








The latest from the NEN 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2009

-  The inaugural NEN symposium was held in Sydney in July 2009, with 57 delegates attending. Delegates overwhelmingly agreed that the symposium contributed positively to the nephrology education landscape in Australasia. The major outcome of the symposium was that a co-ordinated approach to nephrology education was necessary in order to meet the needs of nephrology educators and nurses throughout Australasia. As a result, a proposal for a three phase, four-year program to develop a national professional development framework (see Appendix A, figure 1), supported by a suite of learning resources is almost completed. These learning resources will be applicable to nurses who care for people who are at risk of, or suffer the burden of chronic kidney disease. This project will include the redevelopment of the RSA advanced practice competencies bringing them into line with the ANMC competencies and the current needs of nurses and educators alike. The phase one proposal will be sent to preliminary national key stakeholders the week beginning the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, 2009
-  The NEN is now the official educational sub-group of the RSA
-  [www.nen.org.au](http://www.nen.org.au) was launched on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009
-  NEN created a password protected forum for the use of vascular access co-ordinators within its forum, further supporting special interest groups within Nephrology
-  The NEN in partnership with Sanofi-Aventis launched a \$6000 clinical education scholarship on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Further information available at [www.nen.org.au](http://www.nen.org.au). The scholarship will be awarded annually at the RSA conference dinner.
-  The NEN will provide an education workshop on the Wednesday preceding the annual RSA conference to support the needs of neophyte educators and staff considering a career pathway in nursing education.
-  EOI have been posted on RSA website for state/territory representation (W.A., Tas, N.T & A.C.T only) on the NEN executive



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APPENDIX A

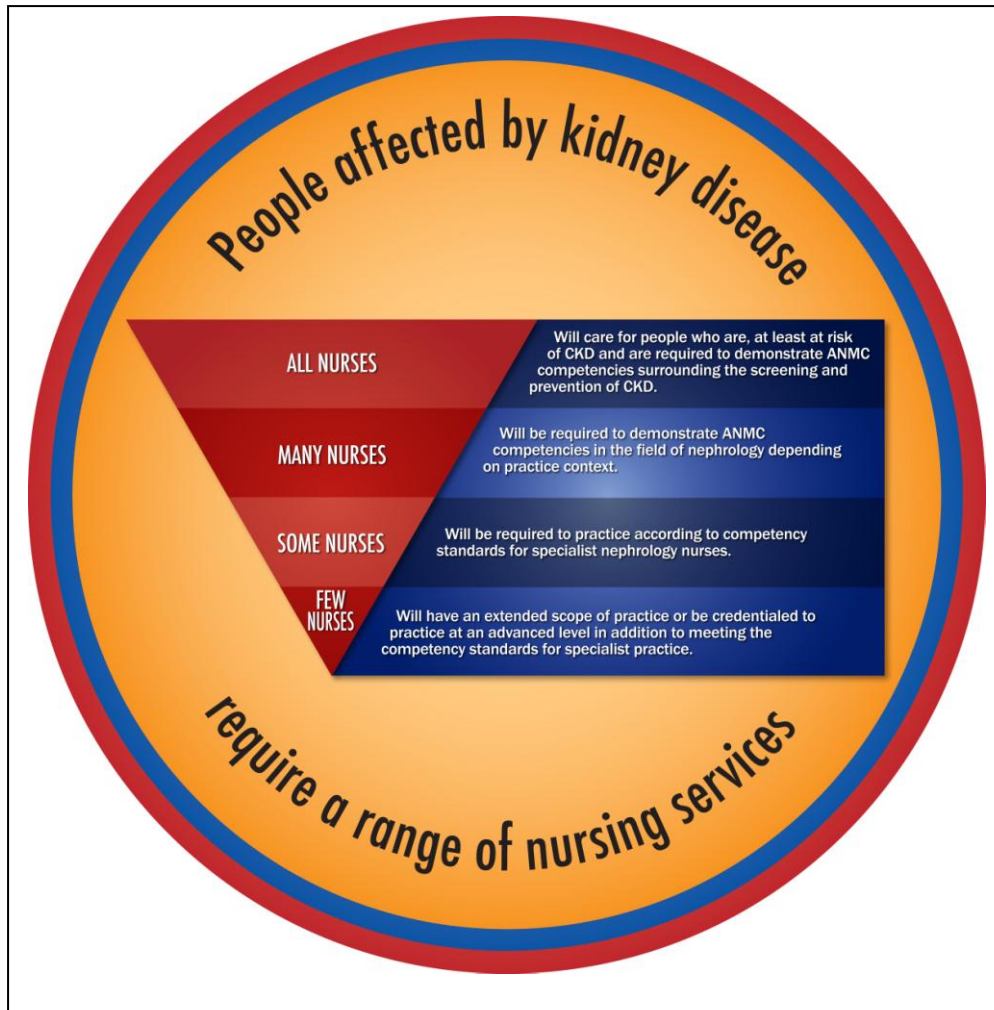


Figure 1: Professional development model for nurses working with people with kidney disease (adapted from professional development model for nursing in cancer control).