



Fundamentals in General Practice Nursing

The School of Nursing is offering the **Advanced Diploma in 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 6 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 General Practice Nurses with underpinning theoretical knowledge and practice experience to support the role as set out by a number of key NHS documents.
- Encourage academic and practice development for professional lifelong learning.
- Develop a reflective and competent practitioner to utilise an evidence-based approach for practice and public protection

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 15th January 9 am – 4pm

Students will then study:

Part-time: Alternate Wednesdays

Module Overview: Advanced Diploma in General Practice Nursing		
Module 1 (6NH038) Introduction to the Fundamentals of General Practice Nursing	Module 2 (6NH039) Developing Fundamental Skills in General Practice Nursing	Module 3 (6NH040) Enhancing 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>Assessment strategy Students will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrating achievement of work-based learning practice outcomes • Deliver a presentation of a chosen patient experience <p>This is an undergraduate module</p> <p>Module attendance 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>Assessment strategy Students will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrating achievement of work-based learning practice outcomes • Producing a 3,000 word case study <p>This is an undergraduate module</p> <p>Module attendance 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>Assessment strategy Students will be assessed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrating achievement of work-based learning practice outcomes • Producing a 3,000 word piece of written work <p>This is an undergraduate module</p> <p>Module attendance 6 days at University</p>
Practice Hours: min 24 hours - supervised	Practice Hours: min 24 hours - supervised	Practice Hours: 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 on City campus

using a range of delivery methods face to face and on-line. However, there is also a clinical practice document attached to each module which needs to be completed by the student in a clinical practice placement setting (normally their workplace), which is supervised and assessed by a practice supervisor and assessor.

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.

Entry Criteria:

Applicants should hold registrant status as a level 1 adult nurse, child nurse / specialist community public health nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). Applicants should have access to clinical opportunities to practice within general practice for a minimum of two hours supervised practice per week in each module.

- Signed Health and Character declaration
- Be employed or have a placement in a GP Practice for the duration of the course
- Reference of support from employing practice
- Evidence of NMC PIN
- Details of practice assessor
- Details of cervical Cytology mentor

Course Applications: <https://www.wlv.ac.uk/courses/advanced-university-diploma-fundamentals-of-general-practice-nursing/>

6NH038	6NH039	6NH040
Immunisation	Ear Irrigation	Dealing with minor illness
Cervical Cytology	Zoladex /Prostap	Dealing with emergencies
Venepuncture	Wound Care	Men's Health Check
Protocols/ directives	Travel Health	Women's health check
Fundamental Diabetes	Fundamental Asthma	End of Life and cancer Care
Fundamental CVD	Practice Profiling	Advanced Care Planning
QOF	Contraception Pill checks	Leadership
Fundamentals Blood Pressure	Fundamental COPD	Dementia Awareness

For further course information please contact course lead Lisa.Clarke@wlv.ac.uk