Community Practitioner
Nurse Prescribing (V100)
Module Code NUR3191

Credits / Level of Study  
15 credits / Level 6

Module Aims  
The aims of this module are to:
- equip eligible nurses with the principles of prescribing to enable them to be safe, effective and cost-effective prescribers, in a primary care setting;
- enable students to understand the principles of good prescribing, the law relating to prescribing, accountability in prescribing and the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of drugs that are listed in the Nurse Prescribers Formulary.

Learning Outcomes  
On completion of the programme the students will have the knowledge and skills to meet the standards of proficiency required for community practitioner nurse prescribing and will be able to:
- Assess and consult with patients / clients and parents / carers
- Undertake a thorough history, including medication history and current medication (including over-the-counter, alternative and complementary health therapies) to inform diagnosis
- Understand and apply the relevant legislation to the practice of nurse / midwife prescribing
- Critically appraise, use sources of information / advice and decision support systems in prescribing practice
- Understand the influences that can impact on prescribing practice
- Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical dimensions of prescribing
- Understand and apply knowledge of drug actions in prescribing practice
- Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and relationships of others involved in prescribing, supplying and administering medicines
- Prescribe safely, appropriately and cost effectively
- Practise within a framework of professional accountability and responsibility
- Demonstrate knowledge and skills in prescribing

Pre-requisites of Study  
Students must be qualified NMC Specialist Practice or SCPHN practitioners working in primary care.

Delivery of Module  
Lectures, discussion groups, seminars, case studies, pre and post session study, virtual learning approaches

Assessment  
The assessment is designed to demonstrate the integrative nature of the learning and its application in practice. It consists of three parts:

a) Examinations (Pass/Fail)
   1. A general paper of multiple choice questions  
      Pass mark 80%
   2. A calculation paper of short answer questions  
      Pass mark 100%

b) Assignment (100% of the module marks)
   A critical account of a prescribing incident, following the principles of good prescribing.

c) Practice log (Pass/Fail)
   A log of 18 prescribing related, practice hours and two prescriptions relevant to practice should be included (one related to the essay).

Key Information

Study Dates
January 2020: 13, 16, 27
Assessment & Examination: 23 March 2020

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

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University of Surrey

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