1. Selection, admission and progression

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Approved education institutions together with practice learning partners must:

1.1ensure that on entry to the programme the applicant is a registered nurse (level 1), a registered midwife or a SCPHN

1.2provide opportunities that enable all nurse (level 1), midwife or SCPHN registrants (including NHS, self-employed or non-NHS employed registrants) to apply for entry onto an NMC approved prescribing programme

1.3confirm that the necessary governance structures are in place (including clinical support, access to protected learning time and employer support where appropriate) to enable students to undertake, and be adequately supported throughout, the programme

1.4consider recognition of prior learning that is capable of being mapped to the RPS Competency Framework for all Prescribers

1.5confirm on entry that any applicant selected to undertake a prescribing programme has the competence, experience and academic ability to study at the level required for that programme

1.6confirm that the applicant is capable of safe and effective practice at a level of proficiency appropriate to the programme to be undertaken and their intended area of prescribing practice in the following areas:

1.6.1Clinical/health assessment

1.6.2Diagnostics/care management

1.6.3Planning and evaluation of care, and

1.7ensure that applicants for V300 supplementary/independent prescribing programmes have been registered with the NMC for a minimum of one year prior to application for entry onto the programme.