



UNIVERSITY OF THE  
WEST of SCOTLAND

**UWS**

**Community Nurse  
Prescribing V150  
(SCQF Level 9)**

**APPLICANT  
INFORMATION**

## Introduction and module overview

The aim of the course is to prepare first level nurses and midwives as Community Nurse V150 Prescribers who can prescribe from the Nurse Prescriber's Formulary (NPF). The course has been approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the prescribing qualification is recordable by the NMC. The modules represent 20 SCQF credits at SCQF Level 9 (degree level) and is underpinned by the [RPS \(2021\) Competency Framework for All Prescribers](#) and [NMC \(2018\) Standards for Prescribing Programmes](#).

An experienced, multi-professional academic team delivers the module using a hybrid model of teaching and learning using the UWS virtual learning environment. In addition, work-based learning within your area of practice will be undertaken which is facilitated and supervised by a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) and Nominated Practice Supervisor\*.

## Who can apply for this module?

Applications are welcome from first level nurses and midwives in the NHS or independent sector who meet the entry criteria determined by the standards of Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC 2018). Applicants must have a minimum of 1-year post registration experience in the area in which they intend to prescribe and have a current professional registration with no restrictions on practice.

All applicants must have the support of their employing organisation to undertake the module; employers must agree to support a total of 48 protected learning hours, in addition to 65 hours of learning in practice. At the point of application, a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP)\* and Nominated Practice Supervisor must be identified who can support the 65 hours of supervised learning in practice.

All applicants must be able to demonstrate safe and effective practice in clinical/health assessment, diagnostics/care management and planning and evaluation of care within the intended area of prescribing practice. Applicants must also demonstrate the ability to study at the SCQF level applied for, which will normally be through completion of a previous level 9 module. Applications may be considered for those without the required academic qualification but with prior learning or experience that can mapped to [RPS \(2021\) Competency Framework for All Prescribers](#). For further guidance on this, or for information on the additional requirements for Independent/Non-

NHS applicants, please contact UWS using the details below.

## Module Delivery and Content

The module will be delivered over one academic term using a hybrid model for teaching and learning. Theory will be delivered using a blend of synchronous online workshops, tutorial support, asynchronous online learning activities, and academic support. Practice based learning will be within the applicant's own clinical area and contextualised to their intended area of prescribing practice.

Both the theoretical and practice based elements are based on the [RPS \(2021\) Competency Framework for All Prescribers](#) and therefore focus on:

### The Consultation

1. Assess the patient
2. Identify evidence-based treatment options available for clinical decision making
3. Present options and reach a shared decision
4. Prescribe
5. Provide information
6. Monitor and review

### Prescribing Governance

7. Prescribe safely
8. Prescribe professionally
9. Improve prescribing practice
10. Prescribe as part of a team

## Module Assessment

The module has three assessment components and all must be passed to pass module overall and record prescribing qualification.

1. Numeracy/Pharmacology Class Test (Numeracy pass mark: 100%; Pharmacology pass Mark: 80%)
2. Written Case Study (Pass mark 40%)
3. Clinical Portfolio of Practice (Marked Pass/Fail, as assessed by DPP)

## Module Fees

The following are fees for Scottish residents in 2022/23, please ensure funding arrangements are in place prior to making an application

- NURS09230 Community Nurse Prescribing = £305

## Start Date and Application Deadline

**Lanarkshire - January 2023** (applications must be submitted by 14th November 2022).

\*The DPP is equivalent to the Practice Assessor; DPPs and Nominated PSs must meet competencies within [RPS \(2019\) A Competency Framework for Designated Prescribing Practitioners](#).

## How to apply

### NHS Employees

All NHS employees must gain approval to apply for the module from their own NHS Prescribing Lead/Team, who will then provide them with the UWS Prescribing Application Form. This is essential before any application can be accepted. For information on who to contact for this please see the information below.

### Independent Applicants

All Independent applicants/Non-NHS employees must contact UWS to discuss entry requirements and access a UWS Prescribing Application Form for Independent Applicants. Please note that it is a requirement of admission that the clinical area is registered with a Health Care Regulator, such as Health Improvement Scotland (HIS) and there may be a requirement for a UWS educational audit of the practice/clinic.

All applicants must then make an application directly to the University of the West of Scotland using our Online Application which can be accessed at: <http://apply.uws.ac.uk> where they will upload their completed UWS Prescribing Application form and required supporting evidence (full instructions can be found within the UWS Prescribing Application Form).

Please note that we will be unable to consider any application until all required documents have been uploaded to the Online Application system.



## Health Board Contacts

### NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

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