

Variation to the Programme Specification

For Academic Year 2020/21

Name of programme(s) and award type(s): <i>(such as Single Honours History with International Year)</i>	MSc Advancing Professional Practice
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Dear students,

As part of our commitment to continually work to improve our programmes, and in light of our plans to start next academic year with a hybrid delivery model due to the impact of Covid-19, we are confirming in this document the changes to your programme in the Academic Year 2020/21. More general information about what studying at the University will be like in 2020/21 can be found here:

<https://www.keele.ac.uk/coronavirus/operations/>

Overview of changes to your programme

The MSc Advancing Professional Practice programme is a post-registration part-time programme with minimal core modules and a range of elective modules, selected by the student on a personalised pathway. There have been some delays to modules as a result of Covid-19 and a proportion of content for each module will move to online delivery, both asynchronous and synchronous. Essential sessions will be delivered in-situ in a safe environment, with the use of provided PPE. Assessments may be modified, where necessary, to include online assessments such as poster presentations, multiple choice assessments and short answer examinations. Where OSCEs are required and deemed to be essential, e.g. Health Assessment, these will be carried out in a risk assessed environment with appropriate PPE. Students will be made aware of any changes in delivery prior to selecting modules for their pathway.

Specific planned changes

How the programme will be taught <i>(include any significant changes to the balance between on campus and digital delivery and what students can expect)</i>	The modules offered within the MSc Advancing Professional Practice will be delivered, where possible, utilising asynchronous and synchronous materials/teaching via MS Teams. Where a module includes the acquisition of essential clinical skills, in-situ sessions will be delivered for these elements of the module. Sessions will be timetabled (for in-situ and synchronous sessions) at the start of the module).
Changes to placements, field courses or other practical activities <i>(where applicable)</i>	N/A
Learning resources and any potential additional costs <i>(such as equipment requirements)</i>	Given an increasing level of online teaching and assessments for this programme, it would be preferable if students had access to computer equipment with a webcam and microphone. It may also be preferable for students to have adequate Wi-Fi connectivity and associated internet speeds. Students who need support in accessing

	appropriate IT equipment may be eligible to apply for support from the University's hardship fund .
How the programme will be assessed <i>(a general summary of changes to assessment methods)</i>	The modules are assessed via a range of methods – essays, practice assessment documents and portfolios of evidence, OSCE's and exams. Where possible, assessments will continue as approved, however some assessments may need to be modified. Such modifications may include a move to an online assessment such as a poster presentation, multiple choice assessment and short answer examination. Where OSCEs are required and deemed to be essential for a specific module, e.g. Health Assessment, these will be carried out in a risk assessed environment with appropriate PPE.
How students are supported <i>(any alternative arrangements such as communication methods, support networks etc.)</i>	Students will be supported by the Award Lead via scheduled meetings or via email or telephone as required by the student. Students can also provide feedback or report concerns via their student rep or directly via email or online or telephone conversation. Feedback from modules will be collated via the KLE or verbally during the synchronous sessions.

Updated module lists for 2020/21

Level 7 modules

Optional modules	Module Code	Semester	Credits	Added/removed/unchanged?
Adult Chest X-ray Assessment, Interpretation and Reporting	NUR-40068	Tri 3	15	Postponed until Tri 3 2021
Advanced Critical Care Practitioner	NUR-40046	Tri 1-3	60	Increase in online content.
Advancing Professional Practice Core	NUR-40072	Tri 1-2	30	Move to online delivery
An Introduction to Clinical Effectiveness	NUR-40039	x 2 Tri 1-2 & Tri 3-3	15	Move to online delivery
Advanced Work-Based Practice Project	NUR-40037	x 2 Tri 1-3 & Tri 2-1 (Y1)	60	Unchanged
Clinical Leadership	NUR-40042	x 2 TRI 1-2 & TRI 2-3	15	Move to online delivery
Education for Clinical Instructors in Life Support	NUR-40091	4 iterations per year (Oct, Jan, April, July), have up to 2 years to complete. All online.	30	Unchanged
Foundations in Neonatal Nursing	NUR-40074	Tri 1 - 3 & Y1	15	Mixed: in-situ and online
Practice Focused Neonatal Intensive Care	NUR-40075	Please refer to comments column	45	Mixed: in-situ & online
Critical Care Practice	NUR-40045	Tri 1-3	30	Mixed: in-situ and online
Health Assessment in Clinical Practice	NUR-40014	Y1 (currently starts in Jan)	30	Mixed: in-situ & online

Community Practitioner Nurse Prescribing (V100)	NUR-40065	Tri 3	15	Unchanged
Independent and Supplementary Nurse/Midwife Prescribing	NUR-40047	x 2 TRI 1-3 & Y1	30	Mixed: in-situ & online
Independent and Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals	NUR-40033	x 2 TRI 1-3 & Y1	30	Mixed: in-situ & online
Masters Dissertation	NUR-40019	Tri 1-3 (Y1)	60	Unchanged
Mental Health Assessment for Non-Mental Health Settings L7	NUR-40067	Tri 2 -3	15	Move to online
Minor Injury: Assessment and Management	NUR-40069	Y1 (June)	15	Postponed until 2021
Drug Therapy in Rheumatological Practice	NUR-40064	Alt year at Haywood.	30	Mixed: in-situ & online
Physical Assessment in Rheumatological Practice	NUR-40044		15	Mixed: in-situ & online
Physical Assessment in Rheumatological Practice	NUR-40038		15	Mixed: in-situ & online
Psychological and Social Aspect of Care	NUR-40040		15	Mixed: in-situ & online
Research for Health Professionals	NUR-40043		15	Mixed: in-situ & online
Working in Partnership to Support People with Long-Term Conditions	NUR-40056	Tri 1 - 2	15	Delay to start date