Community Practitioner
Nurse Prescribing (V150)

University of York
The Department of Health Sciences
Community Practitioner Nurse Prescribing (V150)
Level 6 (Degree level)

This course addresses the national curricula and learning outcomes for community practitioner nurse prescribing. It aims to prepare community nurses without a specialist practitioner qualification to prescribe from the Nurse Prescribers’ Formulary for Community Practitioners.

Entry Requirements
The course is open to registered nurses who intend to practice in an area for which prescribing from the community practitioner formulary will improve patient or client care and service delivery. You must have at least two years’ experience in the area in which you intend to prescribe. You should have also spent the year preceding application in the clinical field in which you intend to prescribe. You must provide evidence of ability to study at minimum academic level 6 and have a CRB check that has been carried out within the last three years.

Access to the course is by a formal application, which must be approved by your manager or employer. An interview may be required. You will also need to have a non-medical prescribing mentor.

Course Content
There is a practice element to the course which is carried out under the supervision of a designated non-medical prescribing mentor (who should be an independent and supplementary prescriber or a community practitioner nurse prescriber). The mentor will provide support and opportunities to develop competence in prescribing practice.

Skills and Competencies you will gain
On completion you will be able to:
• undertake effective consultation with patients and carers that includes appropriate history taking and assessment skills to inform diagnosis and prescribing practice
• apply knowledge of pharmacology to prescribing practice
• demonstrate an understanding of ethics and the legal and professional framework for accountability and responsibility in relation to community practitioner nurse prescribing
• prescribe safely, appropriately and cost effectively
• understand the role and responsibilities of the community practitioner nurse prescriber and the roles and responsibilities of others involved in prescribing, supplying and administering medicines
• identify evidence based sources of information, and explain how they will be used in prescribing practice
• recognise and respond effectively to influences on prescribing practice at individual, local and national levels.

Assessment Method
You will be assessed in two separate ways. An unseen multiple choice, short answer paper and a reflective portfolio.

Funding
We have NHS funded places available on this course. Please see www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/ssprd/funding for the latest information.

For further information and to apply
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