



The Australian Practice Nurses Association (APNA) was established in 2001 as a national organisation representing and advocating for the unique needs of practice nurses in Australia. In the seven years since APNA's incorporation, our membership base has grown to currently include over 1300 practice nurses, while the professional relationships we have fostered as an organisation help to ensure the voice of nurses are heard across the general practice setting. APNA have been recognised by the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) as the peak national body for nurses working in general practice and is endorsed by government, medical and other professional groups.

**COMPLETE THE BELOW PRACTICE NURSE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS SURVEY,
AND GO IN THE RUNNING TO WIN A \$500 GIFT VOUCHER!**

Education Needs Survey

Dear Practice Nurse,

To enable us to better serve you and your needs as professionals we are seeking your assistance to identify the education/training needs of practice nurses as well as preferred topics, contents, and method of delivery. This is part of our strategic commitment to enhancing the professionalism of practice nursing and providing information and resources which enable practice nurses to become more empowered in their workplace.

Section 1: Assessment of Educational Needs

Q1. How important is education and training for your day-to-day role?

- Very important Some what important Not important

Q2. How much time, in hours, would you dedicate for education/training per week/month/year?

- Hours/Week Hours/Month Hours/Year

Q3. How do you prefer to receive education & training?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> On-line courses | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar/conferences | <input type="checkbox"/> Practical workshop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified courses | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading material/ journals | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical Companies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divisional Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> From my GP/Practice | <input type="checkbox"/> Not a priority for me |

Q4. Would you be more likely to attend an educational meeting which focused on a specific condition, or gave a general update across a wide range of topics?

- Specific condition Wide range of topics

Q5. Please rate the importance of the following factors from 1 – 8 (1 is most important, 8 is least important) when deciding whether to attend an educational activity.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Topic/content of event | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Level of interactivity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cost/funding | <input type="checkbox"/> Timing | <input type="checkbox"/> Accreditation/certification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation(s) involved | <input type="checkbox"/> Networking opportunities | |

Q6. What educational activities have you undertaken/attended in the last twelve months?

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Q7. Who would fund/pay for your education/training? (Please tick)

- Self Practice/Clinic Other

Q8. Are you paid for the time taken to attend educational activities? Yes No

Section 2: Format of Education

Q9. In your opinion what should your preferred methods of delivery offer/provide?

(Please prioritise from 1-5; 1 being your most preferred)

- Introduction/Overview Material
- Update/refresher for general clinical practice
- More in-depth specialised information suitable for general clinical practice
- Accredited course from which a certificate/statement of attainment could be gained on completion
- Academic material suitable for those interested in research

Q10. When attending educational activities, what format do you find to be most beneficial?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture style | <input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on workshops | <input type="checkbox"/> Debate/panel discussion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Role play | <input type="checkbox"/> Q&A session | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:..... |

Q11. Do you prefer to attend educational activities:

- Locally (town/district)
- Stated-based (capital city)
- National Event
- Resort/Holiday destination

Section 3: Content of Education

Q12. In your opinion what areas of education would benefit practice nurses working in Australia and add value to your practice? (Please tick all that apply)

- Chronic disease management
- Wound management
- Immunisation/vaccines
- Women's health issues
- Paediatric/child health
- Developing policies and procedures
- Neo/Post-natal health
- Mental health
- Health assessments & care planning
- Preventative health & health promotion
- Other

Other ideas:

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Q13. What topics would you like to see included in 2009 educational activities? (Please tick all that apply)

- Contraception
- First Aid
- GP management plans
- Metabolic Syndrome
- Practical: Suturing
- Continence
- Travel Advice
- Over 75 health assessments
- Chronic wound management
- Pathology interpretation
- Preventative care for women
- Immunisation
- Acute wounds
- Setting up a diabetes clinic
- Practical: Sports strapping
- Chlamydia & other STIs
- Hearing/audiometry
- Role of the Practice Nurse
- Chronic kidney disease
- Smoking cessation
- Salary & Conditions
- ECG interpretation
- Helping patients with stress
- Breastfeeding
- Pregnancy – ante/postnatal care
- Counselling
- Nutrition & Low GI
- Ear health & ear syringing
- Setting up an Asthma clinic
- Mental Health First Aid
- Pap Smears
- Practical: CPR
- IT management
- Spirometry
- Healthy kids health assessment
- Diabetes
- Alternative therapies
- Hypertension
- Aged care
- Physical activity
- Care planning
- Foot check & assessment
- Binge drinking/alcohol abuse
- Practical: Plastering
- Weight management & reduction
- Triage
- Risk management
- Cardiology
- Sterilisation
- Allergy testing
- Depression
- Medicare item numbers
- Substance Abuse
- Men's reproductive health
- Pain management
- Recognition of the sick child
- Legal issues & professional indemnity for Practice Nurses
- Understanding your scope of practice
- 45-49 health assessment
- Dermatology
- Practical: Compression bandaging

Other ideas:

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Q14. When attending an educational activity, do you benefit most from hearing from:

- Local speaker
- National speaker
- International speaker

Section 4: Personal Details (optional)

Q15. Please complete the applicable options below:

- I am a: RN/Div1 EN/Div2 Other
- I work in a: Remote practice Rural practice Urban practice
- I work: Part time Full time Casual/Contract
- Time in practice nursing: Less than one year 1-2 years 3-5 years 5 years +
- How many PNs are employed in your practice? 1 2-4 5+ State:

Name: Phone Contact:

**Thank you for your time in completing this survey. On completion please return this survey to:
Locked Bag 7666 Chatswood DC NSW 2067 OR fax to (02) 9993 8328**

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