

**Programme Major Modification report**

**Section one**

<p><b>Programme provider name:</b></p>	<p>University of Sunderland</p>
<p><b>Programmes reviewed:</b> <i>This is the NMC programme title(s)</i></p>	<p><i>Pre-registration nurse qualification leading to</i> Registered Nurse – Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse – Children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse - Learning Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse - Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Nursing Degree Apprenticeship (NDA) route</i> NDA Adult <input type="checkbox"/> NDA Children’s <input type="checkbox"/> NDA Learning Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> NDA Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Dual award - pre-registration nursing</i> Dual award - adult/mental health <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - adult/children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - adult/learning disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - mental health/learning disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - mental health/children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - learning disabilities/children’s <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>AEI programme title(s):</b></p>	
<p><b>Current AEI programme title(s):</b> <i>Please include all currently approved programme titles</i></p>	<p>BSc (Hons) adult nursing practice BSc (Hons) nursing degree apprenticeship (adult) BSc (Hons) learning disabilities nursing practice BSc (Hons) nursing degree apprenticeship (learning disabilities) BSc (Hons) mental health nursing practice BSc (Hons) nursing degree apprenticeship (mental health) BSc (Hons) Children and Young People’s Nursing Practice BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing (blended) MNurse (Adult)</p>

<p><b>Modified AEI programme title(s) if applicable:</b> <i>Please include new title(s) if current AEI programme title(s) are being modified as a result of this modification or add N/A</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Additional AEI programme title(s) if applicable:</b> <i>Please include any additional AEI programme title(s) for approval as a result of this modification (for example new routes being added that have a different title to those already approved) or add N/A</i></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Academic levels of current programme:</b></p>	
<p>Registered Nurse – Adult</p>	<p>England, Wales, Northern Ireland  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 6    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 7</p> <p>SCQF  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 8    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 9    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 10    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
<p>Registered Nurse – Children’s</p>	<p>England, Wales, Northern Ireland  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 6    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 7</p> <p>SCQF  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 8    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 9    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 10    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
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Registered Nurse - Mental Health	<p>England, Wales, Northern Ireland  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 6   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 7</p> <p>SCQF  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 8   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 9   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 10   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
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<b>Academic levels of modified/additional programme(s)/route(s):</b>	

Registered Nurse – Adult	<p>England, Wales, Northern Ireland  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 6   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 7</p> <p>SCQF  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 8   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 9   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 10   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 11</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
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<b>Programme approval dates:</b>	
<b>Date of NMC approval of the programme being modified:</b> <i>This is the approval date under the most recent NMC standards.</i>	27 January 2020
<b>Date(s) of NMC approval of any modifications since last approval:</b>	2 September 2020 7 December 2020 4 February 2021
<b>Programme start dates:</b>	
<b>Current modification programme start date:</b>	
RN – Adult	8 January 2024
RN – Children's	N/A
RN - Learning Disabilities	N/A
RN - Mental Health	N/A
NDA Adult	N/A
NDA Children's	N/A
NDA Learning Disabilities	N/A

NDA Mental Health	N/A
Dual award - Adult/Mental Health	N/A
Dual award - Adult/Children's	N/A
Dual award - Adult/Learning Disabilities	N/A
Dual award – Mental Health/Learning Disabilities	N/A
Dual award – Mental Health/Children's	N/A
Dual award – Learning Disabilities/Children's	N/A
<b>Date of modification:</b>	13 November 2023
<b>Type of modification:</b>	Desktop
<b>QA visitor(s):</b>	Registrant Visitor: Karen Hibbert

## **Section two**

### **Summary of review and findings**

The University of Sunderland (UoS), school of nursing and health sciences (the school), was approved to deliver undergraduate, pre-registration nursing in the fields of adult, mental health and learning disabilities nursing on 27 January 2020.

A MNurse (adult) route was added on 2 September 2020, a further modification to add an undergraduate pre-registration programme route in the field of children and young people was approved on 7 December 2020. The pre-registration undergraduate nursing (adult) route was further modified on 4 February 2021 to add a blended learning route with part-time modes.

The modification is to increase the simulated practice learning (SPL) hours from the approved 504 hours up to 600 hours for the BSc (Hons) adult nursing (blended) route.

The blended learning route is delivered at the Sunderland and London campuses. The increase in SPL is delivered at both locations.

The UoS are currently using 504 hours SPL in the blended learning route. However, they wish to increase this to a maximum of 600 hours SPL as they're involved in a project to develop virtual wards and there may be an opportunity in the future where they'll be able to use simulated virtual wards as a practice placement.

The modification is designed to meet the Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes (SPNP) (NMC 2018, updated 2023) and the Future nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses (FN:SPRN) (NMC, 2018).

Documentary evidence demonstrates the university doesn't have a specific SPL strategy, but simulation is covered in the student success plan. The programme team and documentation confirm they're committed to working collaboratively with practice learning partners (PLPs) and people who use services and carers (PUSCs).

Equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) metrics are monitored by the UoS. These include student population data, recruitment, retention, attainment, student satisfaction and employment. The UoS monitors for differential attainment across the pre-registration nursing programme by field and route. Currently no gaps are identified. The student success plan 2020-2024 contains the university strategy to achieve the objectives and targets set out in the access and participation plan for 2020-2021 to 2024-2025. This strategy has references to EDI throughout and how this is monitored.

This modification is undertaken as a desktop review.

The Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education (SFNME) (NMC, 2018) is met at programme level.

Programme documentation and the modification process confirm arrangements at programme level meet the Standards for student supervision and assessment (SSSA) (NMC 2018, updated 2023).

The programme modification is recommended to the NMC for approval.

Recommended outcome of the approval panel	
<b>Recommended outcome to the NMC:</b>	<p>Programme is recommended to the NMC for approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Programme is recommended for approval subject to specific conditions being met <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Recommended to refuse approval of the programme <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>Conditions:</b>	<p><b>Effective partnership working: collaboration, culture, communication and resources:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p> <p><b>Selection, admission and progression:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p> <p><b>Practice learning:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p> <p><b>Assessment, fitness for practice and award:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p> <p><b>Education governance: management and quality assurance:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p>

<b>Date condition(s) to be met:</b>	N/A
<b>Recommendations to enhance the programme delivery:</b>	None identified.
<b>Focused areas for future monitoring:</b>	SPL delivery. Use of simulated virtual wards.

<b>Programme is recommended for approval subject to specific conditions being met</b>	
<b>Commentary post review of evidence against conditions:</b>	
N/A	
<b>AEI Observations</b>	<b>Observations have been made by the education institution</b> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of observations made, if applicable</b>	
<b>Final recommendation made to NMC:</b>	Programme is recommended to the NMC for approval <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended to refuse approval of the programme <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date condition(s) met:</b>	N/A

### **Section three**

<b>NMC Programme standards</b>
<p>Please refer to NMC standards reference points:</p> <p><a href="#">Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes</a> (NMC 2018, updated 2023)</p> <p><a href="#">Future nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses</a> (NMC, 2018)</p> <p><a href="#">Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</a> (NMC 2018, updated 2023)</p> <p><a href="#">Standards for student supervision and assessment</a> (NMC 2018, updated 2023)</p> <p><a href="#">The Code: Professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses, midwives and nursing associates</a> (NMC, 2015 updated 2018)</p> <p><a href="#">Quality assurance framework for nursing, midwifery and nursing associate education</a> (NMC, 2020)</p> <p><a href="#">QA Handbook</a> (NMC, 2022)</p>

## Partnerships

The AEI works in partnership with their practice learning partners, people who use services, students and all other stakeholders.

**Please refer to the following NMC standards reference points for this section:**

[Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education](#) (NMC 2018, updated 2023)

### **Standard 1: The learning culture:**

- R1.12 ensure programmes are designed, developed, delivered, evaluated and co-produced with people who use services and other stakeholders
- R1.13 work with service providers to demonstrate and promote inter-professional learning and working

### **Standard 2: Educational governance and quality:**

- R2.2 ensure programmes are designed to meet proficiencies and outcomes relevant to the programme
- R2.4 comply with NMC [Standards for student supervision and assessment](#)
- R2.5 adopt a partnership approach with shared responsibility for theory and practice supervision, learning and assessment, including clear lines of communication and accountability for the development, delivery, quality assurance and evaluation of their programmes
- R2.6 ensure that recruitment and selection of students is open, fair and transparent and includes measures to understand and address underrepresentation
- R2.7 ensure that people who use services and representatives from relevant stakeholder groups are engaged in partnership in student recruitment and selection

### **Standard 3: Student empowerment:**

- R3.3 have opportunities throughout their programme to work with and learn from a range of people in a variety of practice placements, preparing them to provide care to people with diverse needs
- R3.16 have opportunities throughout their programme to collaborate and learn with and from other professionals, to learn with and from peers, and to develop supervision and leadership skills
- R3.17 receive constructive feedback throughout the programme from stakeholders with experience of the programme to promote and encourage reflective learning
- R3.18 have opportunities throughout their programme to give feedback on the quality of all aspects of their support and supervision in both theory and practice.

**Standard 4: Educators and assessors:**

- R4.7 liaise and collaborate with colleagues and partner organisations in their approach to supervision and assessment
- R4.9 receive and act upon constructive feedback from students and the people they engage with to enhance the effectiveness of their teaching, supervision and assessment
- R4.10 share effective practice and learn from others

**Standard 5: Curricula and assessment:**

- R5.4 curricula are developed and evaluated by suitably experienced and qualified educators and practitioners who are accountable for ensuring that the curriculum incorporates relevant programme outcomes
- R5.5 curricula are co-produced with stakeholders who have experience relevant to the programme
- R5.14 a range of people including people who use services contribute to student assessment

[Standards for student supervision and assessment](#) (NMC 2018, updated 2023)

**Standard 1: Organisation of practice learning:**

- R1.4 there are suitable systems, processes, resources and individuals in place to ensure safe and effective coordination of learning within practice learning environments
- R1.7 students are empowered to be proactive and to take responsibility for their learning
- R1.8 students have opportunities to learn from a range of relevant people in practice learning environments, including users of services, registered and non-registered individuals, and other students as appropriate

**Standard 2: Expectations of practice supervisors:**

- R2.2 there is support and oversight of practice supervision to ensure safe and effective learning

**Standard 3: Practice supervisors: role and responsibilities:**

- R3.3 support and supervise students, providing feedback on their progress towards, and achievement of, proficiencies and skills

**Standard 4: Practice supervisors: contribution to assessment and progression:**

- R4.3 have sufficient opportunities to engage with practice assessors and academic assessors to share relevant observations on the conduct, proficiency and achievement of the students they are supervising

**Standard 7: Practice assessors: responsibilities:**

R7.9 communication and collaboration between practice and academic assessors is scheduled for relevant points in programme structure and student progression

**Standard 9: Academic assessors: responsibilities:**

R9.6 communication and collaboration between academic and practice assessors is scheduled for relevant points in programme structure and student progression

**Findings against the standard and requirements**

**Provide an evaluative summary about the effectiveness of the partnerships between the AEI and their practice learning partners, people who use services, students and any other stakeholders.**

Documentation and the modification process provide evidence of partnership working with stakeholders. The programme team confirm that the programme is developed in partnership with experienced PLPs and PUSCs ensuring SPL experiences reflect the needs of contemporary nursing practice.

Documentary evidence provided includes the educational audit for areas where SPL is undertaken. Documentation confirms academic staff are prepared in their roles as practice supervisors and practice assessors. There's confirmation that preparation is compulsory prior to staff acting in these roles during students' SPL experiences. The programme team confirm that PLP staff are involved in the planning, delivery and assessment of SPL.

Programme documentation shows that students evaluate their SPL experiences. SPL reports demonstrate that students' views are listened to and that they've contributed to the development of SPL within the programme. Programme documentation shows that PUSCs are involved in developing case studies/scenarios for SPL. Documentation also shows that PUSCs are involved in the delivery of SPL through role play activities.

Assurance is provided that the AEI works in partnership with their practice learning partners, people who use services, students and all other stakeholders as identified in Gateway 1: [Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education](#)

MET  NOT MET

Assurance is provided that the AEI works in partnership with their practice learning partners, people who use services, students and all other stakeholders as identified in Gateway 2: [Standards for student supervision and assessment](#)

MET  NOT MET

<b>Post Event Review</b>		
<b>Identify how the condition is met:</b>		
N/A		
<b>Date condition(s) met:</b>		
N/A		
<b>Revised outcome after condition(s) met:</b>	<b>MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOT MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
N/A		

<b>Student journey through the programme</b>	
<b>Standard 1: Selection, admission and progression</b>	
<b>Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:</b>	
R1.1 Confirm on entry to the programme that students:	
R1.1.1 meet the entry criteria for the programme as set out by the AEI and are suitable for their intended field of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing	
R1.1.2 demonstrate values in accordance with the Code	
R1.1.3 have capability to learn behaviours in accordance with the Code	
R1.1.4 have capability to develop numeracy skills required to meet programme outcomes	
R1.1.5 can demonstrate proficiency in English language	
R1.1.6 have capability in literacy to meet programme outcomes	
R1.1.7 have capability for digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes.	
R1.2 ensure students' health and character are sufficient to enable safe and effective practice on entering the programme, throughout the programme and when submitting the supporting declaration of health and character in line with the NMC's health and character decision-making guidance. This includes satisfactory occupational health assessment and criminal record checks	
R1.3 ensure students are fully informed of the requirement to declare immediately any police charges, cautions, convictions or conditional discharges, or determinations that their fitness to practise is impaired made by other regulators, professional bodies and educational establishments, and ensure that any declarations are dealt with promptly, fairly and lawfully	
R1.4 ensure the registered nurse responsible for directing the educational programme or their designated registered nurse substitute are able to provide supporting declarations of health and character for students who have completed a pre-registration nursing programme	

- R1.5 permit recognition of prior learning that is capable of being mapped to the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes, up to a maximum of 50 percent of the programme
- R1.6 for NMC registered nurses permit recognition of prior learning that is capable of being mapped to the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes that may be more than 50 percent of the programme
- R1.7 support students throughout the programme in continuously developing their abilities in numeracy, literacy, digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes, and

[Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education](#) specifically R2.6, R2.7, R2.8, R2.9, R2.11

**Proposed transfer of current students to the programme under review**

Demonstrate a robust process to transfer current students onto the proposed programme to ensure programme learning outcomes and proficiencies meet the [Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes](#) (NMC 2018, updated 2023).

**Proposed transfer of current students to the [Standards for student supervision and assessment](#) (NMC 2018, updated 2023).**

Demonstrate a robust process to transfer current students onto the [Standards for student supervision and assessment](#) (NMC 2018, updated 2023).

**Findings against the standard and requirements**

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- Evidence that selection processes ensure entrants onto the programme are suitable for the intended field of nursing practice and demonstrate values and have capability to learn behaviours in accordance with the Code. Evidence of people who use services and practitioners involvement in selection processes. (R1.1.1, R1.1.2, R1.1.3)

YES  NO

- Evidence of selection processes, including statements on digital literacy, literacy, numeracy, values-based selection criteria, educational entry standard required, and progression and assessment strategy, English language proficiency criteria specified in recruitment processes (R1.1.4 – R1.1.7).

YES  NO

- Ensure students' health and character are sufficient to enable safe and effective practice on entering the programme, throughout the programme and when submitting the supporting declaration of health and character in line with the NMC's health and character decision-making guidance. This includes satisfactory occupational health assessment and criminal record checks. Fitness for practice processes evidenced and information given to applicants and students are detailed (R1.2)

YES  NO

- Ensure students are fully informed of the requirement to declare immediately any police charges, cautions, convictions or conditional discharges, or determinations that their fitness to practise is impaired made by other regulators, professional bodies and educational establishments, and ensure that any declarations are dealt with promptly, fairly and lawfully. (R1.3)

YES  NO

- Processes are in place for providing supporting declarations by a registered nurse responsible for directing the educational programme (R1.4)

YES  NO

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met**

- Evidence of recognition of prior learning processes, mapped against programme outcomes at all levels and against academic levels of the programme up to a maximum of 50 percent of the programme (R1.5)

MET  NOT MET

R1.5 is met. Unchanged through this modification.

- Evidence that for NMC registered nurses recognition of prior learning is capable of being mapped to the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes (R1.6)

MET  NOT MET

R1.6 is met. Unchanged through this modification.

- Numeracy, literacy, digital and technological literacy mapped against proficiency standards and programme outcomes. Provide evidence that the

programme meets NMC requirements, mapping how the indicative content meets the proficiencies and programme outcomes.

Ongoing achievement record (OAR) and practice assessment document (PAD) are linked to competence outcomes in numeracy, literacy, digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes. Detail support strategies for students throughout the programme in continuously developing their abilities in numeracy, literacy, digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes (R1.7)

MET  NOT MET

R1.7 is met. Unchanged through this modification.

**Proposed transfer of current students to the programme under review**

**From your documentary analysis and your meeting with students, provide an evaluative summary to confirm how the *Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes* and *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* will be met through the transfer of existing students onto the proposed programme.**

The increase in SPL doesn't affect existing students. The modification applies to students commencing their programme from January 2024.

**Proposed transfer of current students to the Standards for student supervision and assessment (SSSA) (NMC 2018, updated 2023).**

**From your documentary analysis and your meetings at the approval visit confirm if students will be transferring to the SSSA, and if so that they have informed choice and are fully prepared for supervision and assessment.**

The SSSA is established across the approved pre-registration nursing programme routes.

Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: [Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education](#) relevant to selection, admission and progression are met

YES  NO

**Outcome**

**Is the standard met?** MET  NOT MET

**Date:** 13 November 2023

**Post event review**

**Identify how the condition(s) is met:**

N/A

**Date condition(s) met:**

N/A

**Revised outcome after condition(s) met:**

**MET**

**NOT MET**

N/A

### Standard 2: Curriculum

**Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:**

- R2.1 ensure that programmes comply with the NMC *Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education*
- R2.2 comply with the NMC *Standards for student supervision and assessment*
- R2.3 ensure that programme learning outcomes reflect the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and each of the four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing
- R2.4 design and deliver a programme that supports students and provides exposure across all four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing
- R2.5 state routes within their pre-registration nursing programme that allows students to enter the register in one or more of the specific fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities or children's nursing
- R2.6 set out the general and professional content necessary to meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes
- R2.7 set out the content necessary to meet the programme outcomes for each field of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing
- R2.8 ensure that field specific content in relation to the law, safeguarding, consent, pharmacology and medicines administration and optimisation is included for entry to the register in one or more fields of nursing practice
- R2.9 ensure the curriculum provides an equal balance of 50 percent theory and 50 percent practice learning using a range of learning and teaching strategies
- R 2.10 ensure technology and simulation opportunities are used effectively and proportionately across the curriculum to support supervision, learning and assessment
- R2.11 ensure that programmes delivered in Wales comply with legislation which supports use of the Welsh language
- R2.12 ensure that all pre-registration nursing programmes meet the equivalent of minimum length of three (academic) years for full time programmes, which consist of a minimum of 4,600 hours
- R2.13 ensure programmes leading to registration in two fields of nursing practice are of suitable length to ensure proficiency in both fields of nursing, and

R2.14 ensure programmes leading to nursing registration and registration in another profession, are of suitable length and nursing proficiencies and outcomes are achieved in a nursing context.

*Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education specifically:*  
R1.9, R1.13; R2.2, R2.15, R2.16, R2.19, R2.20; R3.1, R3.2, R3.4, R3.9, R3.10, R3.15, R 3.16; R5.1 - R5.16.

*Standards for student supervision and assessment specifically:*  
R1.2, R1.3, R1.7, R1.10, R1.11

### Findings against the standard and requirements

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- There is evidence that the programme complies with the NMC *Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education* (R2.1)  
YES  NO
- There is evidence that the programme complies with the NMC *Standards for student supervision and assessment* (R2.2)  
YES  NO
- Mapping to show how the programme learning outcomes reflect the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and each of the four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R2.3)  
YES  NO

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met.**

- There is evidence to show how the design and delivery of the programme will support students in both theory and practice to experience across all four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R2.4)  
MET  NOT MET

R2.4 is met. Unchanged through this modification.

- Evidence that programme structure/design/delivery will illustrate specific fields of practice that allows students to enter the register in one or more specific fields of nursing practice. Evidence of field specific learning outcomes and content in the module descriptors (R2.5)

**MET**

**NOT MET**

R2.5 is met. Unchanged through this modification.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- There is evidence that mapping has been undertaken to show how the general and professional content meets NMC requirements of the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes (R2.6)

**YES**

**NO**

There is evidence that mapping has been undertaken to set out the content necessary to meet the programme outcomes for each field of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R2.7)

**YES**

**NO**

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met.**

- There is evidence that mapping has been undertaken to ensure that field specific content in relation to the law, safeguarding, consent, pharmacology and medicines administration and optimisation is included for entry to the register in one or more fields of nursing practice (R2.8)

**MET**

**NOT MET**

R2.8 is met. Unchanged through this modification.

- The programme structure demonstrates an equal balance of 50 percent theory and 50 percent practice learning. This is detailed in the designated hours in the module descriptors and practice learning allocations. A range of learning and teaching strategies are detailed in the programme specification, programme handbook and module descriptors with theory / practice balance detailed at each part of the programme and at end point. There are appropriate module aims, descriptors and outcomes specified.

There is a practice allocation model for the delivery of the programme that clearly demonstrates the achievement of designated hours for the programme detailed. (R2.9)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R2.9 is met. Unchanged through this modification

- There is evidence to ensure technology and simulation opportunities are used effectively and proportionately across the curriculum to support supervision, learning and assessment (R2.10)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R2.10 is met. Programme documentation and discussion with the programme team demonstrate that technology and simulation opportunities are used to support achievement of the programme outcomes.

CANVAS (this is the product name and not an acronym), the virtual learning environment (VLE) platform, supports the delivery of all online sessions. A range of e-learning resources such as Elsevier clinical skills, safeMedicate and elearning for healthcare are used to support practical skills sessions and are available to students via the VLE. Students must complete online work as preparation for SPL activities. This isn't included in the SPL hours.

Students are prepared for the use of technology starting with the programme induction. Coursework is submitted electronically via the VLE.

Technology enhanced and simulation-based learning opportunities are effective and proportionate.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- Evidence to ensure that programmes delivered in Wales comply with any legislation which supports the use of the Welsh language (R2.11)

**YES**  **NO**  **N/A**

The programme is delivered in England only.

- Evidence to ensure that all pre-registration nursing programmes meet the equivalent of minimum length of three (academic) years for full time programmes, which consist of a minimum of 4,600 hours (R2.12)

**YES**  **NO**

- Evidence that programmes leading to registration in two fields of nursing practice are of suitable length to ensure proficiency in both fields of nursing (R2.13)

YES  NO  N/A

The route is for registration in a single field only.

- Evidence to ensure that programmes leading to nursing registration and registration in another profession, will be of suitable length and nursing proficiencies and outcomes will be achieved in a nursing context (R2.14)

YES  NO  N/A

The route doesn't lead to registration in another profession.

Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education relevant to curricula are met

YES  NO

Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: Standards for student supervision and assessment relevant to curricula and assessment are met

YES  NO

### Outcome

Is the standard met?

MET  NOT MET

Date: 13 November 2023

### Post event review

Identify how the condition(s) is met:

N/A

Date condition(s) met:

N/A

Revised outcome after condition(s) met:

MET  NOT MET

N/A

### Standard 3: Practice learning

Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:

R3.1 provide practice learning opportunities that allow students to develop and meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* to deliver safe and

- effective care to a diverse range of people, across the four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing
- R3.2 ensure that students experience the variety of practice expected of registered nurses to meet the holistic needs of people of all ages
- R3.3 provide practice learning opportunities that allow students to meet the communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures, as set out in *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses*, within their selected fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing
- R3.4 provide no less than 2300 practice learning hours, of which a maximum of 600 hours can be in simulated practice learning
- R3.5 take account of students' individual needs and personal circumstances when allocating their practice learning including making reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities
- R3.6 ensure students experience the range of hours expected of registered nurses, and
- R3.7 ensure that students are supernumerary.

*Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education, specifically:*  
R1.1, R1.3, R1.5; R2.10, R2.12; R3.3, R3.5, R 3.7, R3.16; R5.1, R5.7, R5.10, R5.12

*Standards for student supervision and assessment, specifically:* R1.1 – R1.11

### Findings against the standard and requirements

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met.**

- Evidence that the practice learning opportunities allow students to develop and meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* to deliver safe and effective care, to a diverse range of people, across the four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R3.1)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R3.1 is met. The UoS in partnership with PLPs have robust processes in place to ensure students develop and meet the FN:SPRN to deliver safe and effective care to a diverse range of people, across the four fields of nursing practice. The UoS has high fidelity manikins to support authentic simulation activities across the four fields of nursing. Documentation and the programme team demonstrate that all SPL is based on authentic clinical scenarios that are shared across fields of nursing practice or delivered through field specific sessions.

The UoS tell us they've a pool of trained PUSCs representing a diverse age range who support SPL. Programme documentation shows that PUSCs role play clinical scenarios and provide feedback to students during SPL. Documentary evidence and discussion demonstrate that the UoS work closely with PLPs and their respective PUSCs to coproduce SPL resources across the four fields of nursing practice.

- There is evidence of how the programme will ensure students experience the variety of practice learning experiences to meet the holistic needs of people in all ages. There are appropriate processes for assessing, monitoring and evaluating these practice experiences (R3.2)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R3.2 is met. Documentation and discussion with the programme team demonstrate that the UoS have robust processes in place to ensure students experience a variety of placement learning experiences, either through SPL or external placement learning experience to meet the holistic needs of people in all ages.

Documentation and discussion demonstrate that students have cross-field experiences during SPL. SPL is a mix of field specific learning to ensure field specific proficiencies are achieved and cross-field learning where there's a more core level proficiency requirement.

Documentary evidence shows evidence of evaluation processes for both SPL and practice placements. A PUSC feedback form is within the practice assessment document (PAD) which students can use to gather PUSC views on their care delivery during placements or SPL.

Practice supervisors, practice assessors and academic assessors provide feedback within the PAD on student SPL.

- Evidence that the practice learning opportunities allow students to meet the communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures, as set out in the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses*, within their selected fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R3.3)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R3.3 is met. Documentation identifies where SPL takes place at module level and which platforms of the FN:SPRN are assessed in each module. Academic staff are suitably prepared to undertake the role of practice assessor and assess proficiencies during SPL.

The modification process confirms that partnership working between the UoS and PLPs ensures SPL opportunities are provided that allow students to meet the

communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures as set out in the FN:SPRN, within their selected fields of nursing.

The PAD provides PUSCs with the opportunity to feedback to students on FN:SPRN during SPL.

- Evidence to ensure the programme is no less than 2300 practice learning hours, of which a maximum of 600 hours can be in simulated practice learning (R3.4)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R3.4 is met. Documentation and discussion with the programme team clearly evidence that the minimum 2300 practice learning hours is maintained, of which a maximum of 600 hours is met through SPL.

Currently students undertake 504 hours of SPL. For the three-year full-time blended learning route, a student's theory and practice learning is based on 25-hours per week with seven additional hours allocated for SPL per week either online or on campus. For the five-year part time blended learning route, students' complete 22.5 hours of theory and practice per week including SPL of seven hours delivered every two weeks.

A project is currently underway with PLPs to develop virtual wards and simulated virtual wards. This project is in the early stages but the increase in SPL from the approved 504 hours up to 600 hours enables the project to move forward expanding the portfolio of simulated practice placements.

SPL uses a blended approach of online and face to face supervised learning. SPL involves use of clinical scenarios, patient scenarios, immersive technology, virtual reality and high-fidelity manikins. PUSCs have worked closely with the team developing scenarios for SPL and are part of the team delivering the sessions.

Documentary evidence demonstrates that SPL is mapped to the FN:SPRN. The identified proficiencies, skills and nursing procedures are appropriate for SPL and justify an increase of up to 600 hours. Discussion with the programme team and documentary evidence confirm that one hour of SPL correlates with one hour of practice learning.

Documentation and discussion with the programme team provide assurance that planned SPL is consistent with NMC requirements of the SSSA. The simulation centre has an educational audit in place. Academic staff who undertake the role of practice supervisor or practice assessor in SPL have all completed the appropriate training, this is monitored through the staff appraisal system.

Student evaluations tell us they enjoy simulation and immersive suite activities and is integral to their practice learning.

- There are processes in place to take account of students' individual needs and personal circumstances when allocating their practice learning including making reasonable adjustments for disabilities (R3.5)

MET  NOT MET

R3.5 is met. Unchanged through this modification.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- Evidence of how programme is planned to allow for students to experience the range of hours expected of registered nurses (e.g. 24 hour care, seven days, night shifts planned examples) (R3.6)

YES  NO

- Processes are in place to ensure that students are supernumerary (R3.7)

YES  NO

Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education relevant to practice learning are met

YES  NO

Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: Standards for student supervision and assessment relevant to practice learning are met

YES  NO

**Outcome**

Is the standard met?

MET  NOT MET

Date: 13 November 2023

**Post event review**

Identify how the condition(s) is met:

N/A

Date condition(s) met:

N/A

Revised outcome after condition(s) met:

MET  NOT MET

N/A

**Standard 4: Supervision and assessment**

**Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:**

- R4.1 ensure that support, supervision, learning and assessment provided complies with the NMC *Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education*
- R4.2 ensure that support, supervision, learning and assessment provided complies with the NMC *Standards for student supervision and assessment*
- R4.3 ensure they inform the NMC of the name of the registered nurse responsible for directing the education programme
- R4.4 provide students with constructive feedback throughout the programme to support their development
- R4.5 ensure throughout the programme that students meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes for their fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing
- R4.6 ensure that all programmes include a health numeracy assessment related to nursing proficiencies and calculation of medicines which must be passed with a score of 100%
- R4.7 ensure that students meet all communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures within their fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing
- R4.8 assess students to confirm proficiency in preparation for professional practice as a registered nurse
- R4.9 ensure that there is equal weighting in the assessment of theory and practice
- R4.10 ensure that all proficiencies are recorded in an ongoing record of achievement which must demonstrate the achievement of proficiencies and skills set out in *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses*.

*Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education, specifically:*  
R2.12; R3.5, R3.6, R 3.8, R3.11, R3.13, R3.14, R3.17;  
R4.1, R4.2, R4.3, R4.4, R4.5, R4.6, R4.8, R4.11; R5.9

*Standards for student supervision and assessment*

**Findings against the standards and requirements**

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met**

- There is evidence of how the programme will ensure how support, supervision, learning and assessment provided complies with the NMC *Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education*. (R4.1)

**MET**

**NOT MET**

R4.1 is met. The UoS simulation centre is audited as a placement learning environment for the adult field of nursing practice for all stages of the programme. All academics delivering the blended learning programme have completed the training to act as practice supervisors and practice assessors and are involved in the supervision and assessment of SPL.

Programme documents and discussion with the programme team confirm how the roles of practice supervisor, practice assessor and academic assessor are implemented in the simulation centre and how people within these roles are prepared and supported. The evidence provides assurance that the preparation and support provided to practice supervisors, practice assessors and academic assessors is sufficiently robust for them to effectively support and assess students during SPL experiences.

- There is evidence of how the *Standards for student supervision and assessment* are applied to the programme. There are processes in place to identify the supervisors and assessor along with how they will be prepared for their roles. (R4.2)

**MET**

**NOT MET**

R4.2 is met. The UoS has a process in place for the preparation of academic staff to act as practice supervisors, practice assessors and academic assessors. This process reinforces the key principles agreed locally in line with the requirements of the SSSA. The roles and responsibilities of practice supervisors, practice assessors and academic assessors are clearly detailed in programme documentation including student and practice supervisor and practice assessor facing documents.

When students are undertaking SPL the practice supervisors and practice assessors are academic members of staff who've undertaken suitable preparation and training. They don't act as the academic assessor at the same time. The UoS also have clinical staff who are academic tutors with the university who act as practice supervisors or practice assessors during SPL sessions. The academic tutors also work as practice supervisors and practice assessors in their own clinical environment.

Currently all the academic team have completed the practice supervisor and practice assessor training package. The completion and updates are monitored at the staff appraisals.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- There are processes in place to ensure the NMC is informed of the name of the registered nurse responsible for directing the education programme (R4.3)

YES  NO

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met**

- There are processes in place to provide students with constructive feedback throughout the programme to support their development. Formative and summative assessment strategy is detailed (R4.4)

MET  NOT MET

R4.4 is met. The modification process confirms students receive feedback verbally during SPL from their practice supervisors and practice assessors and PUSCs. When students complete a mock assessment, they receive both verbal and written feedback. The PAD provides evidence of feedback that supports progression towards achievement of the FN:SPRN. The PAD provides the opportunity for PUSC feedback to be recorded.

- There is appropriate mapping of the curriculum and practice learning placements to ensure throughout the programme that students meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes for their fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R4.5)

MET  NOT MET

R4.5 is met. Unchanged through this modification.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- There is evidence that all programmes include a health numeracy assessment related to nursing proficiencies and calculation of medicines which must be passed with a score of 100 percent (R4.6)

YES  NO

- Processes are in place to ensure that students meet all communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures within their fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R4.7)

YES  NO

- Evidence of processes to assess students to confirm proficiency in preparation for professional practice as a registered nurse (R4.8)

	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is an assessment strategy with details and weighting expressed for all credit bearing assessments. Theory and practice weighting is calculated and detailed in award criteria and programme handbooks (R4.9)</li> </ul>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is evidence that all proficiencies are recorded in an ongoing record of achievement which must demonstrate the achievement of proficiencies and skills as set out in the <i>Standards of proficiency for registered nurses</i> (R4.10)</li> </ul>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: <u>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</u> relevant to supervision and assessment are met</p>		
	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: <u>Standards for student supervision and assessment</u> are met</p>		
	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome</b>		
Is the standard met?	MET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 13 November 2023		
<b>Post event review</b>		
<b>Identify how the condition(s) is met:</b>		
N/A		
<b>Date condition(s) met:</b>		
N/A		
Revised outcome after condition(s) met:	MET <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>
N/A		
<b>Standard 5: Qualification to be awarded</b>		
<b>Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:</b>		
R5.1 ensure that the minimum award for a pre-registration nursing programme is a bachelor's degree, and		

R5.2 notify students during and before completion of the programme that they have five years to register their award with the NMC. In the event of a student failing to register their qualification within five years they will have to undertake additional education and training or gain such experience as specified in our standards.

*Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education, specifically R2.12, R2.21*

### Findings against the standards and requirements

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- The pre-registration nursing programme award to be approved is clearly identified in all programme documentation and is a minimum of a bachelor's degree (R5.1)

YES  NO

- Notify students during and before completion of the programme that they have five years to register their award with the NMC. In the event of a student failing to register their qualification within five years they will have to undertake additional education and training or gain such experience as specified in our standards. (R5.2)

YES  NO

### Fall Back Award

If there is a fall back exit award with registration as a nurse all NMC standards and proficiencies are met within the award

YES  NO  N/A

There's no fall back award with NMC registration as a nurse.

Assurance is provided that the Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education relevant to the qualification to be awarded are met

YES  NO

### Outcome

Is the standard met? MET  NOT MET

Date: 13 November 2023

### Post event review

Identify how the condition(s) is met:

N/A		
<b>Date condition(s) met:</b>		
N/A		
<b>Revised outcome after condition(s) met:</b>	<b>MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOT MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
N/A		

**Section four**

**Sources of evidence**

The following documentation provided by the AEI/education institution was reviewed by the visitor(s):

<b>Key documentation</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Programme document, including proposal, rationale and consultation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programme specification(s) include fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Module descriptors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student facing documentation including: programme handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student university handbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Practice assessment documentation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ongoing record of achievement (ORA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice learning environment handbook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Practice learning handbook for practice supervisors and assessors specific to the programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic assessor focused information specific to the programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placement allocation / structure of programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PAD linked to competence outcomes, and mapped against <i>Standards of proficiency for registered nurses</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mapping document providing evidence of how the education institution has met the <i>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</i> (NMC 2018, updated 2023) (Gateway 1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mapping document providing evidence of how the <i>Standards for student supervision and assessment</i> (NMC 2018, updated 2023) apply to the programme(s) (Gateway 2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mapping document providing evidence of how the education institution has met the <i>Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes</i> (NMC 2018, updated 2023) (Gateway 3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curricula vitae (CV) for relevant staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CV of the registered nurse responsible for directing the education programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Registrant academic staff details checked on NMC website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
External examiner appointments and arrangements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Written placement agreement(s) between the education institution and associated practice learning partners to support the programme intentions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written agreement(s) to support the programme intentions between the education institution and employer partners for apprenticeship routes (if applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you stated no above, please provide the reason and mitigation: There's no specific student university handbook but all student information is available online through the VLE. There's no specific practice learning handbook for students, however module and programme handbooks and the VLE provide practice learning information. Staff NMC registration checked, CVs provided for previous approval checked. The blended learning route doesn't include an apprenticeship.		
List additional documentation: None identified.		
Additional comments: None identified.		

**During the event the visitor(s) met the following groups:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Senior managers of the AEI/education institution with responsibility for resources for the programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior managers from associated practice learning partners with responsibility for resources for the programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Senior managers from associated employer partners with responsibility for resources for the programme (applicable for apprenticeship routes)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Programme team/academic assessors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice leads/practice supervisors/practice assessors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please identify cohort year/programme of study:		
People who use services and carers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you stated no above, please provide the reason and mitigation: Apprenticeship routes aren't included in this modification. The modification is processed as a desktop review including a teleconference with the programme team. Meetings with stakeholder groups aren't required.		
Additional comments: None identified.		

**The visitor(s) viewed the following areas/facilities during the event:**

	YES	NO
Specialist teaching accommodation (e.g. clinical skills/simulation suites)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Library facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technology enhanced learning/virtual learning environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Educational audit tools/documentation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice learning environments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If practice learning environments are visited, state where visited/findings:		
System regulator reports reviewed for practice learning partners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, system regulator reports list: Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection report, 26 July 2018 North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust CQC inspection report, 16 September 2022 South Tees Hospital NHS Foundation Trust CQC inspection report, 24 May 2023		
If you stated no above, please provide the reason and mitigation: The UoS is an established AEI and there's no requirement for a review of resources as part of this modification.		
Additional comments: None identified.		

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