

## **Adjunct Guidance for Pre-Registration Nursing Interruptions during the Covid 19 Pandemic**

This guidance should be read in conjunction with the [Faculty Interruption Policy](#).

The ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and the introduction of the [NMC Recovery and Emergency Standards](#) has led to a situation in which a number of students have not been able to progress on their programme of study as expected. This adjunct guidance to the Faculty Interruption Policy sets out when students should be interrupted from their programmes.

The Faculty has removed the requirement for students to achieve all of their practice learning hours in order to progress but this has led to some situations in which students have not met any of the practice learning requirements for the part of the programme they are completing. In these circumstances Programme Leaders will need to decide if the student can progress to the next part. These decisions should be guided by the following principles:

1. Practice learning is an integral part of the programme and as such should not be seen as separate from the university learning the student is undertaking
2. The assessment outcomes for each part of a programme are linked to both the university learning and the practice learning and are therefore dependent on each being completed
3. If a student has not been able to complete the practice learning assessments for a part of a programme they should not progress to the next part until this learning is complete.
4. This excludes the completion of all practice hours so will allow a student to progress if they have completed the minimum number of practice hours to be assessed for the part.
5. Progression is dependent on:
  - a. Completion of all practice learning assessments
  - b. Completion of required university assessments
  - c. Completion of minimum practice hours

### **Examples**

#### **UG Nursing Student:**

Normal practice learning hours to be achieved for part 1: 650 hours

Normal practice learning hours to be achieved for part 2: 800 hours

Minimum practice learning hours that can be undertaken per part to be assessed: 450

#### **MSc Nursing Student:**

Normal practice learning hours to be achieved for part 1 and 2 of the programme: 450

Minimum practice learning hours that can be undertaken per part to be assessed: 300