

## **General Practice Nursing Course 2 – Enhanced**

**20 credits, level 6 or level 7**

**4 May 2027**

### **Course structure - 8 study days**

This unit is designed to equip the General Practice Nurse (GPN) student at an enhanced level with a greater depth of knowledge to fulfil the role whilst working with different models of care delivery in the evolving, challenging context of Primary Healthcare. Students will use critical analysis and underpinning knowledge to fulfil competencies and core professional skills in managing consultations and improving health and care outcomes and experiences for patients.

A range of learning and teaching methods will be used, such as, lectures, seminars, specialist skills theme days, cytology and child/adult immunisations, blended learning, work-based learning supported by practice mentors. Technology enhanced learning and simulation.

The focus of the unit will be upon critical analysis and enhanced knowledge for the evolving role of the General Practice Nurse, current and future practice.

### **There will be a range of professional and clinical skills taught including:**

- Consultation skills, managing clinics and annual reviews
- Communication and collaboration skills
- Quality Improvement and managing change within the primary healthcare context
- Health promotion, screening, prevention, care and treatment in specialist topics such as Cardiovascular Disease, Respiratory Disease, Sexual Health and Contraception.
- Focus upon living with complex and multiple conditions
- Working in integrated primary and community healthcare teams and systems, integrated health and social care. Neighbourhood integrated teams
- QoF and improving patient quality outcomes
- Professional and personal development as a GPN
- To provide safe and effective evidenced based practice in the primary care setting

# Intended learning outcomes

## Level 6

1. To appraise the professional knowledge and skills required for quality improvement and fulfil the role of General Practice Nurse in the evolving and changing world of primary care nursing
2. To analyse patient outcomes aligned to the GP contract and Quality outcomes Framework
3. To discuss the underpinning knowledge and skills base of the GPN in managing consultations in care for people across the life span and with concurrent, complex, physical, mental, cognitive, social care needs.
4. To appraise and evaluate the core personal and professional skills required to function in the professional role of the GPN working in the context of primary care healthcare setting

## Level 7

1. To critically appraise the professional knowledge and skills required for quality improvement and fulfil the role of General Practice Nurse in the evolving and changing world of primary care nursing
2. To critically discuss and analyse patient outcomes aligned to the GP contract and Quality outcomes Framework
3. To critically discuss the underpinning knowledge and skills base of the GPN in managing consultations in care for people across the life span and with concurrent, complex, physical, mental, cognitive, social care needs.
4. To critically evaluate the core personal and professional skills required to function in the professional role of the GPN working in the context of primary care healthcare setting

## Assessment

Assessed by students' presentation of their Service Improvement project

- Service Improvement Project
- 3,000 words

## Target audience

Registered Nurses recently employed and who are new to working in Primary Care, GP surgery.

Associate Nurses employed and new to working in Primary Care, GP Surgery.

Students may study the courses at L6 or L7 and therefore will be required to demonstrate academic study skills at L6 prior to entry.

For those applicants wishing to undertake the General Practice Nursing we recommended that students complete Course 1, foundations to General Practice Nursing followed by completion of Course 2, Enhanced General Practice Nursing. Course 1 Foundation is the cornerstone for General Practice Nursing and students will achieve essential professional and technical skills in this specialist field of nursing practice. Once completed it is recommended students complete Course 2 Enhanced which will build upon these core, foundational skills and deepen General Practice Nursing knowledge and nursing experience in their specialist field of Practice Nursing.