



**UNIVERSITY OF  
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**Faculty of Health**

School of Nursing & Midwifery

BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult Health, Child Health, Mental Health)  
including Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Route

4-year Part time route

## **Guidance for Practice Supervisors/Assessors**

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The purpose of this document is to explain the 4-year part time BSc (Hons) Nursing programme and in particular elements of the part time programme, which relate to practice. The information below will therefore be helpful to practice assessors/supervisors, clinical teams and academic assessors supporting nursing students including registered nurse degree apprentices who are undertaking their learning via the part time route. **Please note this document should be read in conjunction with the School of Nursing and Midwifery practice handbook.**

## 1.0 Rationale

The main driver behind the introduction of the four-year part time route (48 months) is in response to direct requests from our practice partners to enable them to support staff with career development and fit more appropriately with the apprenticeship model. This route also recognises the challenges a full time programme presents to some prospective learners and enables learners who would otherwise have not considered nursing to engage and work alongside their studies.

**Note: Our first cohort of part time students start practice on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September please refer to section 3.2.1**

## 2.0 Practice Information

The four-year part-time route comprises of three parts:

NMC part 1: 16 months (equivalent to year 1 of our full time programme)

NMC part 2: 16 months (equivalent to year 2 of our full time programme)

NMC part 3: 16 months (equivalent to year 3 of our full time programme)

Students are in academic study or in supernumerary practice for 22.5 hours per week and are required to complete 2300 practice hours over the duration of the programme minus any recognition of prior learning. If a student has a professional health related qualification and experience for example Nursing Associate/Assistant Practitioner qualification, they will generally complete the programme over 27 months and will undertake 1150 practice hours. Part time students will continue to have blocks of practice and theory in the same way as the full time students.

During practice blocks, students will be required to complete 22.5 hours per week in supernumerary practice and no more than 45 hours in two weeks. Students on the traditional non apprenticeship programme should not be rostered to attend placement on a Thursday or Friday as these students may well have other commitments (hence being on a part time programme). Students are however required to work similar shifts to that of colleagues in their allocated placements including nights, 12-hour shifts and weekends. If this causes any concern please contact Anna Chick Deputy Programme Lead for the Part Time programme [anna.chick@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:anna.chick@plymouth.ac.uk)

## 3.0 Practice Assessment

3.1 **Students studying part time undertaking parts 1, 2 and 3** are required to undertake the same practice assessment as our students on the full time programme and have the following placements:

NMC part 1 x 3 placements

NMC part 2 x 3 placements

NMC part 3 x 3 placements

**3.2 Students studying part time with recognition of prior learning (RPL)** will generally enter the programme mid-way through part 2 and will undertake the following placements:

NMC part 2 x 2 placements

NMC part 3 x 3 placements

These students will be required to undertake the following assessments:

- **Proficiencies:** as per full time students with the exception of part 1
- **Cross field reflections:** three reflections as oppose to six to reflect RPL
- **Practice Assessments:-**
  - o Part 2 – same as year 2 full time students
  - o Part 3 – same as year 3 full time students

### **3.2.1 Part time students who are starting practice on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September.**

Our first cohort of part time students start practice on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September for 12 weeks, these are students joining mid-way through the programme (mid-way part 2) as they have recognition of prior learning so will not be required to complete any assessments from part one.

**This cohort of students are all apprentices** and whilst they undertake the practice assessments as outlined in section 3.2 it is important to note that as an apprentice they are required to meet the knowledge, skills and behaviours outlined in the [Nurse Degree Apprenticeship Standard](#). There is a separate self-assessment document that the apprentice completes and discusses with the apprenticeship practice educator and employer as part of their 12 weekly review. There is no requirement of the practice assessor/practice supervisor to carry out any additional assessments as the knowledge, skills and behaviours are embedded within the programme, however the apprentice will share with you their self-assessment document and this may form part of your practice-based discussions.

To support our first cohort of part time students in practice and to support clinical colleagues we have arranged weekly zoom drop in sessions as follows:

Day: Wednesdays from the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Time: 15:00 – 16:00

Duration: Weekly on Wednesday's until end of placement in December

Link: same link each week

<https://plymouth.zoom.us/j/92316100344?pwd=dWF1ZUtnNTkE4bWJ3UFJZZlBMdk93UT09>

Clinical colleagues are very welcome to join the zoom session at 15:45 on Wednesdays Date for first cohorts

#### 4.0 Contacts

If you have any questions regarding the part time route, please do make contact with us:



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