Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
School of Health Sciences

Return to Practice
Module Codes: Nursing NUR3226 / Midwifery NUR3312

Credits / Level of Study 15 credits / Level 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. Nurses and Midwives undertake the programme at Level 6. (Please see page 2 of this flyer for application criteria).

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 three common foundation days and five 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. The length of practice for a returnee nurse / midwife will be 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.

Pre-requisites of Study
• Registered nurse, Registered Midwife
• Nurses and Midwives returning to practice for which English is a second language must have evidence of passing an International Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7.0.

Additionally, students should have:
Evidence of obtaining a practice placement in which to undertake clinical experiences and 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 (e.g. 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. Additional application criteria i.e. HCA hours and or evidence of prior learning will be completed prior to interview /commencement of the module.

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: 2500 words (level 6)

NB: Students have one year to complete both elements of assessment from the start of the module

Key Information

Study Dates
Core Days (0930-1630)
September 2019: 30
October 2019: 1, 2

Midwifery Pathway Days
To be arranged x5 days

Nursing Pathway Days
October 2019: 29
November 2019: 19
December 2019: 10
January 2020: 14
February 2020: 4

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

Interview dates
TBC

Location
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: https://comeback.hee.nhs.uk/

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
(We refer to criteria on page 2)

Please note the deadline for applications is Friday 26 July 2019.
This module no longer runs at Levels 4 or 5.

Academic criteria: Achieved Level 6 studies (i.e. have a Diploma Level 5).

Applicants who do not have evidence of meeting level 5 studies will have to evidence their ability to access Level 6 studies. This may be through the Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit (formerly APEL). Suitable candidates will receive support with developing a Portfolio of evidence for submission for assessment of RPL/RPC.

Criteria for previously qualified nurses/midwives:

A) 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.

B) 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 10th year.

Each applicant who meets the criteria A or B will be required to submit an up to date CV with your application form including details of 2 referees (which will include a reference from your current or most recent employer) and to ‘pass’ a selection interview.

Allied Health Professionals:
Please contact the Module Leader for relevant information as a returner joining the Return to Practice course.