Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
School of Health Sciences

Return to Specialist Community Public Health Nursing
Module Code NURM151

Credits / Level of Study 15 credits / Level 7

Module Aims
To provide the opportunity for lapsed Specialist Community Public Health Nurses (SCPHN) to achieve the knowledge, skills and competence required by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to be fit for practice /return to practice as a SCPHN in the UK. The module incorporates the core requirements of both Return to Nursing and SCPHN Standards which will allow the student to return to both Part 1 and Part 3 of the NMC Register.

Following successful completion of the programme the Nurse / SCPHN will be re-entered on to the NMC professional register (Parts 1 and Part 3 or Part 3 [if registration on either register has lapsed]).

Learning Outcomes
On completion of the module the student will be able to

- Reflect on personal and professional development, analysing immediate and longer term learning needs and devise a strategy to meet them
- Collate data relating to the health and well being of an identified population and critically analyse it to enable decision making to prioritise the allocation of resources
- Demonstrate skills in the assessment and identification of individuals at risk or in need of support and critically evaluate the provision of and access to services available in the locality
- Debate the importance of collaborative working within a multi-professional arena to facilitate improvements in the health outcomes of individuals, groups and communities
- Identify the requirements of clinical governance and evaluate the influence of legislation and health and social care policies on the wellbeing of the population
- Develop critical appraisal skills to facilitate an appreciation of the evidence base used to inform contemporary SCPHN practice
- Demonstrate skills in leadership and effective team working to sustain positive working relationships utilising the skills of the team appropriately
- Critically analyse the issues surrounding safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults and identify professional accountability

Pre-requisites of Study
1. Previous registration on part 1 of the NMC register
2. Previous NMC registration as a SCPHN (health visiting) or (school nursing) or a previous specialist practice qualification in school nursing or health visiting
3. A first degree

Delivery of Module
Different approaches relevant to the module content will be used which may include; Lectures, discussion groups, case studies, virtual learning approaches.

Assessment
On completing the module the student will be required to meet the core requirements of Part 1 and Part 3 of the NMC Register by demonstrating achievement of a combination of the Standards of Competence for Registration with the NMC (NMC 2010) and the SCPHN Standards (NMC 2004) cited in the Health Visitor Return to Practice Framework (DH 2011)

Professional portfolio
The assessment of theory and practice will be through the development of a professional portfolio, which demonstrates the achievement of the standards of proficiency specified by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). Specific practice outcomes and competencies are identified in the Portfolio of Practice Evidence.

OSPA
An assessment of clinical competency will be undertaken by the mentor/PT and submitted in the portfolio

Log of practice hours
Completion of the agreed hours in practice documented in the portfolio

Reflection
A reflective account demonstrating attainment of proficiency in the standards for SCPHN (NMC2004) 3,000 words total (Weighting 100%)

Key Information

2014/15
TBC

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

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