

### What is RPL?

- Recognition of Prior Learning – this is a general name for accrediting prior learning from certificates, credit bearing awards – RPCL
- A process to gain recognition for previous qualifications or learning from experience
- Recognition is given when previous courses or work/life experiences are assessed and seen to be the same as the learning to be gained from doing formal study or a course
- Can be used towards a Diploma, Degree, Postgraduate studies, Masters degree or professional qualifications

### What things do I need to put a claim together?

It really depends on what the claim is for

- If you have already been awarded academic credit points - then you need the letters/transcripts and/or certificate from the University- this is your evidence!
- You should trawl through the personal professional profile and look at what significant development you have experienced – both informally and formally

Start hunting for these important documents **NOW**

### What do you have to do?

- If you think that your experiences are rich in professional development then you can seek advice as to how that prior learning can be prepared for assessment
- The assessment is to see what can be recognised as learning from experience or whether the credit bearing learning can be used to gain exemption towards the diploma or degree in Health Care Practice
- A Profile of Practice (POP) is used to help you collect evidence and write about experience and the knowledge you have for practice

The RPL advisor will guide you and explore all the possibilities for you to decide whether to prepare a claim

### What is a profile for?

- It is a way of presenting a collection of experiences
- It is document that is prepared to organise and show off your best accomplishments from professional practice
- Think about what you have done in practice, been promoted, prepare policy and write guidelines, audit practice..... many more
- The advisor will get you started on writing reflectively

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### It's going to be assessed - what will that mean exactly?

- awards from a university are given when students meet the learning outcomes of a module and successfully complete the assignments
- when making an RPL claim you will need to prepare the profile so that your prior learning is seen to be the same as the outcomes for the awards
- There will be a deadline to negotiate and a formal process of examining your claim. When this is complete you will be awarded academic credit points
- The advisor will be able to take you through these steps
- There are charges so ask about current fees when you enquire

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