

National Competency Standards Framework 2016

Competency standards describe the skills, attitudes and other attributes (including values and beliefs) attained by an individual based on their knowledge and experience which together enable the individual to practise effectively as a pharmacist. The value of competency standards rests with their capacity to support and facilitate professional practice and growth, in the interests of public safety.

A number of National Competency Standards 2016 are addressed by the *Pharmacy anti-cancer drug course*.

The table below provides a breakdown of the competencies addressed by each module of the course.

Module 1: Safe Handling of hazardous drugs and related waste
Standard 1.1.1 Promote a culture of professionalism
Standard 1.1.3 Apply understanding and knowledge of medicines management and use in society
Standard 1.1.4 Accept professional responsibility and accountability
Standard 1.1.5 Work with commitment, diligence and care
Standard 1.3.1 Comply with statute law, guidelines, codes and standards
Standard 1.4.1 Apply a scope of practice consistent with competence
Standard 1.4.3 Acquire and apply practice expertise
Standard 1.5.2 Use reasoning and judgement
Standard 1.5.3 Demonstrate accountability and responsibility
Standard 2.2.2 Engage in teamwork and consultation
Standard 2.3.1 Use appropriate communication skills
Standard 3.2.5 Provide counselling and information for safe and effective medication management
Standard 3.4.6 Prepare cytotoxic and other hazardous drug products
Standard 4.4.5 Develop and maintain supporting systems and strategies
Module 2: Understanding how anti-cancer drugs work
Standard 1.1.3 Apply understanding and knowledge of medicines management and use in society
Standard 1.4.1 Apply a scope of practice consistent with competence
Standard 1.4.3 Acquire and apply practice expertise
Standard 1.5.2 Use reasoning and judgement
Standard 3.4.6 Prepare cytotoxic and other hazardous drug products
Module 3: Treatment-related toxicities and management
Standard 1.1.1 Promote a culture of professionalism
Standard 1.1.3 Apply understanding and knowledge of medicines management and use in society
Standard 1.1.4 Accept professional responsibility and accountability
Standard 1.1.5 Work with commitment, diligence and care
Standard 1.4.1 Apply a scope of practice consistent with competence
Standard 1.4.3 Acquire and apply practice expertise
Standard 1.5.2 Use reasoning and judgement
Standard 1.5.3 Demonstrate accountability and responsibility
Standard 1.6.2 Monitor and respond to sources of risk
Standard 2.2.2 Engage in teamwork and consultation
Standard 2.3.1 Use appropriate communication skills
Standard 3.1.1 Obtain relevant health and medicines information
Standard 3.1.2 Assess medication management practices and needs
Standard 3.2.5 Provide counselling and information for safe and effective medication management

Standard 3.3.1 Undertake a clinical review

Standard 3.3.2 Apply clinical review findings to improve health outcomes

Module 4: Principles of supporting the administration of anti-cancer drugs

Standard 1.1.1 Promote a culture of professionalism

Standard 1.1.3 Apply understanding and knowledge of medicines management and use in society

Standard 1.1.4 Accept professional responsibility and accountability

Standard 1.1.5 Work with commitment, diligence and care

Standard 1.4.1 Apply a scope of practice consistent with competence

Standard 1.4.3 Acquire and apply practice expertise

Standard 1.5.2 Use reasoning and judgement

Standard 1.5.3 Demonstrate accountability and responsibility

Standard 2.2.2 Engage in teamwork and consultation

Standard 2.3.1 Use appropriate communication skills

Standard 3.1.1 Obtain relevant health and medicines information

Standard 3.1.2 Assess medication management practices and needs

Standard 3.2.2 Provide primary care and promote judicious use of medicines

Module 5: Medication safety and clinical governance principles for cancer pharmacists

Standard 1.1.1 Promote a culture of professionalism

Standard 1.1.3 Apply understanding and knowledge of medicines management and use in society

Standard 1.1.4 Accept professional responsibility and accountability

Standard 1.1.5 Work with commitment, diligence and care

Standard 1.4.1 Apply a scope of practice consistent with competence

Standard 1.4.3 Acquire and apply practice expertise

Standard 1.5.2 Use reasoning and judgement

Standard 1.5.3 Demonstrate accountability and responsibility

Standard 1.6.2 Monitor and respond to sources of risk

Standard 2.2.2 Engage in teamwork and consultation

Standard 2.3.1 Use appropriate communication skills

Standard 2.3.2 Confirm the effectiveness of communication

Standard 3.1.1 Obtain relevant health and medicines information

Standard 3.1.2 Assess medication management practices and needs

Standard 3.2.2 Provide primary care and promote judicious use of medicines

Standard 3.2.5 Provide counselling and information for safe and effective medication management

Standard 3.3.1 Undertake a clinical review

Standard 3.3.2 Apply clinical review findings to improve health outcomes

Module 6: Clinical verification of anti-cancer treatment prescriptions

Standard 1.1.1 Promote a culture of professionalism

Standard 1.1.3 Apply understanding and knowledge of medicines management and use in society

Standard 1.1.4 Accept professional responsibility and accountability

Standard 1.1.5 Work with commitment, diligence and care

Standard 1.4.1 Apply a scope of practice consistent with competence

Standard 1.4.3 Acquire and apply practice expertise

Standard 1.5.2 Use reasoning and judgement

Standard 1.5.3 Demonstrate accountability and responsibility

Standard 2.2.2 Engage in teamwork and consultation

Standard 2.3.1 Use appropriate communication skills

Standard 2.3.2 Confirm the effectiveness of communication

Standard 3.1.1 Obtain relevant health and medicines information

Standard 3.1.2 Assess medication management practices and needs
Standard 3.2.2 Provide primary care and promote judicious use of medicines
Standard 3.3.1 Undertake a clinical review
Standard 3.3.2 Apply clinical review findings to improve health outcomes

Module 7: Patient education

Standard 1.1.1 Promote a culture of professionalism
Standard 1.1.3 Apply understanding and knowledge of medicines management and use in society
Standard 1.1.4 Accept professional responsibility and accountability
Standard 1.1.5 Work with commitment, diligence and care
Standard 1.3.1 Comply with statute law, guidelines, codes and standards
Standard 1.4.1 Apply a scope of practice consistent with competence
Standard 1.4.3 Acquire and apply practice expertise
Standard 1.5.2 Use reasoning and judgement
Standard 1.5.3 Demonstrate accountability and responsibility
Standard 2.1.1 Respect the personal characteristics, rights, preferences, values, beliefs, needs and cultural and linguistic diversity of patients and other clients, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
Standard 2.1.2 Support and respect the rights of patients and other clients to contribute to decision-making
Standard 2.2.2 Engage in teamwork and consultation
Standard 2.3.1 Use appropriate communication skills
Standard 2.3.2 Confirm the effectiveness of communication
Standard 3.1.1 Obtain relevant health and medicines information
Standard 3.1.2 Assess medication management practices and needs
Standard 3.2.2 Provide primary care and promote judicious use of medicines
Standard 3.2.3 Dispense medicines (including compounded medicines) in consultation with the patient and/or prescriber
Standard 3.2.5 Provide counselling and information for safe and effective medication management
Standard 3.3.2 Apply clinical review findings to improve health outcomes
Standard 3.6.1 Assist development of health literacy

Review the [National Competency Standards Framework for Pharmacists in Australia 2016](#) document.