

Practical and Theoretical Perspectives for returning to modern Nursing

FACT SHEET

Subjects include current issues in nursing and health care practice, legal and ethical issues, health promotion, communication and clinical skills updates, teaching others/ mentorship, Nursing Midwifery Council (NMC) guidelines, quality assurance, revision of the bio-psycho-sociological basis of health, library skills and academic writing, and evidence based practice

Placements are offered in most areas of practice. Time spent in the clinical area is based on each student's needs, but is a minimum of 100 hours for all fields. However the practice component may take longer for nurses that have been out of practice for a significant time period or take time to achieve the required competencies. The course must be completed within 6 months.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q. How do I arrange a clinical practice placement? A. Contact the Programme Leader directly and explain you want to enter a Return to Nursing Programme (RTP) at Keyll Darree and are enquiring if a suitable placement in your chosen background is possible. The Programme Leader will supply contact names and numbers for you to utilise on the first day of the course

Q. I have been out of practice more than 30 years, can I join the programme? A. Yes, you will not be discriminated against because of the length of time you have been out of nursing. The aim of the RTP programme is to help individuals like you to return to nursing after a break, however long that may be.

Q. What if I haven't written an essay since my student days? A. Prior to commencement of the programme you will be offered a place on the 4 day Study Skills and Research Awareness Workshop, free of charge. During the programme you will also be supported by a personal tutor who will guide you towards reaching the required standard in your written work.

Q. Can I do the programme while I am still working in my current job? A. Yes, many students continue with their current jobs whilst undertaking the RTP programme. However, you are advised that the programme is intensive, and requires concentration, focus and a high standard of work from you as a responsible adult learner. Time management skills and a firm commitment to the programme are required throughout. Due to the demands of the course the NMC requiring RTP students to work 40% of the time with your allocated mentor. Therefore, working at least two days a week in practice in regular succession is a commitment that is expected of the RTP student. You will be assigned a mentor to support you through your practical experience.

Q. How soon can I start my placement? A. You can start your clinical placement after your CRB, occupational health checks and references are completed satisfactorily and you have completed the mandatory training that enables you to commence placement.

Q. What health screening and status is required? A. For your protection and that of your patients / clients, it is essential that nursing students have completed an immunisation programme or demonstrate immunity to the following diseases:

- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Hepatitis B
- Polio
- Rubella (German Measles)

- Varicella (chickenpox)
- MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella)
- Fit to practice

You will be seen by our Occupational Health Department.

Q. How proficient with a computer must I be? A. If you are not used to a computer it is a good idea to learn some basic computer skills that will be useful to you on the programme, e.g. accessing the internet and using email. Searching the World Wide Web, basic use of a word processing package and having an established email address would be of great benefit to you. If you do not own a computer facilities are available in libraries and internet cafes etc. and the Library in Keyll Darree provides all the onsite Information Technology (IT) facilities you will require, together with guidance and support from teaching and Library staff. However, to get the most from the flexibility the blended e-learning course has to offer. Access to a computer at home would be most beneficial.

Information on the parts of the register can be found on the NMC website at www.nmc-uk.org - go to 'registration' then 'useful information'.

Who are suitable referees

We require your referees to have known you for at least one year, and have been in contact with you within the last six months. They must not be a relative or an employee of yours.

One of the referees should be your current or previous employer.

In addition, one of the referees must be from one of the listed professional groups below, and their occupation must be clearly indicated on the reference form. This list is taken from the list of acceptable countersignatures that the NMC use and you will be required to obtain a reference from one of the 'acceptable counter signatories' when applying to reregister with the NMC.

Acceptable referees: Accountant (with Professional Qualifications), Acupuncturist (with Professional Qualifications), Barrister, Bio-Medical Scientist, Chemist, Chiropodist, Commissioner of Oaths, Councillor: Local or County, Counsellor, Civil Servant (permanent), CSCI (nee National Care Standards Commission), Dentist Doctor, Engineer (with Professional Qualifications), Merchant Navy Officer, Nurse or Midwife (with effective registration or officially retired), Minister of a recognised religion, Officer of the armed services (Active or Retired), Optician Orthodontist Osteopath, Paramedic, Physiotherapist, Police Officer, Practice Manager, Psychologist, Registration Authority/Licensing Board, Fire Service Official, General Practitioner, Judge / Justice of the Peace, Lawyer, Legal Secretary (members and fellows of the Institute of legal secretaries), Local Government Officer, Local Health Authority, Member of Parliament, Social Worker, Solicitor, Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (with effective registration or officially retired), Surveyor (with professional Qualifications), Teacher, Lecturer, Therapist, Veterinarian, Ward manager.

Funding the course

All nurses wanting to RTP will not incur any fees. This includes the DBS, occupational health and uniforms.

There is no bursary available for this course. All expenses have to be met by the student, with the exception of programme fees.

Course dates (subject to change)

The course will be offered two times a year (September 2016 and March 2017) and is delivered at Keyll Darree Education and Training Centre, Strang. The RTP programme is endorsed through the University of Chester.

Additional information:

1. You will be allocated a member of the corporate nursing team to support you through your programme
2. You can join the Bank and work as a Health Care Assistant until you are registered.
3. You are entitled to join NHS Discounts <http://www.healthservicediscounts.com/register>