Return to Practice

Module Codes: NUR1042 (level 4), NUR2151 (level 5), NUR3226 (level 6)

Credits / Level of Study
15 credits / Levels 4, 5 & 6

Module Aims
The programme aims to offer a contemporary update in professional, clinical and theoretical aspects of clinical practice for nurses and midwives wishing to return to practice. This will enable returning practitioners to renew their registration and re-enter registered practice with the confidence that their skills are up-to-date and knowledge current. These practitioners will then be able to contribute to clinical effectiveness through their capacity to deliver safe and effective standards of patient and client care.

The module is designed for all practitioners previously entered on the Professional Register and who have had a break in practice and wish to return to the profession. Enrolled Nurses undertake the programme at Level 4. Nurses and Midwives undertake the programme at Level 5 or 6.

Module presentation and content is via ‘SurreyLearn’
SurreyLearn is a new approach for online learning. All assistance and guidance for use is provided within the student’s common room within SurreyLearn.

Module Content
The needs of each course member will be assessed and plans for study and clinical/practical experience structured to the individual’s requirements. The knowledge and skills required to achieve the module outcomes form the content of the taught days, the format of which is eight common foundation days and four specialist branch days. Trust induction and orientation are also required to be completed (up to four days).

Clinical / Practical Experience
The theoretical content of the course must be accompanied by appropriate clinical / practical experience, which is a minimum of 75-150 hours for nurses. The length of practice for a returnee midwife will vary according to the length of time out of practice and is set by the Local Supervisory Authority Midwifery Officer.

As a guide, if you have been out of practice for more than ten years you will be required to complete a minimum of 450 hours.

During the clinical / practical experience the generic content of the module is applied in each individual returnee’s specialist area. Practical experience should be undertaken in negation with the Mentor and the ‘Sign-Off’ Mentor.

Please see separate flyer for return to Specialist Community Public Health Nurse (SCPHN) for Health visitors.

Pre-requisites of Study
» Enrolled Nurse, Registered nurse, Registered Midwife
» Nurses and Midwives returning to practice for which English is a second language should have evidence of passing an International Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7.0 prior to being accepted onto the programme.

Additionally, students should have:
Evidence of obtaining a practice placement in which to undertake clinical experiences, the placement must have an Education Audit, a named mentor and ‘sign off’ mentor.

» The returnee will be expected to provide evidence at interview that all employment regulations of: Honorary/Contract, Occupational Health; Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) references and induction as required by the organisation will all be in place prior to the commencement of the Return to Practice Module / Practice Placement.

Assessment: Submission via ‘SurreyLearn’
Portfolio: Completion of hours in practice demonstrated through a Practice Competency document and a successful summative assessment by a mentor and signed/counter signed by a ‘sign off’ mentor.

Reflective Account: 2000 words (level 4)
2500 words (level 5) 3000 words (level 6)
Key Information

Study Day Dates
October 2015 Cohort
Pre-course Day (0930-1500)
September 28th 2015
Study Days (0900-1500)
October 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th
November 3rd & 24th
December 8th
January 12th 2016
January 20th, 27th & 28th
(Additional day for formative presentation prior to submission: February 16th)
*Additional Midwifery pathway dates TBC

Please check our website to ensure that there have been no revisions to the course dates listed

Interview dates at University of Surrey:
June 22nd 2015
July 20th 2015
September 7th 2015
September 16th 2015

Location Duke of Kent Building, University of Surrey

Cost: TBC

NHS Health Education England are currently running a campaign to return nurses to NHS delivered practice, please see link below for further information and practice opportunities:
http://kss.hee.nhs.uk/?s=back+to+nursing

Cost for Allied Health Professionals: TBC
For self-funding or employer funded students, an invoice for the cost of the fees will be raised 4 weeks prior to commencement.

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How to Apply
Application forms can be printed from our website (Please refer to criteria on page 2)

Please only apply if you meet one of the following criteria for application as set out below:

Criteria for application:

Previously qualified (nurses only)
A) If your training was consolidated (i.e. you practiced for a minimum of 6 months immediately after qualification) and your Personal Identification Number (PIN) has lapsed for no more than to the end of the 5th year.

B) If your PIN has expired for more than the end of the 5th year: you need to have evidence of undertaking a minimum of 150 hours of Health Care or Social Care work experience within last 6 months. Experience will be assessed on an individual basis. You will be required to submit an up to date CV with your application form.

C) If your PIN has been lapsed for more than 10 years but no more than to the end of the 15th year you will be required to meet the above criteria (B), plus references may also be requested from your current or previous employer.

D) If your training was not consolidated, i.e. you did not work as a nurse or midwife after qualifying for a minimum of 6 months. Only apply if you are within a 5 year period of achieving registration. In these circumstances an up to date CV will be required and references may be requested from your current or from a previous employer.

Each applicant who meets the criteria A, B, C or D will be required to ‘pass’ a selection Interview.

E) Allied Health Professionals

Please contact Module Leader for relevant information as a returner joining the Return to Practice course