School of Nursing and Midwifery

Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals NUR-40033 (30 Level 7 credits)

Module Overview

Studying Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals

Course Overview:
This module will equip allied health professionals acting within their scope of professional practice, to prescribe safely, appropriately and cost effectively as independently and supplementary prescribers. This will enhance their role within clinical practice and enable them to contribute further to the achievement of effective patient outcomes.
Entry Requirements:
Course entry requirements as set out by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC), which state that the student must;

1. Be registered with the HCPC in one of the relevant allied health professions
2. Be professionally practising in an environment where there is an identified need for the individual to regularly use independent and/or supplementary prescribing
3. Be able to demonstrate support from their employer/sponsor including confirmation that the entrant will have appropriate supervised practice in the clinical area in which they are expected to prescribe
4. Have an approved medical practitioner, normally registered by the employer/health service commissioning group; a) who has experience in the relevant field of practice, b) who is trained and has experience in the supervision, support and assessment of trainees, c) who has agreed to provide the student with opportunities to develop competencies in prescribing and to supervise, support and assess the student during their clinical placement
5. Normally have at least 3 years relevant post qualification experience; and
6. Programme providers must ensure through the pre-programme assessment or from clear documented evidence that candidates have appropriate background knowledge and experience and are able to study at academic level 7.

Course Aims:
The education programme aims to develop the knowledge and skills required by an allied health professional to practice as an independent and/or supplementary prescriber, meeting the standards set by the HCPC (2013), for entry onto the Register as an independent and/or supplementary prescriber.

Course Content:
This module has been developed in response to the Department of Health and Health Care Professions Council expansion of prescribing rights for appropriate allied health professionals, namely physiotherapists and podiatrists.

Indicative content falls under 14 general themes as stipulated by the Outline Curriculum Document form independent and supplementary prescribing of physiotherapists and podiatrists (DH, 2013), which are;

1. initial clinical assessment
2. communication
3. knowledge of medicines
4. evidence based practice
5. clinical decision making
6. shared decision making
7. care planning and follow up
8. documentation
9. legal and ethical issues
10. scope and practice
11. continuing professional development
12. prescribes safely
13. public health issues related to prescribing
14. complying with health care policy

Course Assessment:
1. Portfolio - an e-portfolio to map the progress of the student’s preparatory prescribing practice.
2. Exam - a short answer paper on pharmacology and prescribing issues/roles.
3. Numeracy exam.
4. Objective Structured Skills and Clinical Examination (OSCE) - to assess consultation skills and prescription writing.
5. Competence - clinical prescribing competencies assessed in practice.

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Course Duration
29 weeks

Attendance
12 taught day sessions

Course Commencement
September

Award
30 Level 7 credits

Course Cost
Please contact Course Administration

Course Venue
Keele University, Clinical Education Centre, University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, Royal Stoke University Hospital, Newcastle Road, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 6QG

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