



DEVELOPING A PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION SCHEME FOR SPECIALIST NURSING

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Credentialing is a voluntary professional recognition scheme designed to recognise nurses for practicing in a speciality area.

The Credentialing for Nurses (C4N) project is collaboration between the Australian College of Children and Young People's Nurses, the College of Emergency Nursing Australasia, the Australian College for Mental Health Nurses, Palliative Care Nurses Australia, and the Cancer Nurses Society of Australia, to establish a professional credentialing process for specialist nurses.

Since the last update, C4N has been progressing in the following areas:

Online Credentialing

Credentialing applications will be submitted online using an easy and streamlined system. Applicants will be able to begin their credential application, and go back to it later to complete it if necessary. The build of the online system is currently underway and testing will begin soon to make sure it runs effectively for all users.

Once the system is up and running, credentialing will be available to Registered Nurses working in Queensland in the following nursing specialties - cancer nursing, emergency nursing, palliative care nursing, or children and young people nursing.

Information will be available on the [C4N website](http://www.c4n.com.au) when the system is launched in mid-October.

Ambassadors

Each College has invited expressions of interest by members wanting to become Credentialing Ambassadors for their specialty. Ambassadors will take a leadership role in promoting credentialing to their colleagues, and will receive training in the next couple of months to provide support to nurses who apply to become credentialed. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, please contact the C4N team at enquires@acmhn.org.

Credentialing Workshops

In coming months, credentialing workshops will be held by each specialty College and their Ambassadors. These workshops will provide nurses with guidance to complete their credentialing application. We will be scheduling in times and dates soon.

For more information about C4N check out the website www.c4n.com.au or keep an eye on your specialty college newsletter for updates.

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