**NPTP Application checklist**

Academic readiness self-audit

1. Completed Master of Nursing with core paper requirements with the required grades: Ready

or

1. Will complete master of nursing with final 60pts being at the completion of NPTP: Ready

If you do not meet above criteria please seek academic advice

See academic pathway [**here**](https://nurseworkforce.blogs.auckland.ac.nz/nptp/academic-requirements/)

Clinical readiness

It is vital to have organisational support for at least a year from your application to NPTP as this provides an opportunity for both you and your organisation to orientate to your new role and illuminate any areas that may need additional support both during the NPTP year and after your completion of the programme. Consider what support your organisation may need to achieve this inside your organisation.

* I have worked for the service I intend to complete my NPTP year ideally for at least 6 months at the time of application
* I have self-audited myself against the clinical assessment form and made a plan with my organisation to meet any areas of shortfall.

It is highly recommended that you have been working in the service that intends to support your nurse practitioner development for at least 6 months. This sets a solid foundation for your new scope of practice. If you are not in this position, please discuss with your management team to develop opportunities to meet this requirement

1. Development of NP pathways
2. Establishment of clinical support
3. Engage with your organisations nursing leadership
4. Connect to a NP for support and advice

Experience in your area of practice is a vital cornerstone for developing the clinical and leadership expertise required to thrive as a nurse practitioner candidate. If you do not meet this criteria think about how you can position yourself professionally to gain experience in your field. Seek opportunities to develop and learn more clinical assessment skills and incorporate your academic learnings practically in your job.

* I have worked and gained senior clinical experience in my area of practice for at least 3 years of full-time equivalent hours

Development of advanced assessment skills is a core component of the NP role. Having access to clinical teaching and the ability to practice at an expert RN level is essential for the NPTP year.

* I have developed a trusted clinical relationship of at least 6 months with a experienced clinical supervisor who will support my application and provide formal mentoring hours for the NPTP year.

Understanding how a NP contributes to clinical teams and how they practice within this new scope of practice is foundational to building a solid professional structure. Often the scope and role of NP is poorly understood and at times difficult to articulate.

* I have read and understood the NCNZ competencies for NP practice [**here**](https://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz/NCNZ/Education-section/Nurse_practitioner.aspx)
* I have shared these competencies with my clinical supervisor and organisational leadership and can articulate how my new scope of practice will contribute to health care improvements for the population I serve
* Have connected to and am involved with a NP peer group
* I have read other NPs area of practice statement and have considered how my philosophy for practice is integrated my practice statement
* I can articulate the difference between what I do now and how my practice will differ after I register as a NP.