

Dear Colleague

Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (SCPHN) - requirements for education and training in a differing 'field of specialist community public health nursing practice'.

The 'Standards of Proficiency for Specialist Community Public Health Nursing' (NMC, 2004) came into effect on 1st August 2004. The standards replace the Specialist Practice Qualifications in health visiting, school nursing, occupational health and family health nursing.

The NMC have agreed that any registrant who has met the proficiencies for registration as a specialist community public health nurse in a given 'field of practice', e.g. health visiting may undertake education and training to work in another 'field' of practice e.g. school health.

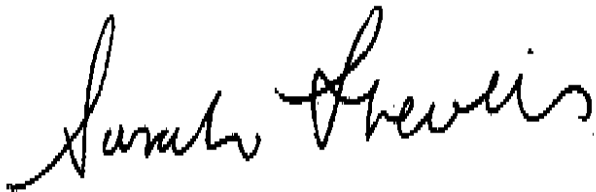
The required additional education and training would be in the form of an assessed practice placement by a Practice Teacher and verification of a portfolio on their 'application of theory to practice' in the new 'field of practice' by an academic who has registration on the Specialist Community Public Health Nursing part of the Register and the Practice Teacher. The practice placement should be no less than a ten-week period, which may be undertaken in a block or spread over an academic year.

This would not lead to additional registration on the NMC register but would equip a registrant to work within specialist community public health nursing in an additional field of practice.

This decision will come into immediate effect.

Any queries relating to this NMC Circular should be addressed to Liz Plastow, professional advisor, on 020 7333 6517, or to liz.plastow@nmc-uk.org

Yours sincerely

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Sarah Thewlis
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