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hen students apply to join our register, we need to make sure that they have the necessary skills and knowledge to eliver safe, kind, and effective care. In order for them to gain those skills and knowledge, we have education rogramme standards that set out how nursing and midwifery programmes should be delivered to ensure that rogrammes leading to registration are fit for purpose.

his supporting information will help Approved Education Institutions (AEIs) and practice learning partners use our tandards for pre-registration nursing, midwifery and nursing associate programmes, so that their students can get the ost out of their education and learn the skills they need to become safe, effective and kind professionals.

ur supporting information sets out possible ways that our standards may be met, but they are not a series of xpectations for what 'must' be done. They are merely a guide to help AEIs in providing programmes that will give tudents the right skills and knowledge to meet our standards of proficiency.

hilst we set the standards for nursing, midwifery and nursing associate education, as well as the Standards for upervision and assessment, responsibility for the day-to-day quality management of programmes lies with AEIs in artnership with practice learning partners.

hat are our education programme standards?

ur education programme standards set out the specific requirements that apply to all pre-registration nursing, idwifery, and nursing associate education programmes. AEIs must comply with the standards to run any NMC-pproved programme, and students must successfully complete an NMC-approved programme in order to meet our tandards of proficiency for registered professionals and be able to join our register.

ow do our education programmes standards help students?

ur education programme standards allow students to receive an education that will help them to gain the skills ecessary to be kind, effective and safe professionals when they join our register. The skills and proficiencies that tudents are taught during their education will be used throughout their careers and will help them to provide care hich can improve the health and wellbeing of so many people.

ur standards also highlight the need for AEIs to adopt an inclusive approach to recruitment, selection, and rogression. This is to ensure that admissions and all other academic processes are open, fair, and transparent for all tudents, regardless of their background.

ur education programme standards webinars

e hosted a series of webinars to help outline the changes we made to the education standards in 2023 following the eparture of the UK from the EU.

he updated Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes: what do the changes mean for you?
his webinar was designed to clearly outline and explain the changes made to nursing and nursing associate rogramme standards so that AEIs have the ability to make relevant updates to their programmes as outlined in our ew standards.

lease find the slide deck and recording of the webinar below:

- Slide deck
- Webinar recording

he updated Standards for pre-registration midwifery programmes: what do the changes mean for you?
his webinar was designed to clearly outline and explain the changes made to the midwifery programme standards so hat AEIs have the ability to make relevant updates to their programmes as outlined in our new standards.

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The new standards for simulated learning: what do the changes mean for you?

This webinar was designed to clearly outline and explain the changes being made to simulated practice learning for nursing programmes only.

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How to use our education programme standards

It's important that the standards for pre-registration nursing, midwifery or nursing associate programmes are read alongside the other parts of our standards for education and training.

Our standards for education and training includes the Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education, Standards for student supervision and assessment, and programme standards specific to each approved programme.

Our standards for education and training are set out in three parts:

- Part 1: Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education
- Part 2: Standards for student supervision and assessment
- Part 3: The programme standards relevant for each programme
    - Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes
    - Standards for pre-registration midwifery programmes
    - Standards for pre-registration nursing associate programmes
    - Standards for prescribing programmes
    - Standards for return to practice programmes
    - Standards for post-registration programmes

Reading the standards together will give:

- Clarity on what students need to know and be able to do, by the time they register with us, and
- Our expectations of what AEIs and their practice learning partners must do for delivering NMC-approved programmes for nurses, midwives and nursing associates.