

Future specialist practice qualifications (SPQs): community learning disabilities nursing

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Time Asked	Question Asked
02:04:23 PM BST	<p>If we don't set specific standards for each area then how can we be sure that people will have the necessary skills and knowledge?</p> <p><i>Response: the standards must apply to each field of practice to support the student's learning and assessment. Practice supervisors, practice assessors and academic assessors will be responsible for making the judgements for future SPQ qualifications in the relevant field of practice. This is the approach taken in Future nurse and the four fields of nursing practice. Please look at the draft programme standards for more information and the related consultation questions when responding to the consultation.</i></p>
02:23:44 PM BST	<p>How do you ensure parity if different providers have different standards/outcomes? So surely then there needs to be an overall outcome/proficiencies agreed</p> <p><i>Response: We set the high level standards. We are not asking the AEs to develop their own standards, instead they are responsible for writing curricula which included the detail necessary for each of the different student journey routes they are seeking approval for. They already do this now in relation to the pre-registration qualifications and the existing SPQ qualifications, which also contain high level standards. Our QA visitors will be undertaking the QA of this for every new SPQ programme. If the proposed programme does not meet our standards then we will not approve the programme.</i></p>
02:33:12 PM BST	<p>could consideration be given to a UK wide practice assessment Document</p> <p><i>Response: Thank you. We will be supporting the implementation of new standards in similar ways to that taken with future nurse and future midwife yes. We can also encourage conversations regarding the potential for the development of standardised practice assessment documentation among the relevant stakeholders, although the practice assessment document is not something that we can mandate.</i></p>