the workplace • Takes accountability for developing and motivating the team • Demonstrates organisational and professional advocacy • Maintains clinical currency and role models specialty clinical skills • Uses evidence to lead practice development for the ward / service • Challenges clinical issues and seek resolution • Ensures awareness of relevant standards/policies on provision of care delivery within the service • Responds with constructive strategies to meet new challenges and actively supports change • Fosters reflective practice • Contributes to shared governance of nursing through engagement in relevant meetings, committees, and working parties
Education and Teaching	• Plans and leads nursing education within the service and across the organisation • Uses adult teaching strategies to develop and deliver education plans • Works directly with patients and staff across the service and associated areas as an expert teaching resource, coach and role model • Maintains high standard of clinical and technical expertise • Optimises nursing practice based on current evidence and incorporating Te Ao Māori perspective and equity focus • Educates nurses to ensure culturally safe practice with focus on equitable outcomes • Ensures effective preceptorship and orientation of students and nursing team

	• Supports student learning experiences and liaises with tutors • Monitors provision of learning requirements and maintains records of staff training • Actively promotes and assists nurses to develop and progress on PDRP and supports individual professional development plans • Shares knowledge and research in different context e.g. presentations, seminars, study days, conferences • Proactive in furthering own professional development • Participates in district, regional and national professional nursing or specialty groups • Actively supports and educates to ensure compliance with Health & Safety policy and procedures; ensuring staff also support and comply
Interprofessional collaboration and quality improvement	• Establishes and maintains effective inter-professional relationships • Facilitates audits and practice reviews to identify education gaps and develops plans to address these • Identifies and contributes to quality improvement initiatives • Provides leadership in the development and implementation of policies, procedures and resources • Contributes to the education, implementation and evaluation of practice innovation and new technologies/ procedures • Anticipates and participates in management of clinical risk in specialty area • Reports and contributes to the investigation and resolution of adverse events
Workforce	• Supports the nursing leadership team in workforce development strategies • Facilitates support of Māori and Pacific workforce in line with strategic nursing priorities • Engages staff in appropriate education i.e. organisational learning updates, service essential training and professional development opportunities to fulfil training requirements and individual nurses performance objectives • Raises concerns about competence or conduct with CNM in a timely manner and provides education and support to address these • Engages actively with staff to ensure safe staffing initiatives and Trendcare activity is carried out in a timely manner • Engage with model of care initiatives and leads change as required
Professional Development	• Proactive in identifying own professional development needs and negotiating appropriate resources • Maintains current senior PDRP

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Access and Outcomes	• Supports efforts to improve access to services and achieve better outcomes for the communities we serve. • Uses evidence and insights to identify barriers and opportunities for improvement. • Contributes to inclusive, responsive, and effective service delivery.
Te Tiriti o Waitangi	• Demonstrates a commitment to understanding and applying Te Tiriti o Waitangi in a practical and appropriate way. • Supports initiatives that improve outcomes for Māori and strengthen relationships with Māori partners and stakeholders. • Contributes to an inclusive workplace that values diversity and supports the attraction, development and retention of Māori employees.
Health & safety	• Exercises leadership and due diligence in Health and Safety matters and ensures the successful implementation of Health and Safety strategy and initiatives. • Takes all reasonably practicable steps to eliminate and mitigate risks and hazards in the workplace that could cause harm, placing employee, contractor and others' health, safety, and wellbeing centrally, alongside high-quality patient outcomes. • Leads, champions, and promotes continual improvement in health and wellbeing to create a healthy and safe culture.
Compliance and Risk	• Takes responsibility to ensure appropriate risk reporting, management and mitigation activities are in place. • Ensures compliance with all relevant statutory, safety and regulatory requirements applicable to the Business Unit. • Understands, and operates within, the financial & operational delegations of their role, ensuring peers and team members are also similarly aware.

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Matters which must be referred to your manager

- Employees are expected to escalate matters early to ensure patient safety, service, continuity and compliance with organisational and legislative requirements.
- Clinical or operational matters that require escalation must be referred to the relevant health professionals, operational and nursing professional lead Nurse Director.

Relationships

External	Internal
• Other Districts within the Central Region • Consumer advocates & agencies • Volunteers • NZ Nursing Council • Professional bodies & Associations • Health & social support agencies	• District Chief Nurse • District Chief Midwife • Nurse Directors • Workforce and Practice Development Unit • Inter-professional teams

• Specialist Cardiology Nurses within the Central Region • Nurse Educators within the Central Region • Tertiary Education Organisations • Primary Health Care Providers • Student Nurses	• Learning, development and Research • Māori and Pacific Health Units • Disability Team • Centre of Clinical Excellence • Nursing team • Medical team (Cardiology) • Surgical team (Cardiothoracics) • Allied Professions • Other members of the interprofessional teams • Health Care Assistants • Patients / Whānau • Other District speciality Inpatient Teams • District Community Teams
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About you – to succeed in this role

You will have

Essential:

- [Registration with Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ)
- A current Annual Practicing Certificate (APC) and scope appropriate to place of work
- Minimum three years post graduate nursing experience
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Relevant Post-graduate qualification - working towards Masters of Nursing
- Relevant qualification in adult education or working towards this within agreed timeframe
- A personal commitment to on-going learning and development including attainment/maintenance of senior PDRP

Desired:

- Demonstrate experience in implementing Te Tiriti o Waitangi in action.
- Expert clinical skills and relevant technical expertise, certification or credentials
- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Cardiology and/or Cardiothoracic Nursing experience

You will be able to

Essential:

- Deliver results through effective planning, sound judgement, and personal accountability.
- Build trusted relationships and works collaboratively to achieve shared goals.
- Communicate clearly and adapts their approach to different audiences and situations.
- Demonstrate curiosity, adaptability, and a commitment to continuous improvement.

- Maintain high standards of professionalism, integrity, and ethical behaviour.
- Contribute to a positive, inclusive, and safe working environment.
- Take responsibility for their own development and supports the development of others where appropriate.

Desired:

Demonstrate

- Respect and collaboration in practice
- Delivering an exemplary standard of care
- Practice informed by research evidence
- Innovation and critical thinking
- Commitment to sustainable practice
- Advance your nursing practice in Cardiology/ Cardiothoracic nursing with a passion in this field]

ⁱ Salary band reference is for internal benchmarking and role sizing purposes only. The salary band designation is not a term or condition of employment and may be changed by the HNZ. Changes to the salary band will not affect an employee's current salary or remuneration.

ⁱⁱ The Children's Act 2014 makes provisions for the protection of children and helping them thrive, achieve and belong. At Health New Zealand, we safety check every children's worker. The purpose of this safety check is to reduce the risk of harm to young people and is a legal requirement for those employed in work that involves contact with children and young people including face-to-face, over the phone, or email contact. It is part of our commitment to ensuring the wellbeing and safety of children and young people. Your continued employment with Health NZ is conditional on a satisfactory safety check.