

# GUIDANCE SHEET – PRACTICE

## HOURS REQUIREMENTS

### FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES WITH ADDITIONAL SPECIALISMS OR REGISTER ENTRIES

Every person registered with the NMC is a nurse or a midwife, or both. Some registered nurses and midwives also have additional specialisms or register entries. This guidance sheet explains how they can meet the practice hours requirement for revalidation.

#### Dual registrant

We refer to people who are registered both as a nurse and a midwife as dual registrants. We deal with these situations in our [guidance sheet on dual registrants](#). Please note we do **not** refer to those with additional registrations as dual registrants.

#### Nurses with more than one specialism

Some nurses will have trained in more than one branch of nursing. They will only need to complete 450 hours of practice. The activities they undertake to meet this requirement will relate to their current scope of practice. For example, they might have initially trained as an adult nurse and now be working in children's nursing. Their practice hours can relate to their current scope of practice as a children's nurse.

#### Nurses with multiple register entries

Some nurses will have entries on sub-part 1 and/or sub-part 2 of the register. We do not make any distinction between these sub-parts of the nursing register for the purpose of revalidation. A second level nurse on sub-part 2 of the register will need to meet the full requirements of revalidation in the same way as a first level nurse or a midwife. This includes undertaking at least 450 hours of nursing practice. They should meet the requirements within their current scope of practice.

#### SCPHNs

Some nurses and midwives have completed a post-registration qualification which has resulted in an additional entry in the part of the register for Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (SCPHN). SCPHN programmes can only be undertaken by individuals who are already registered on the nurses' or midwives' part of the NMC register. SCPHNs must maintain their registration as a nurse or a midwife and cannot renew their registration only as a SCPHN.

#### Nurses who are also registered as a SCPHN

Nurses who have gone on to complete a SCPHN programme and are now practising in a SCPHN role must undertake 450 hours of practice. The hours they work will be relevant to their current

scope of practice as a nurse/SCPHN. They are not expected to evidence 450 hours of practice as a nurse and 450 hours of practice as a SCPHN, because the practice hours relate to maintaining their place on one part of the register – the nursing part. There is no separate practice hours requirement for their SCPHN registration.

## **Midwives who are also registered as a SCPHN**

Midwives who do not have nursing registration but have gone on to complete a SCPHN programme must undertake 450 hours of practice. The hours they work will be relevant to their current scope of practice as a midwife/SCPHN. Midwives who work wholly in a SCPHN role can use their practice in their SCPHN role to meet the practice hours requirement. They are not expected to evidence 450 hours of practice as a midwife and 450 hours of practice as a SCPHN, because the practice hours relate to maintaining their place on one part of the register – the midwifery part. There is no separate practice hours requirement for their SCPHN registration.

## **Midwives/SCPHNs who are also registered nurses**

Nurses and midwives who are registered on both the midwifery and nursing parts of the register have to complete 900 practice hours every three years in order to remain on both parts of the register. Of these hours, 450 must be as a nurse, and 450 as a midwife. This means that if a midwife/SCPHN is also a registered nurse, they will need to meet 900 practice hours.

If such a nurse or midwife is working wholly in a SCPHN role and does not wish to undertake any work as a practising midwife, they can choose to only retain their registration as a nurse and SCPHN and lapse their midwifery registration. If they want to return to midwifery practice in the future they can seek readmission to the midwifery part of the register.