Community Practitioner Nurse Prescribing (V150) - NUR-30189 (30 Level 6 credits)

Module Profile 2015/6

**Studying**
Community practitioner nurse prescribing (V150) - for nurses without a specialist practitioner qualification

**Module overview**
This module will equip community nurses, who do not hold a specialist practitioner degree or SCPHN qualification, to prescribe safely and cost effectively from the Community Prescribing Formulary.

This will enhance their roles and enable holistic care to be given to patients out in the community more effectively and thus providing more efficient and quality care.

The module has been developed in line with guidance from the Department of Health and the Nursing and Midwifery Council and will also have the added benefit of inter-professional education from shared learning with the independent and supplementary prescribing module for nurses and midwives, the supplementary prescribing module for allied health professionals and the V100 prescribing module which is taught as a core module on the specialist practitioner in public health programme. It is also taught with staff from both the School of Nursing and Midwifery and the School of Medicine, who are specialists in pharmacology.
Who is it for?
This module is designed for community nurses who require the prescribing role, but do not hold the specialist community practitioner qualification or specialist community public health nurse (SCPHN).

Entry Requirements
Applicants must provide evidence that they have met the NMC’s criteria for eligibility to undertake a community practitioner nurse prescribing module, as follows:

- You must be a first level registered nurse or midwife
- You intend to practise in an area of clinical need for which prescribing from the Community Practitioner Formulary will improve patient/client care and service delivery.
- You must have at least two years experience as a practising community nurse and be deemed competent by your employer to undertake the module. Of these three years, the year immediately proceeding application to the module must have been in the clinical field in which you intend to prescribe. Part time workers must have practised for a sufficient period to be deemed competent by their employer.
- You must provide evidence via the Accreditation of Prior and Experiential Learning (APEL) process of your ability to study at minimum academic level six (degree).

In addition, you will need to have written confirmation from:

- Your employer of their support for you to undertake the prescribing module
- The module lead about your selection onto the prescribing module. This should be given to you and your employer
- A practice teacher who is a practising community practitioner nurse prescriber and also a sign off mentor, and who has agreed to provide supervision for the duration of the module.

Module Aims
Assess and consult with a range of patients/clients, clients, parents and carers, within the community setting
Undertake a thorough history including medication history, current medication (including over the counter, alternative and complementary therapies) to inform diagnosis, in consultation with patients and carers
Understand and apply the legislation relevant to the practice of community practitioner nurse prescribing
Critically appraise and use sources of information, advice and decision support in prescribing practice
Understand the influences that can affect prescribing practice, and demonstrate an understanding by managing prescribing practice in an ethical way
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
Practice within a framework of professional accountability and responsibility in relation to community practitioner nurse prescribing

Module Content
- consultation, decision making and therapy including referral
- influences on, and the psychology of prescribing
- prescribing in the team context
- evidence based practice and clinical governance in relation to community nurse prescribing
- clinical pharmacology, therapeutics and the effects of co-morbidity
- legal, policy and ethical aspects of prescribing
- professional accountability and responsibility
- prescribing in the public health context

Assessments
- An analytical reflection of 2500 words of the ethical, legal and professional facets of their expected role as a community practitioner prescriber
- MCQ and short answer paper which lasts for 2 hours
- Numeracy exam
- Clinical Competencies

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