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Professional Standards for the Advanced Nurse Practitioner

“Advanced practice is a level of practice, rather than a type or speciality of practice. Advanced practitioners are educated at master’s level in advanced practice and are assessed as competent in practice using their expert knowledge and skills. They have the freedom and authority to act, making autonomous decisions in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of patients” (Royal College of Nursing, 2016)

With an ever increasing demand for healthcare it has never been more important to have the right staff, educated and competent, able to deliver the best care possible at the right time for patients. Leadership and innovation are the key to developing and delivering the right services and care and improving health and wellbeing outcomes for people. Registered Nurses are increasingly extending and expanding their scope of practice beyond initial registration in all healthcare settings developing their skills, competence and confidence.

Registered nurses working at an advanced level of practice work in various health care settings, in hospital and in the community and within specialities such as paediatrics and neonatal care; in any setting where patients would benefit from nurses with advanced level skills and knowledge.

This presentation will define advanced level nursing practice and signpost listeners to relevant domains and competences for advanced level nursing practice in the UK and internationally. The presentation will also explore the standards for the accreditation of advanced nursing practice educational programmes and outline the new RCN Credentialing framework, which may be of interest to delegates.