



Prescribing Competency

A Non Medical Prescribing (NMP) course is essential

Training
A 12wk online course,
5 days of face-to-face training &
120hrs of supervised practice in the workplace.

Designated Medical Practitioner (DMP).
Engage a DMP early,
Needs enthusiasm/authority & frequent ward presence

Medical team
Can other members of the medical team help with supervising your prescribing practice? Establish this early to expedite the completion of this component

Retain achievements
e.g. Competency certificates:
essential evidence for professional credentialing.

Supervised Practice
There are multiple components to prescribing (eg information gathering, clinical decision making) many of them can be demonstrated in your day-to-day work



Legal Issues

What exemption do you need from you state's regulations?

Approval
Who needs to sign off the application?
How do you go about getting their approval?
Need to write a brief for CEO signoff?

Scope
To whom does it apply (how many prescribers will be in your study?)

The fine print
What are the requirements for the application?

Exemptions
How long it last?
Will that be enough time for Your study (be pessimistic)

Evidence
Receipts and approvals (keep a copy of all the documents)

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Teamwork
Pick a dynamic team with:
• Varying research skills/strengths
• Enthusiastic about the project
• Recognised leaders in the clinical area you are studying.

Caution
You'll need their signatures/advice throughout the project so a local team is best.

Credentialing
Does your facility have a process by which professionals are credentialled to perform activities outside their usual scope of practice?
• How does this occur?
• How often does the credentialing committee meet?
• What are the reporting/supervisory/educational requirements?



Professional/institutional

Which body in your organisation approves new medication related policies and protocols?

Medication governance
Medicines advisory committee (MAC)

Advice
Who sits on the committee?
Get their advice before your formal presentation



Ethics

Can be daunting (especially high risk/full applications)
Look for examples from people who've had previous success
Remember the Site Specific Assessment.

Develop a rough project plan, using the HREA as guidance (easier when applying for ethics)

What are your outcomes?
Be specific!

Inclusion/exclusion, don't limit yourself unnecessarily

Discuss with statistician

Version control: Reread entire plan after each change (does everything still make sense?)

Beware of scope creep

Discuss plan with chair of local ethics
Helps identify flaws/weakness/bias (doesn't have to be perfect)

Randomisation?
Have a firm plan re logistics

Any grants available?
Watch reporting requirements/time restrictions