Standards for pre-registration nursing associate programmes

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These standards set out the entry and practice learning requirements, curriculum, length of programme, methods of assessment and the level of award for NMC-approved nursing associate programmes. They have been designed so that students can get the most out of their education and learn the skills they need to become safe, effective and kind professionals.

We updated the standards for nursing associate programmes in April 2023 following the change of the simulation standard and definition within all programme standards.

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