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Registered nurses working at this advanced level must meet the following standards:

- Active registration with the NMC.
- Practise within the 4 pillars of:
  - Advanced clinical practice
  - Leadership
  - Facilitation of education and learning
  - Evidence research and development.
- Have a Job Plan that reflects this and has equity with peers working at this advanced level.
- Be educated to Masters level (180 level 7 points (Scottish equivalent of level 11)).
  This education will include the following core areas:
  - therapeutic nursing care
  - comprehensive physical assessment of all body systems across the lifespan
  - history taking and clinical decision making skills
  - health and disease, including physical, sociological, psychological, and cultural aspects
  - applied pharmacology and evidence-based prescribing leading to a prescribing qualification
  - management of patient care
  - public health, epidemiology, health education and promotion
  - research and service development
  - organisational, interpersonal and communication skills
  - accountability – including legal and ethical issues
  - quality assurance
  - political, social and economic influences on health care
  - pathophysiology and genomics
- leadership skills
- theories and models of teaching and learning.
- Be an independent prescriber on the NMC register.
- Meet NMC revalidation requirements.
- Show evidence of:
  - Having the freedom and authority to act autonomously and independently
  - Being innovative, highly skilled at assessing and managing risk and consciously competent
  - Have the responsibility for decisions made and actions taken
  - Being holistic practitioners, able to address nursing as well as medical needs
  - Having the ability to ‘see’ the whole person, fuse biomedical science with the art of caring, providing health promotion advice, counselling, assessment, diagnosis, referral, treatment and discharge.

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