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**NON MEDICAL PRESCRIBING
(V300) / PRESCRIBING IN
ADVANCED PRACTICE**

**APPLICANT
INFORMATION**

Introduction

The aim of this course is to prepare nurses, midwives, podiatrists and physiotherapists to prescribe independently (using a prescription) and supplementary (using a clinical management plan) and to prepare radiographers to prescribe using supplementary prescribing. The course has been validated by NHS Education for Scotland, the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC). The course can be undertaken at SCQF Level 9 (degree level), either on campus or by blended learning. It can also be undertaken at SCQF level 11 (post graduate) on campus only. The prescribing qualification is recordable with the relevant professional body.

Who is the course for?

The course is open to nurses, midwives, podiatrists, physiotherapists and radiographers with 3 years post registration experience (or part time equivalent), who have worked for at least one year in the clinical area in which they wish to prescribe. The applicant must have the support of their employing organization, and a designated medical supervisor.

How long does the course last?

The course has two intakes per year; September and January. At SCQF level 9 the module is worth 40 credits and is taken over 2 terms. At SCQF Level 11 the module is worth 20 credits and is normally completed over 20 weeks. Critical discussion of research in prescribing practice is integral to this module and an academic pre-requisite is that L11 applicants must demonstrate an understanding of the research process (i.e. completion of a research module). Students attending on campus require 26 theoretical study days (usually delivered as one week on campus every third week). Students undertaking the course by blended learning (SCQF level 9 only) require attendance of 10 days on campus, plus 10 study days to access additional learning material on line. The practice component for all levels requires 12 days (or 78 hours equivalent) of supervised clinical practice in the student's own place of work, and this is undertaken by arrangement with the designated medical practitioner.

Course Content:

- Assessment, consultation and decision making
- Professional, legal and ethical frameworks of prescribing
- Clinical pharmacology
- Evidence-based practice and clinical governance in relation to prescribing
- Prescribing in the wider context (i.e. working within the multidisciplinary team, safety-netting, external demands and boundaries etc.)
- Prescribing in specific contexts (i.e. mental health, older adult, paediatrics, public health etc.)

The module outcomes are generic to non-medical prescribing in the wider sense but will be contextualised by the student to their own area of practice.

Theoretical and clinical assessment:

- Completion of a Reflective Portfolio in practice demonstrating achievement of 30 competencies for non-medical prescribers which meet the specific requirements of the HCPC and NMC and are based on the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's (RPS) Competency Framework for all Prescribers (2016). The Portfolio will also include a detailed examination of a patient in practice. The designated medical practitioner is responsible for assessing clinical competence in practice.
- Reflective case studies will be completed linking prescribing theory to clinical practice.
- A Pharmacology and Numeracy exam (the pass marks are 80% and 100% respectively).

The student must be successful in all aspects of the coursework in order to gain a prescribing qualification.

How much does the course cost?

The cost of the course is dependent on the mode in which it is undertaken. The following are the fees for a Scottish resident in 2019/20:

- £650 at SCQF level 9
(Module code: NURS 09221)
- £790 at SCQF level 11 on campus
(Module code: NURS 11073)

(Funding for the course will normally be met by employers, who can then reclaim £1000 from the Scottish Government central funding budget for non-medical prescribing. If you work within the NHS, please ensure your NHS Lead for Prescribing is aware of your application for the course before submitting this to the University).



When will the module be delivered?

Classes for the module can be found below. Please ensure you are able to attend all days.

V300 COURSE – SEPTEMBER 2019

PAISLEY

5x FULL WEEKS beginning:

Week 1 - 2nd September 2019

Week 2 - 23rd September 2019

Week 3 - 21st October 2019

Week 4 - 4th November 2019

Week 5 - 2nd December 2019

Exam date - Friday 6th December 2019

V300 COURSE – SEPTEMBER 2019

LANARKSHIRE

5x FULL WEEKS beginning:

Week 1 - 9th September 2019

Week 2 - 30th September 2019

Week 3 - 21st October 2019

Week 4 - 11th November 2019

Week 5 - 2nd December 2019

Exam date – Friday 6th December 2019

V300 COURSE – JANUARY 2020

PAISLEY

5x FULL WEEKS beginning:

Week 1 - 13th January 2020

Week 2 - 3rd February 2020

Week 3 - 24th February 2020

Week 4 - 16th March 2020

Week 5 - 13th April 2020

Exam date - Tuesday 14th April'20

V300 COURSE – JANUARY 2020

LANARKSHIRE

5x FULL WEEKS beginning:

Week 1 - 20th January 2020

Week 2 - 10th February 2020

Week 3 - 2nd March 2020

Week 4 - 23rd March 2020

Week 5 - 13th April 2020

Exam date - Tuesday 14th April'20

How do I be considered for the module?

In order to be considered for the module you must obtain an application pack. How to obtain this will depend on whether you work for the NHS or not. Information on how to obtain the application pack can be found below:

1) ** All NHS employees or those affiliated with the NHS

(e.g practice nurses) must contact their own NHS prescribing team who will provide them with the appropriate application paperwork. This is essential before any application can be accepted.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde:

Mandy Logan: 0141 201 6020 or NMP@ggc.scot.nhs.uk

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NHS Highland:

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NHS Dumfries & Galloway:

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Nicola Ross: Nicola.Ross@nhs.net

Alice Wilson: Alice.Wilson@nhs.net

2) **All NON - NHS employees (or those from health boards not listed above) must contact the course leader or a member of the course team to discuss entry requirements and access an application pack. This is essential before any application can be accepted.

Contacts:

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NOTE: YOU MUST ALSO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION TO UWS AT <http://apply.uws.ac.uk>

For further information and application details, please contact: Lynn Welsh, Lecturer (Paisley Campus)
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