



BSc/PG Cert Practice Nursing

Developing you and your career

Are you...

- a Registered Nurse new to General Practice or about to embark on this career path?
- wanting to gain an academic qualification and competency in practice nursing?

If so, the Bachelor of Science (BSc) or a Post Graduate Certificate (PGCert) in Practice Nursing could be just what you are looking for.

This is a vital part of developing you as a competent, capable practitioner trained to deliver a dynamic, flexible, consistent, quality and patient-focused service.



What's it all about?

To address the needs of General Practice, Health Education England in the East Midlands, with involvement from local General Practice and De Montfort University, has created a single programme. This develops skills and competencies for nurses new to General Practice.

How much does it cost?

The programme is subsidised by Health Education England with a contribution from General Practice of £500 for each eligible student. The employer cost is inclusive of the local requirements for cytology so that on successful completion of this element of the programme nurses will be allocated a screening number.

What will I learn?

- The necessary skills to work as a General Practice Nurse, including essential clinical competencies such as venepuncture, ear care, wound management and cervical cytology.

- The programme mirrors the competencies set out by the Royal College of General Practitioners* (RCGP) for General Practice Nurses.

What is the time commitment?

The programme lasts for 40 weeks, starting with 17 taught days over 16 weeks. Individuals will need to commit to achieving a theoretical knowledge base including academic assessments, demonstrate competency in clinical practice and undertake periods of self directed study, including work in their own time.

What support will I get?

You will be supported in your academic work through De Montfort University. In your workplace you will require an internal trainer (a practice nurse or GP within your practice area) and you will also be allocated to an external trainer. The external trainer is responsible for overseeing your learning and objectively assessing your competency.

What qualification will I gain?

Successful completion of the programme includes an award of either a Bachelor of Science (BSc) or a Post Graduate Certificate (PGCert) in Practice Nursing.

Who can apply?

- To apply you will need to be employed in General Practice and have the support of your employer.
- If you are not already working in Practice Nursing, you will need to secure an employment offer and your employer's support before you start the programme.
- You will need to satisfy the programme's eligibility requirements.

When does it run?

The programme is available twice a year.



* <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/membership/practice-teams-nurses-and-managers/~media/Files/Membership/GPF/RCGP-GPF-Nurse-Competencies.ashx>

What do I do next?

For more information please visit: www.dmu.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate-courses/practice-nursing.aspx

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