

## Introduction

This brochure responds to frequently asked questions from nurses considering application for Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ) Nurse Practitioner ™ endorsement. The two key documents which will guide the process of application are: The Nurse Practitioner ™ responding to the health needs in New Zealand, and The Nurse Practitioner ™ endorsement guide lines for nurses. These documents are available on

## www.nursingcouncil.org.nz

or a hard copy can be purchased from the Nursing Council by either writing to P.O. Box 9644, Wellington or by phone on 04-8020247.

## **The Mentor System**

NPAC-NZ through its constituent groups has established a mentoring programme which will assist applicants. If you are going to apply for endorsement as a Nurse Practitioner ™ and would like to have a mentor, contact your professional organisation. The mentors are nurses who have either become Nurse Practitioners ™, or they are nurses who have had education sessions with the Nursing Council and NPAC-NZ for the purpose of being a mentor. Your mentor will assist and guide you with the application process, including the development of your portfolio.

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## The following are useful references and websites

The Nurse Practitioner<sup>™</sup> Responding to Health Needs in New Zealand 3rd Edition , September 2002

The Nurse Practitioner <sup>TM</sup> Endorsement: Guidelines for Applicants
September 2002

Nursing Council ww.nursingcouncil.org.n

College of Nurses Aotearoa www.nurse.org.nz

New Zealand Nurse Organisation www.nzno.org.nz

Ministry of Health

Australia, New Zealand College of Mental Health Nurses www.nzcmhn.org.nz

> National Council of Maori Nurse www.hauoramaori.org/ncmn/

Ministry of Health (2002) Nurse Practitioners<sup>TM</sup> in New Zealand



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