

Pre Registration Nursing Student Core Placement info Guide



Everything you need to know about hosting students to expose them to careers in general practice

Length of time: 4-6 week placement

Location: General Practice

The way in which primary care services are delivered is changing. This is particularly true for general practice and so it is essential that employers and education commissioners consider the best way to provide education opportunities for your future workforce.

Experience has shown that students are most likely to select their first job and future employment only in areas they have experienced during training. Without positive exposure to general practice it is extremely unlikely that we will generate sufficient future talent to join the workforce in the coming years.

Benefits for the placement provider:

- Engaging future workforce
- A way to grow your own—nurses can be employed from newly qualified
- Maintaining practice staff's live mentorship qualification
- Supports revalidation for nurses (NMC Code 9.4 "support students' and colleagues")
- Provides whole practice team with opportunity to support learners
- Promoting General Practice as a career option



Key information

- Third year students can run their own clinics
- Practices will be notified min 6 weeks in advance
- Support from university link lecturer
- Min. 40% of student time must be with Nurse Mentor

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Learning opportunities for student nurses:

1st year

- Communication skills— becoming self –aware , developing listening skills
- Basic life support/chocking/recovery position
- Moving and handling
- Vital signs monitoring— measurement of blood pressure
- Infection control, Hand hygiene, PPE, Aseptic technique
- Risk assessment— patient safety/safeguarding
- Wound management

2nd year

- Safe nurse assessment and documentation, recognise & respond to vital signs outside the normal range
- Communication skills— Learning how to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- CPR— AED pads—including Medicines Management
- Dealing with complaints
- Moving & Handling.
- Wound management
- Diet, exercise, smoking, alcohol and health issues (health promotion)

3rd year

- Airway Management-Breathing: Oxygen therapy, respiratory assessment
- Circulation: Recording a 12 Lead ECG.
- Neurological assessment
- Blood glucose monitoring
- Moving and Handling
- Simulated deteriorating patient scenarios
- Wound management



What happens during a placement?

- Student and lead nurse/mentor assess learning objectives to shape timetable (CEPN Nurse can support this process)
- Induction to practice
- Establish content of clinics

A typical week may look like:

- 4 days with Practice Nurse/GP/GP Registrar
- 1 day with HCA/Receptionists
- 1 day with local Pharmacist
- 1 day with Physicians Associate
- 1 day with (Age UK) Care Navigator
- 1 day with GP with special interest (GPWSI)
- Min. 40% of time to be spent with mentor

Next Steps

If you would like to support pre-registration placements for adult nursing students please contact your CEPN Education Development Nurse today.

This will be followed by:

- Kings representative/link lecturer and/or CEPN Education Development Nurse meeting with lead nurse and practice manager to understand the practice requirements and answer any questions you may have
- The tutor will complete a practice audit to ensure the practice meets the requirements of hosting students
- The CEPN/Kings will follow up with formal documentation and arrange for payment of tariff with the practice manager
- Practices will be notified of their first student and should prepare (can be supported by your CEPN Nurse and Kings)