

## ARE YOU A NEW NURSE IN GENERAL PRACTICE NURSING?

### Applications are sought for the NES General Practice Nursing Programme Cohort 9 commencing September 2019

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) delivers a funded practice based-learning programme for registered nurses recently employed in General Practice in Scotland. This is an accelerated programme to enable registered nurses, as part of a multidisciplinary general practice team, to provide contemporary general practice nursing (GPN) approaches to meet their learning needs and national primary health care priorities.

This NES GPN Programme is delivered over 13 months and includes **mandatory** participation in a series of funded central study days (8 taught days) and regular facilitated learning sessions. The programme of learning is delivered by NES General Practice Nursing Education Supervisors who are highly experienced general practice nurses who have undertaken a postgraduate teaching course.

The participants learn while working in their current employing practice therefore a GP Sponsor and a Practice Preceptor must support all applications.

#### APPLICANTS

Applicants for Cohort 9 must be registered on Part 1 of the NMC Register as adult nurses. Applicants should ideally be new into the area of general practice nursing within the preceding 2 years and are employed as general practice nurses. Applicants must be highly motivated, willing to learn, and committed to their self-development. They must be able to commit to **personal study of approximately four hours per week**. It is important to have good communication skills and to demonstrate commitment to the delivery of quality person centred care.

#### ASSESSMENT

The knowledge and clinical skills required to provide health promotion activities, health screening, and long-term condition management are included in this quality assured programme. NES will award a Certificate of Completion to successful participants. The GPN Programme has been credit rated by Queen Margaret University Edinburgh and recommended that participants who

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successfully complete the programme should be considered to have achieved 60 credits at SCQF level 10 (under review).

Learning will be assessed by a variety of methods including submission of a portfolio of reflective evidence, observation of clinical and consultation skills, and referenced essays.

## FUNDING

NES funds the programme delivery costs and travel and subsistence expenses incurred by participants in attending central training events.

## EVALUATION

*The programme has been very worthwhile. I feel through a large amount of self-learning with the tools I was given I have expanded my skills, knowledge and confidence greatly.*

*Participant NES GPN Programme 2014-15*

*We are delighted with the level / breadth of training received by our practice nurse which has allowed her to rapidly step into her increased role after recent team changes – very impressed with her and your work in training her.*

*General Practitioner on Participant 2013-14*

## HOW TO APPLY

Prospective participants are invited to submit a *typed* completed application form. Please complete Sections A, B & C (do not send a CV). Before completing this, it is important to read the accompanying Applicant Guidance Notes, which contains more details about the GPN Programme and the Applicant Person Specification. Email the completed and signed form to [medicalpracticenurse@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:medicalpracticenurse@nes.scot.nhs.uk)

**Closing date is 12 noon on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

If you require any further information on the recruitment, selection process or the NES GPN Programme, please contact [medicalpracticenurse@nes.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:medicalpracticenurse@nes.scot.nhs.uk)

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