



“THE POLITICS OF ADVANCING NURSING”
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INFORMATION SHEET

You are invited to take part in an interview in order to explore the factors influencing the implementation of Nurse Practitioners in rural and remote health services

Nurse Practitioners are recognised roles within the realm of advanced nursing practice. Nurses falling within this nursing category are recognised by the nursing profession as clinical experts within a specialty field of nursing practice. Nurse Practitioners are given the authority to practice within an extended and expanded framework that allows them to use some clinical skills over and above that which is allowed in other nursing positions. Although Nurse Practitioners have been in existence in other parts of the world for some 40 years, the role is a new concept to Australia.

Purpose of the study

This study supports the ongoing advancement of the nursing profession by identifying the obstacles and hurdles that are affecting the establishment of Nurse Practitioners in rural and remote nursing practice. It aims to assist health services in rural and remote regions in Australia to establish advanced practice nursing positions such as the Nurse Practitioner, in a way that the role can become effective within the broader health care team.

Objectives

This study therefore seeks to

1. Critically analyse the technical literature on the advancement of nursing knowledge and practice.
2. Explore the history of ideas that has given rise to the present attempts to advance nursing practice with particular reference to the Nurse Practitioner and other nurse specialist roles.
3. Explore, compare and analyse the development of the Nurse Practitioner in rural and remote regions of Australia.
4. Identify the barriers and facilitating factors, which are creating and defining the advancement of nursing practice and the knowledge required for it.
5. Make recommendations, which will support continued and sustainable development relating to advanced practice nursing roles in rural and remote Australia.

Interviews are being conducted with health care professionals who are involved in the development of Nurse Practitioner positions. No more than one hour of your time on one occasion will be required.

Confidentiality

- Your responses will be entirely confidential and will be viewed only by the researcher and her supervisors.
- Anonymity cannot be guaranteed but no names, places or mention of specific information that could directly connect the information to a health service will be used in the analysis and writing up of the thesis.
- A tape recorder will be used in the interview process.

- Recorded information will be transcribed only by the researcher for use in the research study.
- Only transcribed information will be used in the research study, reports and publications relating to the study.
- Raw data will be kept in a locked cabinet and will not be accessible to anyone other than the researcher and her supervisors.

Rights of participation

- Your participation will not jeopardize your employment in any way.
- This study is bound by the professional and ethical codes of conduct and therefore the researcher is legally bound to report any alleged malpractice or misconduct which threatens patients' safety. Any information that is volunteered that may be sensitive in nature in regard to clinical misconduct or malpractice will be discussed with you during the interview.
- Your participation is entirely voluntary.
- You do not have to answer all the questions posed to you.
- The interview will only be conducted after the researcher has received the signed consent form.
- You may view the written transcript on request. No other person other than the researcher and her supervisors will have access to the actual recordings.
- You have the right to withdraw from the interview at any time.

Procedure for completion of questionnaire

- Please complete the attached informed consent form.
- Return it to the researcher in the self-addressed envelope provided.
- You may contact the researcher by email or telephone to arrange a meeting to discuss the study further.
- Once written consent has been obtained, the researcher will arrange a time for an interview.
- The interview may be conducted on the telephone or in person.
- Results of the interview will be collated and analyzed as part of the thesis.

Contacts for queries

Any enquiries you may have concerning this project should be directed in the following ways:

- to me at the address given below
- to my supervisors Trudy Rudge at the above address, by telephone on 08 82015353 or e-mail Trudy.Rudge@flinders.edu.au or Dirk Keyzer on email DMKEYZER1@aol.com

This research project has been approved by the Flinders University Social and Behavioral Research Ethics Committee. The Secretary of this Committee can be contacted on 08 8201-5466, fax 08 8201-2035, e-mail Lesley.Wyndram@flinders.edu.au.

Thank you

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