***Expression of Interest***

Dual diagnosis training for practice nurses

Would you like to learn more about supporting patients with co-occurring mental health and substance use issues (dual diagnosis)? If so, this training package is for you.

Background

North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN) and [NEXUS](https://www.svhm.org.au/our-services/departments-and-services/n/nexus) (part of the Victorian Dual Diagnosis Initiative), have come together to deliver an exciting training package targeting nurses in primary care.

The aim of the training is to strengthen practice nurses’ recognition, response and confidence in working more effectively with patients who present with co-occurring mental health and substance use issues – dual diagnosis. Practice nurses have been involved in developing the course content.

What is involved?

**This dual diagnosis package consists of 11 hours of training**, delivered by online modules and live Zoom meetings. The training will commence in late September 2020 and conclude in December 2020. Some final mentoring sessions will take place in January 2021.

The training package includes:

* **Dual Diagnosis Essentials** – online module and 90-minute Zoom session
* **Introduction to Motivational Interviewing: Helping people find the motivation to make positive decisions** – online module and 90-minute Zoom session
* **Reasons for Use Package** (RFUP) – three hours of training (two 90-minute sessions) on the use of the RFUP scale and tools, plus two 90-minute mentoring sessions
* Certificate of completion for provision of 11 Continuing Professional Development hours.
* Optional – up to three 60-minute reflective practice sessions and a chance to join a community of practice to support you beyond the program

**Practices will receive a payment of $1000 per nurse to help accommodate time required for nurse(s) to complete the training. Payment will be provided on successful completion of the training. Practices can nominate more than one nurse to undertake the training.**

**What is required?**

To be eligible for the training, nurses must:

* Be working in a general practice or community health setting in the NWMPHN region
* Agree to complete all three components of the training
* Agree to complete all evaluation activities
* Have access to IT equipment to undertake online education and to participate in Zoom meetings
* Be supported by their practice to undertake the training

How to apply

If you are interested in completing the dual diagnosis training, please complete the attached application form. Applications close **Sunday, 13 September 2020**.

Practice nurses who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are encouraged to apply.

**Complete the application form and return by email to:**

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| ABOUT PHNs Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health, Primary Health Networks (PHNs) began operation on 1 July 2015 and are responsible for coordinating primary health care and facilitating improved health outcomes in their local community. Melbourne Primary Care Network operates the North Western Melbourne Primary Health Network (NWMPHN). |

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: Application

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| **Applicant name:** |  |
| **Applicant contact details:** | **Phone:** | **Email:** |
| **Name of practice:** |  |
| **Practice address:** |  |
| **Practice manager details:** | **Name:** | **Email:** |
| **Practice principal details:** | **Name:** | **Email:** |

Eligibility criteria

[ ]  I am a nurse working in general practice or community health in the NWMPHN region

[ ]  I agree to complete all components of the training

[ ]  I agree to complete all evaluation activities

[ ]  The practice in which I work supports me to undertake this training (see question 4)

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| **Expression of Interest Questions** |
| 1. **How long have you been working as a Practice Nurse?**
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| 1. **Please provide a brief overview of why you would like to participate in this training**
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| 1. **Briefly describe how patients/staff at your practice might benefit from you undertaking and implementing this training?**
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| **Additional questions** |
| 1. **Please attach a brief letter from your practice manager/practice principal outlining their support for you to undertake the course and commitment to permit you time to complete the course requirements**
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