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Standards Review
Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council
GPO BOX 400
Canberra City ACT 2601

Dear Standards Review Team,

Re: Written Submission for Feedback on the Final Proposed Registered Nurse Accreditation standards

Thankyou for incorporating the views of Safer Care Victoria in your current Review of Registered Nurse Accreditation standards, consultation paper 3. Below is a collated view of the recommendations supplied from our team for your consideration:

- **3.7 Program content and subject learning outcomes prepares students to supply under a structured prescribing arrangement.**

Suggest rewording to: Program content and subject learning outcomes prepares students to supply and administer under a structured prescribing arrangement.

It is acknowledged that it could be argued that, in its entirety, the undergraduate program of study prepares a registered nurse to administer under protocol. Despite this, “supply and administer” is the term used in the majority of papers and documents addressing this part of the registered nurse’s role.

Supplying and administering under a structured prescribing arrangement (or under protocol) by a registered nurse is seen as within scope by the profession, however it may be a novel concept to many outside the profession. Inclusion of “and administer” will make explicit to all stakeholders that this is a role that undergraduate education adequately prepares registered nurses for.

- **Standard 3 - Program of Study:** *The old standards (2012, Standard 2, Criteria 2.4) articulated a list of teaching and learning approaches which covered off some crucial program content, which should be included, along with the addition of content about resilience, selfcare and being part of the learning and teaching culture. In developing the evidence guidance, it is recommended these aspects be included as key evidence in any program of study.*

- **Standard 4.7** - *The minimum accepted frequency of monitoring/evaluation and quality improvement needs to be articulated, for example, at least annually for each year level of a nursing course.*

The recently announced Commonwealth Independent Review of Nursing Education may have implications for the Registered Nurse Accreditation Standards. It is recommended that this be acknowledged in the final version of these standards, including that the findings of the review may require an earlier revision of the standards.

Should you have any queries regarding these recommendations, please contact me on 9096 0206 or annmaree.keenan@safercare.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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