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## Pap Smear Provider Course

The FPWA **Pap Smear Provider Course** develops the essential knowledge and skills required for nurses to provide Pap smears and preventive health checks for women on behalf of a GP under Medicare Item number 10994/5. Enrolled Nurses and Aboriginal Health Workers with appropriate skills and experience are also eligible to attend. This Regional **Pap Smear Provider Course** adds an extra STI clinical management day, essential for practice in regions of WA where STIs are endemic.

The course meets the National Standards for Nurse Pap Smear Providers and covers most, but not all, aspects of preventive health checks in Item 10994/5.

Preventive health issues included in the **Pap Smear Provider Course**:

- Taking a women's health history
- Screening for Chlamydia
- Breast awareness education
- Continence advice and education

Also included in the Regional **Pap Smear Provider Course**:

- Taking a sexual history
- STI and BBV testing and clinical management

This course does not cover:

- Advice on contraception or postnatal issues

The **Pap Smear Provider Course** is designed for working with well women only, and assumes that the GP is available for immediate referral if any abnormalities are detected, and to manage any issues outside the nurse's scope of practice. Wherever possible, nurses providing cervical screening are encouraged to complete at least the theory component of the FPWA Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health (Nursing), in order to be able to provide more comprehensive and holistic sexual health nursing care. Nurses who have completed the Regional **Pap Smear Provider Course** as well as Sexual Health Foundations only have to undertake a Men's Sexual Health distance learning package to complete the theory component for the full Certificate.

Visit the FPWA Sexual Health Services website [www.fpwa.org.au](http://www.fpwa.org.au) for further information about all our training courses for nurses.

The Regional **Pap Smear Provider Course** consists of a theory component of 32 contact hours (4.5 days) plus self directed learning and a clinical component of a minimum of 20 hours. All participants completing both components of this course will be entitled to a certificate from FPWA Sexual Health Services and Registered and Enrolled Nurses are also eligible to apply for the Certificate of Competence as a Nurse Pap Smear Provider from the WA Department of Health.

## Course Details

Daily attendance is required. Pre-reading and pre-course assignment information will be emailed to participants 5-6 weeks prior to course commencement. Access is via FPWA website. Please allow a minimum of 8 hours to complete. Pre-course assignments are due on day one of the course. There will also be a take home assignment after the course.

### Pap Smear Provider Theory

**Dates** 2 — 6 August 2010

**Venue** **Midwest GP Network**

(St John of God Specialist Centre for  
6th August)

## Clinical Practicum

All participants require a minimum of 15 Pap smears, and at least 20 hours of supervised clinical practice, plus demonstrated competence, to meet the National Standards for Nurse Pap Smear Providers and complete the [Pap Smear Provider Course](#).

A nurse with existing skills and experience in women's health and cervical screening (or who is able to obtain clinical experience in her workplace after attending the theory component) may contact the Nurse Educator to discuss an accelerated clinical practicum. There is a minimum of 7 hours clinical practice under direct supervision of an FPWA nurse or FPWA-approved preceptor.

## Practicum Options

Options for completing the clinical practicum include:

### Placement at FPWA Sexual Health Services

The full clinical practicum for the [Pap Smear Provider Course](#) at FPWA is 21 hours, made up by six clinics each of 3.5 hours duration in the FPWA clinic at Northbridge. Participants are supervised at all times by experienced FPWA Advanced Practice Nurses who have been trained in clinical instruction.

**Note:** Placements need to be booked at least six to eight weeks beforehand.

Completing the 21 hours clinical practicum generally takes at least two weeks. Details on booking the clinical practicum will be discussed during the theory component of the course.

**Costs:** \$75.00 per clinic, or \$450.00 for six clinics

Please register early - latest date for registration is 2 July 2010

## Contact and Registration

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