



## **Fundamentals in General Practice Nursing**

The School of Nursing is offering **Post Graduate Certificate in Fundamentals of General Practice Nursing** which aims to standardise a programme of training and education for nurses new to General Practice Nursing across England. This course sets out to help practice nurses new to General Practice to identify their learning needs appropriate to their role and direct them to further opportunities for continued professional development. The programme has essentially been developed by practice nurses for practice nurses with the aim of being totally relevant and able to ensure practitioners are fit for purpose, following recommended standards and competencies and by monitoring to ensure governance and quality.

This course is a Level 7 accredited, competency-based education programme, specific to the GPN role, which will prepare nurses, who have recently been employed within General Practice, to be confident, competent, and capable practitioners.

The course is 50% theory and 50% practice.

The educational aims of the course are to

- Equip the General Practice Nurse with underpinning theoretical knowledge and development of clinical skills to deliver person-centred care to individuals, practice population and communities.
- Encourage academic and clinical practice development for professional lifelong learning.
- Develop a critical understanding of the complexities that challenge individuals' health and discuss primary care services available to support the health and wellbeing of the population.
- Develop a proactive, reflective, and competent healthcare practitioner to utilise an evidence-based approach for practice and public protection across the life course.
- Promote the ethos of partnership working with other health and social care practitioners, service users, carers, and families.
- Appraise the scope and limitations of individual knowledge and skills and examine where learning has been applied to primary care practice.

Completion of the course will enable you to competently practice as a general practice nurse at a fundamental level of post registration practice. The course aims to equip practice nurses with underpinning theoretical knowledge and practice experience to support the role as set out by a number of key NHS documents. This role requires consolidation of registrant standards of competence and developing

confidence to work alone without direct supervision, undertaking and reporting on autonomous decisions made in practice.

Duration: - This is a year- long course comprising of 3 modules.

Start date: Induction-8th January 2025; 9 am – 4pm.

Teaching starts 15<sup>th</sup> January 9 am – 4pm at City Campus

Students will then study:

**Delivered Part-time: Alternate Wednesdays**

### **Entry Criteria:**

- Applicants will hold live registrant status as an adult registered nurse / child registered nurse/ specialist community public health nurse, on the Nursing and Midwifery Council register.
- Applicants must be new to General Practice Nursing: within 12 months of employment. This will need to be verified by the GP employer within a reference of support to study.
- Good Health & Character declaration
- Applicants will normally have a first degree, BSc (Hons) at 2.2 or above (in a relevant subject, or equivalent). Minimum of 60 credits at level 6 (studied within the last 5 years).
- Be employed or have a placement as a general practice nurse by the start of the course.
- Supply a GP Employer reference of support
- You will require a practice assessor and practice supervisor who are registered professionals within the field of General Practice and meets the NMC standards for assessment and supervision (2018).
- You will require a cervical cytology mentor

**Please note:** You must provide information to satisfy all of the above criteria on application for the course. If you cannot provide this information, your application will not be processed.

<b>Module Overview: Post Graduate Certificate in Fundamentals of General Practice Nursing</b>		
<b>Module 1 (7NH097)</b> Introduction to the Concepts of General Practice Nursing	<b>Module 2 (7NH098)</b> Appraising Fundamental skills in General Practice Nursing	<b>Module 3 (7NH099)</b> Advancing Fundamental skills in General Practice Nursing
<p>The module is designed to introduce Registered Nurses new to working in general practice to the fundamental knowledge and skills required in general practice which incorporates: Immunisation and cervical cytology theory, Venepuncture, , Introduction to long term condition – Diabetes, CVD, Public Health profiling, Administration B12</p> <p><b>Assessment strategy</b> Students will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating achievement of work-based learning practice outcomes</li> <li>• Deliver a presentation of a chosen patient experience.</li> </ul> <p>This is Assessed at post graduate level</p> <p><b>Module attendance</b> 6 days at university</p>	<p>The module is designed to develop Registered Nurses new to working in general practice knowledge, skills, and confidence to manage their role in primary care. Incorporates care management and health promotion in the general practice setting. Care of patients with long term conditions: Asthma/COPD/ Ear Care, Dementia Awareness, administration of Zoladex and Prostag, wound care ; Travel health, contraception/ sexual health,</p> <p><b>Assessment strategy</b> Students will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating achievement of work-based learning practice outcomes</li> <li>• Producing a 3,000-word case study</li> </ul> <p>This is assessed at post graduate level</p> <p><b>Module attendance</b> 6 days at university</p>	<p>The module is designed to advance Registered Nurses new to general practice within a complex health care landscape and further develop their leadership and management skills to effectively contribute to the delivery and enhancement of safe, efficient, and effective services. Cancer Care/ ACP, Men/women's health dealing with minor illness and emergencies, , leadership, mental Health, LD Health checks, Doppler Assessment</p> <p><b>Assessment strategy</b> Students will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrating achievement of work-based learning practice outcomes</li> <li>• Producing a 3,000-word piece of written work</li> </ul> <p>This is assessed at post graduate level</p> <p><b>Module attendance</b> 6 days at University</p>
<b>Practice Hours:</b> min 24 hours - supervised	<b>Practice Hours:</b> min 24 hours - supervised	<b>Practice Hours:</b> min 24 hours - supervised

**Mode of Attendance:** - Students will be required to attend one day per fortnight during each semester (Wednesdays). Theory will be taught at the University using a range of delivery methods face to face and on-line. However, there is a clinical practice document attached to each module which needs to be completed by the student in a primary care clinical practice placement setting (normally their workplace), which is supervised and assessed by practice supervisors and a practice assessor (NMC 2018).

## **Practice support**

Nurses undertaking the programme must have access to a practice assessor (for competency support) who will provide a minimum of 2 hours support per week. The student can also work alongside other disciplines who can supervise practical skill development.

For Cervical Cytology Sample Taker Training, the student will require a cytology mentor to supervise practice. The mentor must have at least 12 months of continuous experience following initial cervical sample taker training and be a practicing cervical sample taker; performing a minimum of 50 samples following completion of the initial sample taker training. The student will be allocated an external assessor by the University to complete the final assessment of this area of practice.

## **Funding:**

Currently the cost of this course is funded by NHS England. For more information potential applicants need to contact their local Training Hub co-ordinator to express an interest in the course.

To apply for this course please follow this link:

<https://www.wlv.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate-credit-fundamentals-of-general-practice-nursing/>

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