Non-Medical Prescribers: Independent and Supplementary Prescribing

University of York
The Department of Health Sciences
This course prepares nurses to prescribe as nurse independent/supplementary prescribers and Allied Health Professionals as supplementary prescribers.

**Entry Requirements**
You can apply if you are a registered nurse of midwife with three years post-registration experience or an allied healthcare professional with three years post-qualification experience, and have been working in the clinical field in which you intend to prescribe for the last twelve months. We also welcome applications from pharmacists with at least two years patient orientated experience. All applicants must have a CRB check carried out in the last two years. You must also demonstrate your ability to study at Level 6 or Level 7.

**Course Content**
This course follows a national curriculum laid down by the Department of Health, the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the Health Professions Council (HPC). Subjects covered include consultation skills, pharmacology, ethics and accountability, evidence based prescribing, influences on prescribing decisions, and prescribing in a team context.

**Course Structure**
Non-Medical Prescribers consists of 26 theory days, with a practice element of 12 days. Practice is carried out under the supervision of a designated medical practitioner, who will provide support and opportunities to develop competence in prescribing practice.

**Skills and Competencies you will gain**
On completion you will be able to:
- complete assessment and consultations with patients and carers
- prescribe safely, appropriately and cost effectively
- demonstrate an understanding of the legislation relevant to prescribing practice
- identify and use sources of information, advice and decision support in prescribing practice
- critically analyse the influences on prescribing practices
- apply knowledge of drug actions in prescribing practice
- discuss the roles and relationships of others involved in prescribing, supplying and administering medicines
- practise within a framework of professional accountability.

**Assessment Method**
Your progress will be assessed in three different ways:
1. You will be asked to complete a reflective portfolio that demonstrates achievement of prescribing competence
2. You will be asked to complete an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) lasting approximately 45 minutes. In this structured simulation, the types of problems portrayed are those you would commonly encounter in practice
3. Finally, you will sit a 90 minute unseen closed book exam

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

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