



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

Designated Registered Nurse Prescriber Clinical Mentorship Agreement

Designated Registered Nurse (RN) Prescriber Clinical Mentorship Agreement

This agreement fulfils the requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) [Registration Standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines – designated registered nurse \(RN\) prescriber](#). It is a key component of the designated RN prescriber role as outlined in the NMBA standard, the WA Designated Registered Nurse Prescriber Prescribing Guidelines and the WA Designated Registered Nurse Prescriber Mentorship Framework. The agreement must be signed by all parties, including a representative of the authorising organisation.

Purpose

Clinical mentorship

The purpose of clinical mentorship is to enable the designated RN prescriber to develop experience and confidence in prescribing within their scope of practice during the first six months of their prescribing practice. The mentorship may be extended or resumed should the designated RN prescriber's scope of practice change, or at the direction of the employer and with the agreement of mentor and mentee.

The role of the clinical mentor is to provide the designated RN prescriber with support and guidance to assist in the consolidation of knowledge and skills in relation to the prescribing of scheduled medicines. They must be an authorised health practitioner who is able to commit to providing respectful and constructive feedback and guidance through a series of scheduled mentorship sessions.

Roles and responsibilities

Responsibilities of the designated RN prescriber in relation to clinical mentorship

The designated RN prescriber must:

- comply with all relevant NMBA standards, codes and guidelines, as well as relevant statewide and local policies
- engage in a clinical mentorship agreement with an authorised health practitioner for the first 6 months of prescribing, including scheduling mutually agreed regular mentorship sessions with their allocated mentor
- maintain collaborative, professional relationships with authorised health practitioner prescribing partners, including agreed communication and escalation processes
- reflect, respond and record feedback, coaching and advice from the mentor
- identify opportunities to improve prescribing practice and build confidence.

Responsibilities of clinical mentor *

(*noting this may simultaneously be the authorised health practitioner prescribing partner)

The clinical mentor must:

- commit time to meet regularly with their allocated mentee/s for 6 months after the endorsement and commencement of prescribing
- provide feedback, coaching and advice to the designated RN prescriber
- aim identifying and addressing areas for development.

For further information:

- [Guidelines for registered nurses applying for and with the endorsement for scheduled medicines – designated registered nurse prescriber](#)
- [Fact sheet: Registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines – designated registered nurse prescriber](#)
- WA Designated Registered Nurse Prescriber Mentorship Framework

Clinical mentorship agreement

All parties:	Designated registered nurse prescriber	Authorised health practitioner
Have discussed the purpose of the mentoring relationship in accordance with the mentee's scope of practice, prescribing agreement and requirements of the NMBA registration standard: Endorsement for scheduled medicines – designated registered nurse prescriber.		
Have discussed and agreed on the preferred method and frequency of communication (at least monthly)		
Have discussed and agreed on a mentorship framework including expectations and boundaries of our mentoring relationship		
Have discussed and agreed to the process for consultation and escalation of care, inclusive of referral to other relevant health practitioners when care requirements are outside the scope of practice of the designated RN prescriber		
Agree and commit to respectful, professional and genuine communication to enhance the mentoring relationship and to facilitate an opportunity for learning and development		

Clinical mentorship commencement date	
Clinical mentorship completion date	

Designated RN prescriber (mentee)	Signature	Date
Name:		
Position:		
Authorised health practitioner (mentor)	Signature	Date
Name:		
Position:		

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