

NMBA - Proposed change to definitions relation to advanced practice *May 2019*

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Questions	Response
<p>1. Is the proposed definition of <i>advanced practice</i> helpful, clear and more workable compared to the current definition of <i>advanced nursing practice</i>?</p>	<p>There are concern that the current definition may lend itself to ambiguity and misinterpretation. Concerns are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The statement defines nurses – not the ‘advanced practice’. • It is unclear from the way the document is worded who the term ‘advanced practice’. We would be concerned if it were applied to any other health profession than the nursing that is it designed for. • If this is about nursing practice it needs to be much clearer. For example, ‘advanced practice nursing’. We understand that this term is already embedded into nursing language and as such will be well understood. • Further it is important that this definition makes it clear that the advance practice nursing is clinical as opposed to educational or academic. • The term ‘relevant expertise’ needs explaining – what is relevant, to whom and in what context – and what specific expertise is required in addition to that already included? • Clarity is needed regarding the client base that the advance practice nurse would be managing. At the moment it appears that they are only managing ‘people who have complex healthcare requirements’ as opposed to people form all areas of community of which this is a subset.

	<p>Other suggestions include revising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurses practising at an advanced practice level • To: Nurses practising at an advanced level • Their practice includes ... autonomous practice • To: Their practice includes autonomy • Advanced practice for the purpose of the nurse practitioner endorsement requires 5,000 hours clinically based practice. • To: Nurse practitioner endorsement requires evidence of 5,000 hours of clinically-based advanced practice
<p>2. Does the proposed definition of <i>advance practice</i> meet the needs of both the regulatory and the nursing profession requirements in the Australian context?</p>	<p>We are concerned that due to the issues raised in response to question one that at this stage the proposed definition of advance practice does not meet the needs of both the regulatory and the nursing profession requirements in the Australian context.</p>
<p>3. Do you have any other comments on the proposed definition of <i>advanced practice</i>?</p>	<p>Not at this stage</p>
<p>4. Does the proposed definition of <i>nurse practitioner</i> (replacing the current definition of <i>advanced practice nurse</i>) appropriately reflect the ongoing regulatory requirements of a nurse practitioner?</p>	<p>Yes. This definition appears to appropriately reflect the ongoing regulatory requirements of a nurse practitioner.</p>