

Prescribing for Nurses and Midwives

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Application process and additional information

Please read this information carefully.

The Nurse or Midwife Independent and Supplementary Prescribing (V300) module is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). This 60 Credit module is available at Level 7. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to study at postgraduate level and Level 7 modules are only available to those with a first degree, normally a 2.1 or above. **Please upload evidence of first degree if this has not been awarded at King's.**

For applicants who are undertaking the Advanced Clinical Practice pathway at King's – you must apply for this module as a free-standing module.

Aims

This module aims to equip nurses and midwives with the principles of prescribing, to enable them to prescribe safely, appropriately and cost effectively as independent or supplementary nurse prescribers.

Application Review Dates

Please be aware that the module lead will be reviewing applications once a month until the module is full at which time the portal will be closed. The module is always oversubscribed so this may be before the advertised closing date if applications exceed the number of places. We do not hold a waiting list.

Please ensure that the correct forms and information are submitted (see below) as incomplete applications will not be accepted. **Please do NOT submit forms other than the approved King's forms indicated on this page.** Please do not change the titles of the forms; please upload the forms with the correct titles (i.e., Practice Supervisor Form, Practice Assessor Form, Statement of Commitment) so that the forms can be easily identified, otherwise key information may be missed by the module leader and admissions team.

Attendance and teaching schedule

The module extends over six months and will require 26 days of theory (e-learning, self-directed study and online university lectures/seminars). Lectures and seminars will take place on Tuesdays for the first 10 weeks of the module, with the final day taking place in the 2nd term.

The dates are displayed on the portal, please check them carefully.

This is not a distance learning module. **Students will be attending seminars ALL DAY and attendance is COMPULSORY (100%) at all lectures regardless of the mode of delivery**, therefore it is expected that annual leave will not be taken on planned lecture/seminar days. Attendance is checked during lectures/seminars and absence from more than one session may entail withdrawal from the module.

In addition, there is a requirement to complete a total of 90 hours/12 x 7.5 hour days of supervised practice.

The Application Process

1. Applicant meets with their organisations Non-Medical Prescribing Lead (NMPL) to discuss potential application ensuring that funding is available and adequate arrangements have been made by the organisation to enable the student to undertake and be adequately supported throughout the module.
2. Check eligibility - to be eligible for the module, applicants must:
 - a) be a registered level 1 nurse (RN) or midwife with the NMC
 - b) have a minimum of 12 months registration as a registered level 1 nurse (RN) or midwife with the NMC
 - c) have practiced as a registered level 1 nurse (RN) or midwife full-time (or the equivalent part-time) for a year immediately preceding application to the module in the clinical field in which the applicant intends to prescribe
 - d) have a minimum of a first level degree and evidence of academic study within the last 10 years
 - e) have been deemed competent to safely and effectively practice clinical/health assessments; diagnostics/care management; planning and evaluating care within their proposed area of prescribing practice
3. Check NMC registration - before applying, applicants should check the exact details of their NMC registration including names used and PIN, so that the same details are used on the university application form. Discrepancies between details given at enrolment and those previously provided to the NMC will mean that prescribing qualifications will not be registered.
4. Identify two appropriate individuals to act as a Practice Supervisor to **supervise** clinical practice and a Practice Assessor to **assess** clinical practice. Please read the 'Practice Supervisor and Practice Assessor requirements' carefully before uploading the signed Practice Assessor and Practice Supervisor forms to the King's Apply application portal.
5. Complete and upload the required information to the King's Apply application portal as follows:

[Statement of Commitment form](#) - this has several sections and must be completed by all applicants, regardless of whether they are working in the NHS, working in a non-NHS setting, are self-employed or are self-funding.

Section 1 - to be completed by the applicant, giving a full personal statement explaining the reasons for undertaking the module and how it will impact on patient outcomes In Section 1.b the applicant must provide evidence of their numeracy skills if they are self-employed.

Section 2 - to be completed by the Non-Medical Prescribing Lead for the organisation. This must be signed by the NMP Lead (NMPL) and by the applicant's line manager. All NHS trusts are likely to have an NMPL in post. If the organisation does not have an NMPL then the relevant manager must complete the form and sign both the NMPL and Line Manager sections. Self-employed applicants must complete and sign all sections themselves. Please do not submit the application without both sections being signed by the appropriate person as your application may be rejected.

[The Practice Assessor form](#) and [Practice Supervisor form](#) - ensuring that a Practice Assessor and a Practice Supervisor have been identified and agreed as per section 4 above. Both forms must be signed, typed signatures are not accepted and the application will be rejected if the forms are not signed.

NB Applicants who intend to prescribe aesthetic (cosmetic) interventions will also be required to meet the [JCCP and CPSA guidance](#).

Applicants are signposted to the following online resource from The University of Surrey called 'Preparing to prescribe'. This is a [Surrey Implementation toolkit™](#) that provides resources for healthcare professionals, non-medical prescribing leads, service and provider organisations, commissioners, and Universities to support implementation of non-medical prescribing in practice.

Before submitting, please make sure that you have followed the instructions and advice given as incomplete applications will automatically be rejected.