ENTRY CRITERIA
Applicants for the NP Training Programme funding must:

a) Have a minimum of 4 years clinical practice experience in a specific area of practice. They must have already completed a PG Diploma that includes pathophysiology, pharmacology and advanced health assessment with a B grade average or above (including any required grades for specific papers).

b) Be a New Zealand citizen or hold a Permanent New Zealand residency.

c) Enrol full-time or part-time in 2019 depending on the study already completed.

d) Identify two prescribing health professionals (one of which must be a NP) to provide one-to-one clinical supervision.

e) Provide their employer’s signed declaration of support on letterhead (see last page of application) to allow clinical release time and study days and hire them into an NP role once registered.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND SELECTION
• Applications shall be received via email only (no postal applications) by 5pm on Monday 29th October.
• Applicants shall receive notification that their application has been received and if any further supporting documentation is required. Incomplete applications will not be considered after the closing date.
• Interviews for short-listed candidates will be held at the University of Auckland and Massey University respectively during the month of November.
• Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application by Friday 7th December and will have to confirm their place if successful by Monday 17th December.

ADVICE TO APPLICANTS
• The Universities encourage candidates to apply for regular funding for study through HWNZ as normal alongside this funding application for the NP Training Programme due to limited places available.
• Nurses who already have a clinical master’s degree (without a prescribing practicum) are eligible for the programme. The NP Training Programme is primarily intended to facilitate those students who must complete the practicum paper(s) including 500 hours supervised time in preparation for practice.
• Students who have already completed an Evidence Based Practice/Research Methods paper and/or a Clinical Project are eligible for the programme and will not repeat these papers.
• Employers will allow 500 hours (16 hours per week) clinical release time from non-prescribing work hours plus attendance at university study days. Clinical experience can be through the nurse’s existing workplace, and/or with other employers.
• The back fill allowance will cover study day release and clinical release – this is a contribution only and may not cover senior nurses’ hourly rate. This funding will cover university student fees and provide a stipend towards clinical supervision. Travel and accommodation is not covered to the same extent as HWNZ via DHB funding - a contribution to travel costs will be provided to those students living a considerable distance away from their place of study.

PRIVACY PROVISIONS
The information requested in this application form will be used solely for the purposes of assessing your application for NP Training Programme funding. In the event that a student is unsuccessful for funding, the contents of the application will be securely destroyed.

RETURN OF APPLICATIONS
Please return this application with attachments to the relevant university representative below via email:

The University of Auckland
Anna Šale
Email: a.sale@auckland.ac.nz

Massey University
Rebecca Conchie
Email: R.Conchie@massey.ac.nz
University to which you are applying for NP Training Programme funding in 2019 (please tick ☑)

The University of Auckland ☐ Massey University ☐

Surname
First Name(s)
Student ID (if applicable)
Date of Birth
Ethnicity
NCNZ Registration Number
Street Address
Town/City/Postcode
Mobile Phone
Email Address

ATTACHMENTS - Please tick ☑

☒ 1. Your academic transcript(s) for relevant postgraduate nursing study outlined in the Entry Criteria.

☒ 2. Your typewritten letter of application, addressing the Entry Criteria. Please include details of your current employment and your area and level of practice (e.g. senior nurse or clinical nurse specialist), and a brief example of a typical patient encounter that demonstrates a systematic approach to your patient assessment and your approach to their management (500 words max).

☐ 3. Contact details of a prescribing health professional (NP or Medical Provider) who you have identified to provide one-to-one clinical supervision during the programme.

☐ 4. Your brief curriculum vitae (approx. 2-3 pages).

☐ 5. Employer’s signed declaration of support on letterhead (see template on last page of application).

Declaration (EMPLOYEE):

I, ________________________________ (insert name)
declare that all information enclosed and attached to my application form is true and correct and that no relevant information has been withheld.

Signature: ___________________________ Date:
Employer Declaration of Support Template

[Company Letterhead]

[Date]

RE: Nurse Practitioner Training Programme 2019 – Employer Declaration of Support

[Insert Employee Name]

I declare that I shall support the above named employee by allowing the required clinical release time (as applicable to the employee’s individual study plan) for practicum courses, plus attendance at university study days.

The above named employee shall be offered an NP role within our organisation (at ............... FTE), once the NP Training Programme is concluded and NP registration is completed with the Nursing Council of NZ.

Regards,

[Insert signature]

[Employer Name]
[Employer Role Title]
[Employer Organisation]
[Employer Address & Phone Number]