Clinical supervisor instructions: AUT.

Competence Assessment

- A minimum C-level from their clinical supervisor on the Prescribing Competencies.
- As a summative assessment, the student assesses a patient with the academic and/or the clinician supervisor present, presents this case as well as proposed management to both supervisors at which point there is time for clarification and questioning.

The clinical supervisor

The clinical supervisor, besides having a spirit of sharing knowledge and experience must;

- Be in good-standing with their registration bodies
- Have an up-to-date Annual Practicing Certificate
- Submit brief curriculum vitae to the Prescribing Practicum Coordinator.

The purpose of this relationship is to oversee approximately 300 clinical hours of this nurse's practice over a year. The NP ¹student is expected to do full and focused history and physicals, develop problem lists, differentials, treatment plans, and present this to you. They are told to anticipate challenging questions justifying actions and demonstrating evidence-based practice as they develop their advanced role. Examples of questions might include:

- 1. What else is important to obtain in this history of present illness?
- 2. What other exam finding/investigation would be important?
- 3. What is your differential? Your impression and why?
- 4. What is your priority? Treatment? Why this treatment? What are the expectations and expected outcomes?

Students are instructed to provide concise case presentations. Some supervisors find it helpful to schedule 15-minute meetings a couple of times a week to catch up on important issues.

It is suggested that you review the NP competencies (your student will give you a copy of them) with the student to develop a baseline and identify areas that need work. Halfway through the year the process is repeated and once again close to the end of the course prior to final site assessment and summative assessment. The Practicum coordinator will need a copy of these forms at the end of the year. Lastly, it is required that the supervisor participate in the competency assessment.

A contract from AUT will be delivered to you. The University has a 1-year contract in place even though in some cases you are agreeing to oversee this student for approximately eight months (dependent on start date).

The academic supervisor/coordinator

The paper coordinator will arrange for a suitable time early in the year to visit the site and see how things are working. If possible, a second visit will be made and the third and last visit to participate in the summative case study.

¹ Intern, candidate or student