

Foundation Degree: Nursing Associate (Apprenticeship) Urgent and Emergency Care

2 years full-time

This unique apprenticeship course has been designed to enable Healthcare Assistants become Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) registered Nursing Associates, a new role designed to bridge the gap in care delivery as identified by the Shape of Caring Review (Willis, 2015). In addition to the standard NMC pathway, this new Nursing Associate programme will support Trainee Nursing Associates to develop their skills and competencies across the wider urgent and emergency care sector, enabling them to provide high quality, holistic, person-centred safe and effective nursing care in and across a wide range of health and social care settings.

In line with the apprenticeship model, the course is designed to support a training in practice approach. Whilst undertaking the course you will remain employed by your host organisation and will spend 60% of your time rotating through emergency departments, community based urgent care centres, primary and community care and social care workplace settings. 20% of your time will be spent accessing alternative placements and the remaining 20% will be spent undertaking theory work. The course culminates in an End Point Assessment (EPA) which is independently assessed outside of the Higher Education Institution (Educational Skills Funding Agency, 2018).

This Nursing Associate Apprenticeship Foundation Degree course is a full-time two year undergraduate course consisting of Foundation (Year 1) and Intermediate (Year 2) level study at Framework for Higher Education Qualifications Levels 4 and 5 respectively, which is in keeping with the Framework for Higher Education in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education, 2008). The course is designed to be progressively demanding between levels. Once qualified, Nursing Associates will be regulated by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Entry requirements

You must:

- Be employed by an organisation who supports the UEC Apprenticeship Scheme and meet the entry requirements of your employer
- Have GCSE English Language or English Literature and Maths at grade 4 or above, or grade C or above if awarded under the previous GCSE grading scheme, or Level 2 Functional Skills in Maths and English



- Complete a rehabilitation of Offenders form and have an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check

If your first language is not English, you will need to meet the minimum requirements of an English Language qualification. The minimum of IELTS 6.5 with no element lower than 6.0, or equivalent, will be considered.

Placements

Placements are a compulsory element of the course where you will experience 24 hours and 7 day care. You will spend 60% of your time on the course in the workplace, which will be rotated through Urgent and Emergency care settings. You'll also spend 20% on your time on a supernumerary basis in an alternative placement provider, covering a variety of settings and care delivered across the lifespan. Whilst undertaking your clinical placements you will work alongside qualified supervisors and assessors who will provide any help and support you require.

Course structure

Year 1

- Foundations for Nursing Associates 1
- Foundations for Nursing Associates 2
- Learning to Learn
- Nursing Associate Practice 1

Year 2

- Nursing Associate Concepts and Care Approaches
- Nursing Associate Practice 2
- Professional Development for Nursing Associates
- Research for Nursing Associates
- You'll also complete the End Point Assessment

Career opportunities

This course provides the opportunity for Healthcare Assistants to become Nursing Associates, in order to bridge the gap in care delivery as identified by the Shape of Caring Review (Willis, 2015).

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