



Karratha

Regional Pap Smear Provider Course

The FPWA Pap Smear Provider Course develops the essential knowledge and skills required for nurses to provide Pap smears and preventive health checks for women on behalf of a supporting doctor. Enrolled Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers with appropriate skills and experience are also eligible to attend. This Regional Pap Smear Provider Course adds an extra STI clinical management day, essential for practice in regions of WA where STIs are endemic.

The course meets the National Standards for Nurse Pap Smear Providers.

Preventive health issues included in the Pap Smear Provider Course:

- Taking a women's health history
- Screening for Chlamydia
- Breast awareness education
- Continence advice and education

Also included in the Regional Pap Smear Provider Course:

- Taking a sexual history
- STI and BBV testing and clinical management

The Pap Smear Provider Course is designed for working with well women only, and assumes that the supporting doctor is available for immediate

referral if any abnormalities are detected, and to manage any issues outside the nurse's scope of practice. Wherever possible, nurses providing cervical screening are encouraged to complete at least the theory component of the FPWA Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Nursing), in order to be able to provide more comprehensive and holistic sexual health nursing care. Nurses who have completed the Regional Pap Smear Provider Course as well as Sexual Health Foundations only have to undertake a Men's Sexual Health distance learning package to complete the theory component for the full Certificate.

Visit the FPWA Sexual Health Services website www.fpwa.org.au for further information about all our training courses for nurses.

The Regional Pap Smear Provider Course consists of a theory component of 32 contact hours (4.5 days) plus self directed learning and a clinical component of a minimum of 20 hours. All participants completing **both components** of this course will be entitled to a certificate from FPWA Sexual Health Services and Registered and Enrolled Nurses are also eligible to apply for the Certificate of Competence as a Nurse Pap Smear Provider from the WA Department of Health.

Course Details

Karratha Regional Pap Smear Provider Theory
24–28 September 2012.

Daily attendance is required. Pre-reading and pre-course assignment information will be emailed to participants in early September. Access is via FPWA website. Please allow a minimum of 8 hours to complete. Pre-course assignments are due on day one of the course. There will also be a take home assignment after the course.

Pap Smear Provider Theory

Dates: 24th - 28th September 2012

Cost: \$100 Registration fee

Venue: To be confirmed

Clinical Practicum

All participants require a minimum of 15 Pap smears, and at least 20 hours of supervised clinical practice, plus demonstrated competence, to meet the National Standards for Nurse Pap Smear Providers and complete the Pap Smear Provider Course.

A nurse with existing skills and experience in women's health and cervical screening (or who is

able to obtain clinical experience in her workplace after attending the theory component) may contact the Nurse Educator to discuss an accelerated clinical practicum. There is a minimum of 7 hours clinical practice under direct supervision of an FPWA nurse or FPWA-approved preceptor.

Practicum Options

Placement at FPWA Sexual Health Services

The full clinical practicum for the Pap Smear Provider Course at FPWA is 21 hours, made up by six clinics each of 3.5 hours duration in the FPWA clinic at Northbridge. Participants are supervised at all times by experienced FPWA Advanced Practice Nurses who have been trained in clinical instruction.

Note: *Placements need to be booked at least six to eight weeks beforehand.*

Completing the 21 hours clinical practicum generally takes at least two weeks. Details on booking the practicum will be discussed during the theory component.

Costs: \$80.00 per clinic, or \$480.00 for six clinics

Supervision by an FPWA Nurse in their own workplace

FPWA instructing nurses may also be available to supervise nurses in their own workplace. The workplace is responsible for organising specific Pap smear clinics and booking all clients. Pap smears and preventive health checks are conducted on behalf of a supervising doctor whose Provider Number is used for pathology purposes. This doctor is responsible for the overall care and follow-up of the clients.

Nurses wishing to choose this option must contact the Nurse Educator to negotiate the number of hours. This depends on the competency already achieved by the nurse. A minimum of 7 hours is required.

Costs: \$60.00 per hour, plus travel and accommodation expenses.

Supervision by External FPWA-Approved Preceptors

A few nurses outside FPWA who are experienced in sexual health and cervical screening and trained in clinical instruction have been approved by FPWA as clinical preceptors. Participants wishing to do some of their clinical practicum with an external preceptor must first discuss their plans with the Nurse Educator. They can then contact the preceptor/s directly to arrange mutually suitable times for clinical placement. Completing part of the practicum at FPWA is strongly recommended, as is working with more than one preceptor. There is a \$100 admin fee for the clinical placement to be completed wholly externally with non-FPWA preceptors. NB FPWA insurance does not cover non-FPWA clinical preceptors, so they are usually limited to supervising participants from their own agency.

Please register early - latest date for registration is Monday 10 September 2012

Contact and Registration

For more course information please contact:

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(all costs are GST free and only valid for 2012 courses)

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Registrations will be forwarded to Leza Bridges

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