

Programme Major Modification report

Section one

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

<p>Additional AEI programme title(s) if applicable: <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>Academic levels of current programme:</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>
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Academic levels of modified/additional programme(s)/route(s):	
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Programme approval dates:	
Date of NMC approval of the programme being modified: <i>This is the approval date under the most recent NMC standards.</i>	18 July 2019
Date(s) of NMC approval of any modifications since last approval:	21 November 2019 7 November 2023
Programme start dates:	
Current modification programme start date:	
RN – Adult	1 September 2024
RN – Children's	1 September 2024
RN - Learning Disabilities	
RN - Mental Health	1 September 2024
NDA Adult	1 September 2024
NDA Children's	
NDA Learning Disabilities	
NDA Mental Health	1 September 2024
Dual award - Adult/Mental Health	
Dual award - Adult/Children's	
Dual award - Adult/Learning Disabilities	
Dual award – Mental Health/Learning Disabilities	

Dual award – Mental Health/Children’s	
Dual award – Learning Disabilities/Children’s	
Date of modification:	7 June 2024
Type of modification:	Desktop
QA visitor(s):	Registrant Visitor: Elizabeth Mason

Section two

Summary of review and findings

The University of Suffolk (UoS) school of nursing, midwifery and public health (the school) is an established approved education institution (AEI) and provider of pre-registration nursing. The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) approved the Bachelor of science (BSc) with honours (Hons) pre-registration nursing programme in adult, children's and mental health fields on 18 July 2019. A modification to include a four-year BSc (Hons) nursing degree apprenticeship (NDA) route in the adult and mental health fields was approved on 21 November 2021 and a Master of science (MSc) route in the adult field was approved on 7 November 2023. The BSc NDA route was also modified to approve a programme restructure on 7 November 2023. The programme is delivered at the UoS Waterfront building in Ipswich.

The purpose of this modification is to enable the school to provide simulated practice learning (SPL) for up to 600 hours for the BSc (Hons) adult, children's and mental health routes; the four-year BSc (Hons) NDA routes and the MSc adult nursing route.

This modification to the UoS existing programme is considered against the Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education (SFNME) (NMC, 2018), the Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes (SPNP) (NMC 2018, updated 2023) and Future Nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses (FN:SPRN) (NMC, 2018).

The provision of SPL is to enable students to practise the skills they've gained during theory modules in a contextualised practice setting. This enables students to enhance their understanding of clinical skills and develop these skills in a safe environment, enhancing their confidence and competence. The modification proposes to deliver SPL in each year of the approved routes and the hours of SPL are tailored to suit the length of the programme. The school initially provides up to 300 hours of SPL for the BSc (Hons) and MSc routes. The hours of SPL will increase to meet student learning needs up to a maximum of 600 hours.

Documentary evidence confirms that there's collaborative working between the school, students, employer partners (EPs) and practice learning partners (PLPs). There's documentary evidence that the school is committed to effective partnership working with all stakeholders including students, people who use services and carers (PUSCs) and EPs/PLPs in the development, delivery and evaluation of SPL at strategic and operational levels. The commitment of the UoS is evidenced by the investment in new facilities and staffing to support the school's development and delivery of learning clinical skills through simulation-based learning and SPL.

Documentary evidence and the visit confirm that strategic and operational meetings are embedded in governance strategies to monitor the quality of practice learning, student evaluations and any practice learning concerns. There's evidence of a partnership approach to address, monitor and manage any adverse system regulator reports including Care Quality Commission (CQC) reports.

The UoS monitors equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) data to ensure the learning culture is compliant with equalities and human rights legislation. Monitoring includes student population data, recruitment, retention, attainment, student satisfaction and employment. EDI is monitored at programme level and this provides programme leads with data on differential attainment at programme and module level. Data is monitored and programme leads are required to prepare enhancement plans to address any attainment gaps identified through the monitoring. The UoS doesn't currently identify any attainment gaps.

The UoS access and participation plan 2020–2025 demonstrates the commitment to working with stakeholders to increase participation in higher education and raise the aspirations and expectations of all students. The UoS is part of the network for East Anglia collaborative outreach and provides outreach activities to support potential students in applying for higher education.

This modification is undertaken as a desktop documentary review.

Arrangements at programme level meet the SFNME.

The Standards for student supervision and assessment (SSSA) (NMC 2018, updated 2023) are met at programme level.

The programme is recommended to the NMC for approval. One NMC recommendation is made.

Recommended outcome of the approval panel

Recommended outcome to the NMC:

Programme is recommended to the NMC for approval

Programme is recommended for approval subject to specific conditions being met

Recommended to refuse approval of the programme

<p>Conditions:</p>	<p>Effective partnership working: collaboration, culture, communication and resources:</p> <p>None identified.</p> <p>Selection, admission and progression:</p> <p>None identified.</p> <p>Practice learning:</p> <p>None identified.</p> <p>Assessment, fitness for practice and award:</p> <p>None identified.</p> <p>Education governance: management and quality assurance:</p> <p>None identified.</p>
<p>Date condition(s) to be met:</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Recommendations to enhance the programme delivery:</p>	<p>Recommendation one: Consider making explicit the inter-professional learning opportunities available through SPL within the curriculum and in student facing documentation. (SPNP R3.4)</p>
<p>Focused areas for future monitoring:</p>	<p>The student experience of SPL.</p>

<p align="center">Programme is recommended for approval subject to specific conditions being met</p>	
<p>Commentary post review of evidence against conditions:</p> <p>N/A</p>	
<p>AEI Observations</p>	<p>Observations have been made by the education institution YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Summary of observations made, if applicable</p>	

Final recommendation made to NMC:	<p>Programme is recommended to the NMC for approval <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Recommended to refuse approval of the programme <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Date condition(s) met:	N/A

Section three

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

Partnerships
<p>The AEI works in partnership with their practice learning partners, people who use services, students and all other stakeholders.</p>
<p>Please refer to the following NMC standards reference points for this section:</p> <p>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education (NMC 2018, updated 2023)</p> <p>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</p> <p>Standard 2: Educational governance and quality: S2.2 all learning environments optimise safety and quality taking account of the diverse needs of, and working in partnership with, people who use services, students and all other stakeholders</p>

- 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.

The documentary evidence confirms the modification to the programme to include SPL, has been undertaken in partnership with PLPs, EPs, students and PUSCs. In developing the approach to SPL, 22 students participated in a pilot project and feedback was gathered using a nominal group feedback approach at the end of the pilot; feedback was gathered weekly from all students. The evidence presented indicates students view the inclusion of SPL as a positive contribution to their

learning experience. Student feedback highlighted areas for improvement and these suggestions are integrated in plans for the delivery of SPL. Feedback has also been gathered from the wider student group. Examples of student feedback incorporated into the design and delivery of SPL include timing of SPL days and accessibility of travel to campus. Programme documentation shows that students evaluate their SPL experiences and provide and receive feedback on their learning.

The programme documents confirm collaboration with PLPs, EPs and PUSCs to develop the suite of scenarios that underpin SPL. These are related to the four fields of nursing and are delivered to mixed field groups of students. The scenarios in development mirror the FN:SPRN provided in the electronic Midlands, Yorkshire and East practice assessment document (e-MYEPAD) and reflect a wide range of clinical scenarios. This allows for SPL across a range of experiences. The development of SPL scenarios allows students to experience less commonly encountered clinical situations. The collaboration with PLPs/EPs to develop the SPL scenarios ensures inclusion of local demographic needs, rarely encountered clinical scenarios and their experiences working with students in practice, identifying those FN:SPRN that students struggle to meet during clinical placements.

Programme documentation also confirms that PUSCs are involved in developing case studies for SPL focusing on elements of communication and relationship building.

The partnership approach to the development of SPL shows the approach reflects the needs of contemporary nursing practice and student needs to develop skills and confidence for practice. Programme documentation describes the educational audit process applied to areas where SPL is undertaken. Documentation describes how academic staff are prepared in their roles as practice supervisors. There's confirmation that preparation is compulsory prior to staff acting in these roles during students' SPL experiences.

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

Post Event Review

Identify how the condition is met:

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

Student journey through the programme
Standard 1: Selection, admission and progression
<p>Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:</p> <p>R1.1 Confirm on entry to the programme that students:</p> <p>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</p> <p>R1.1.2 demonstrate values in accordance with the Code</p> <p>R1.1.3 have capability to learn behaviours in accordance with the Code</p> <p>R1.1.4 have capability to develop numeracy skills required to meet programme outcomes</p> <p>R1.1.5 can demonstrate proficiency in English language</p> <p>R1.1.6 have capability in literacy to meet programme outcomes</p> <p>R1.1.7 have capability for digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p>

- 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.

Existing students on the BSc (Hons) and MSc routes will have SPL included in the next academic year of their programme. UoS staff will participate in SPL as practice supervisors and lead students through the SPL scenarios. Students will continue to be assessed for proficiency by the practice assessor in a clinical placement and proficiency is recorded in the student e-MYEPAD and ongoing record of assessment.

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 in the UoS approved pre-registration nursing programme.

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: 7 June 2024

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, R2.17, R2.19, R2.20, R3.1, R3.2, R3.4, R3.9, R3.10, R3.15, R3.16; 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 confirms that technology-based and simulation opportunities are used across the programme. The UoS has invested in a new health and wellbeing teaching facility that includes two fully equipped hospital wards and a community flat to provide a realistic practice learning environment for acute and community nursing practice. The investment includes a range of context-sensitive high-fidelity manikins and simulation software including Oxford medical simulation, a digital virtual reality (VR) simulation package, VR headsets/software and 'Cenario' VR software. This allows the UoS to develop bespoke scenarios to support learning through SPL. All academic staff involved in practice supervision of SPL receive training in the software and technology used within the SPL environment, this includes revision and instruction on use of Laerdal manikins. The technology and SPL activity is supported by a clinical technician. This provides students with the opportunity to develop their FN:SPRN across a range of skills. The evidence presented confirms SPL is also used to facilitate some agility in responding to placement constraints as nursing student numbers within the UoS change.

PLPs, EPs and PUSCs are involved in the delivery of the scenarios and have worked in partnership with the programme team to ensure that the approach to SPL incorporates the four fields of nursing. The scenarios include the care needs of infants, children, adults and older adults across the lifespan. SPL is delivered using a blend of in-person and technology-driven delivery, using VR and digital learning platforms. The use of high and low fidelity SPL includes opportunities for professional values to be taught alongside communication and relationship management skills through learning techniques such as:

- The brain game (complex paper-based ward management simulation game, problem-solving undertaken in real time).
- Multi-disciplinary small groups of students working together to allocate roles, communicate within the team and handover to subsequent groups.
- Skills in written communication are developed via the use of simulated note taking and use of patient records systems such as 'patients know best.'
- Management skills are developed in line with the e-MYEPAD with FN:SPRN aligned to more management and leadership skills within the final year.
- Final year simulated scenarios involve more complex care planning and the management of decision making while under stress.

SPL is also used to embed knowledge of pathophysiology and complex anatomy and physiology systems to enable students to link these to patient needs and care planning. At the end of each period of SPL students are debriefed as a group and individually. Any concerns are discussed with students and fed back to practice assessors in addition to being documented in the e-MYEPAD.

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 <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The programme is delivered in England in English only.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The programme leads to registration in one field of nursing.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The programme only leads to nursing registration.			
Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: <u>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</u> relevant to curricula are met			
	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: <u>Standards for student supervision and assessment</u> relevant to curricula and assessment are met			
	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Outcome			
Is the standard met?	MET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date: 7 June 2024			
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>	

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, R2.15; 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 and EPs, 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. Programme documentation shows that the UoS has made a significant financial investment in facilities and equipment including high fidelity manikins to support authentic simulation activities which cover the lifespan. Manikins include older adults, adults, babies, children and male and female genders. Programme documentation confirms the manikins can be programmed to simulate clinical scenarios based on common lifespan health issues such as cardiac arrest, mental illness and learning disabilities. Programme documentation shows that the simulation manikins are interactive and can communicate, which ensures greater authenticity. Documentation and the programme team show that all SPL is delivered based on clinical scenarios that are shared across fields of nursing practice or delivered through field specific sessions.

- 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. Unchanged through this modification.

- 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. Unchanged through this modification.

- 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. The documentation confirms that the minimum 2300 practice learning hours is maintained, of which a maximum of 600 hours is met through SPL. Documentary evidence shows that the delivery of SPL for the BSc (Hons) routes (including the NDA) is at the beginning of the first two clinical placements in each year to provide 75 hours per year and 225 hours over three years. For the MSc adult nursing route, the allocation of SPL hours is less. As MSc students undertake recognition of prior learning for 750 hours of clinical practice experience to join the programme and because the MSc route is delivered over two years, the provision

of SPL is one week in each year for a total of 75 hours, with the final placement being provided in the practice learning environment.

The hours for SPL include the seminars during which the scenarios are being used, and roles and responsibilities and orientation to the simulation environment are explored with students. The seminar acts as an information exchange and mirrors that which would take place between the student and the practice supervisor during an orientation to a new placement, agreeing the learning objectives for the clinical experience, patient handover, reading a patient history and care planning with staff before providing direct care. Seminars are led by the SPL lead and facilitated by the academic staff member acting as the practice supervisor. The programme team are recommended to consider making explicit the inter-professional learning opportunities available through SPL within the curriculum and in student facing documentation. (Recommendation one)

- 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: 7 June 2024

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 <input type="checkbox"/> NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>
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; R4.2, 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 in partnership with PLPs and EPs have robust processes in place to ensure that the programme provides support, supervision, learning and assessment which complies with the SFNME and SSSA. The UoS simulation facility is audited as a placement learning environment to support learning for the four fields of nursing for all years of the programme. The documentary evidence confirms that the short periods of SPL won't constitute a placement block and won't be assessed. Feedback related to student performance during SPL is recorded in the e-MYEPAD in the same way as for short placements in the communication and additional feedback pages and this provides evidence of feedback that supports progression towards achievement of the FN:SPRN.

- 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. Programme documents confirm how people are prepared and supported for the role of practice supervisor to support SPL. The evidence provides assurance that the preparation and support provided to academic staff undertaking the role of practice supervisor is sufficiently robust for them to effectively support students during SPL. The person acting as a practice supervisor during SPL isn't also the academic assessor. Practice supervisors within the SPL environment are current NMC registrants working within the UoS nursing academic and clinical skills teams. A nominated SPL field lead is allocated for each SPL block to be a single point of contact to actively support students and address any student concerns related to the SSSA.

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. Unchanged through this modification.

- 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 NO

- 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)

YES NO

- 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 *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* (R4.10)

	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: <u>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</u> relevant to supervision and assessment are met	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: <u>Standards for student supervision and assessment</u> are met	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Outcome		
Is the standard met?	MET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 7 June 2024		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>
N/A		

Standard 5: Qualification to be awarded
<p>Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:</p> <p>R5.1 ensure that the minimum award for a pre-registration nursing programme is a bachelor's degree, and</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education, specifically R2.12, R2.21</i></p>
Findings against the standards and requirements
Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>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</p>		
	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
There's no fall back exit award with registration as a nurse.		
Assurance is provided that the <u>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</u> relevant to the qualification to be awarded are met		
	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Outcome		
Is the standard met?	MET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 7 June 2024		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <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):

Key documentation	YES	NO
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student facing documentation including: programme handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student university handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 are no changes to module descriptors so these aren't seen as part of the desktop review. The placement agreements between PLPs and EPs aren't changed through this modification.		
List additional documentation: None identified.		
Additional comments: None identified.		

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

	YES	NO
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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: The modification is conducted as a desktop review with an online meeting with the programme team. There's no requirement to meet with PLPs, EPs, students or PUSCs for this desktop modification.		
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
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