Primary Care (Practice Nursing) online chat session

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our Primary Care (Practice Nursing) course. The session will be run by academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by other attendees.

Thank you for joining us for today's session which will run from 17:00 - 18:00 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding this programme and life at City, University of London. During the session we may also share videos, polls or documents relating to your course.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself!

Your moderators today are:
Marie Hill, Programme Director
Susan Giles, Marketing Executive

Welcome to our webinar. I am Marie Hill, Programme Director for the BSc/Graduate Diploma/Post Graduate Diploma/MSc Primary Care Practice Nursing programmes. I am looking forward to answering your questions.

Hi, I’m Susan, I work in the marketing team here at City. I’m looking forward to helping Marie answer any questions you have.

What are the requirements to join the course?

This will depend on the level you are enquiring about. For example, undergraduate or post graduate. Let me know and I can advise further.

hello my name is [redacted] and I have been a nurse for a number of years and I was wondering how to go about topping up my diploma to a degree

There are two options for you. With regard to the programme that I lead (i.e. BSc Hons Primary Care Practice Nursing), you need to be employed as a General Practice Nurse. We also have a top up BSc Hons Nursing Studies. Let us know which programme you are interested in?

Postgraduate

To apply for the PgDip Primary Care Practice Nurse programme, you need to meet the following criteria:
1. You are employed as a General Practice Nurse at the commencement of the programme and for its duration
2. You must be registered with the NMC prior to commencement of the programme and for its duration
3. You have been awarded a First or a 2.1 for your undergraduate nursing degree or you hold a PgDip in nursing.
Hi, I'm a former student now working as a Practice Nurse. I am interested in topping up my PG Dip to MSc.

Hi with regard to the 60 credit dissertation module (i.e. code APM002), please email shmscdissertations@city.ac.uk. Our admissions team will be able to help you. Let me know the outcome and if you have any other questions?

I am interested in primary care. Do you need to have a certain level of experience before enrolling?

You must be working as a General Practice Nurse (GPN). The length of time being employed as a GPN is not relevant, as long as you are employed in general practice.

Also how much of the course is distance learning and how many study days are there?

There's no distance learning, the study dates aren't yet fixed for the 2019 programmes but on the undergraduate programme there are 7 modules, and for the postgraduate there are 8 modules. For each module there is approximately 4-5 study days.

I have been a practice nurse now for 13 years so the BSc Hons primary Care Practice nursing, I have just finished the mentorship course and I'm about to do a non medical prescribing course at Southbank University.

Great. The number of credits for the BSc primary care practice nurse programme is 120. Regarding this programme, four of the seven modules are compulsory, with three optional modules. In light of your experience, there are a number of long term condition modules that would be very relevant to your clinical area (e.g. diabetes care; asthma/COPD).

Could you tell me what the structure of the course is please? Essays, reflective studies, unseen papers? Am wondering what level of time commitment is needed too.

Hi the programme can be taken either on a full time or part time basis. In relation to full time, students commence their programme in February and complete their last module by mid December. If you are interested in a part time programme, then the duration for this programme would be circa 18 months - 2 years. We have a variety of assessments. For example, the assessment for the first core module is a 3,000 word essay. Other assessments (depending on module choice) consist of:
- skills schedule and exam,
- poster and supporting paper,
- protocol and supporting paper
- extended essay

This list is by no means exhaustive, but it will give you an idea.

Sorry perhaps should mention re my questions, I am a practice nurse with dip HE and asthma/womens health dips too, so looking for next level of upskilling.

Good. Let me know any further information you require?
HEE will be sponsoring my tuition but have a cap on how much they can pay. Is there any financial support from the university for some students?

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries within our School of Health Sciences, you can find out more about these options here: https://www.city.ac.uk/health/courses/fees-and-funding/postgraduate-funding

You can also find out more about PG funding here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/fees-and-funding

**Postgraduate scholarships and funding**
Find out more about the funding and scholarship opportunities available for postgraduate students at the School of Health Sciences.

**Fees and funding**
Find out about fees at City, as well as the range of funding options.

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How many days per week?

Hi, there are no set days per week for all modules. For example, my current programme students have already completed their first module, consisting of five days of attendance in February. The university days of attendance were: 11, 12, 18, 25 and 26 February. A number of our modules will run every second week. So there is variation when there will be university days of attendance.

Thank you Susan. Could you confirm the length of the courses please, as I'm not sure how modules are now divided.

If full time and you start in February, you would finish the last module by mid December. If part time it would generally take 18 months to 2 years to complete.

the prescribing course is 60 credits and the mentorship course was 15 credits so would that mean I would only have to do the compulsory modules and 1 optional?

Hi, you can only transfer a maximum of 30 level 6 credits to an undergraduate programme. These credits must be credits from stand alone modules and not part of another undergraduate programme. Furthermore, the credits from these modules must have been awarded less than five year prior to registering for an undergraduate programme.
Thank you Marie, So you would suggest a long term condition specific course as opposed to a general practice nurse upskilling course. (I was under the impression this was now available).

Our primary care practice nurse programme runs annually (i.e. currently every February). However, the choice of optional modules (n = 3) will be determined by you to ensure relevance to your clinical practice.

Also can I fit the course around working part time?

The majority of our students complete the course on a full-time basis whilst working part-time alongside this.

Also is the contraception and sexual health, theory and practice course run by your department or a different one and can i do it whilst i am doing the dissertation?

Hi we do offer the ‘family planning’ suite of modules (i.e. N = 2). However, these are both at undergraduate level (i.e. NM 3286 and NM 3287). However, we do offer the NM 3286 (i.e. Introduction to family planning and sexual health - theory) at level 7. This is predominately focused on sexual health with some family planning input. The module is 15 credits. If you want further details, you can email me from tomorrow at: M.Hill-1@city.ac.uk

both courses are stand alone courses so would you just count the prescribing course as 30

Yes, as long as the non medical prescribing module was at undergraduate level and of course, within five years of registered for the programme.

what are the compulsory modules please?

The four compulsory modules are:
1. Introduction to General Practice Nursing (very clinically focused: immunisation, an introduction to travel health, anaphylaxis, ear care, common mental health presentations, health promotion.
2. Practice Nurse Practice Portfolio (30 credits).
   This module (unlike others is spread out over four monthly sessions).
   Teaching relates to reflective models, change management. Students work in groups and/or individually (depending on the module group size) and present formative presentations on how they address the extended essay.
3. Research methods.
4. Health Policy and Politics.

I can supply you with further information if you wanted to email me from tomorrow on: M.Hill-1@city.ac.uk

I’m working as a Practice Nurse, for approximately 6 years. I was working in secondary care before, and when I moved to practice nursing I had no support and did not know much about training available, in fact at that time I felt I was alone on my own. I have got the Diploma in HE in Nursing. In general practice was only able to, attend to the short courses. The only course that I have done that count to t
Hi. With your diploma in nursing and the fact you are employed a general practice nurse, you would meet the criteria for a BSc Hons Primary Care Practice Nursing programme, which is available both on a full or part time basis. The other criteria for entry is that you are current on the NMC at the commencement of your programme and for the duration of the programme.

towards a degree was the contraception and sexual health which I have done in 2016. I really want to top up my diploma and don’t know how to...

Hi. You can transfer level 6 credits to the BSc Hons Primary Care Practice Nurse programme to a maximum of 30 level 6 credits.

Thank you Marie and Susan for answering our questions. It’s much appreciated. Best wishes to all.

Thank you Marie. So can I apply for the Bsc Hons Primary Care Practice.

Hi. I have just started with a new programme intake. We run our primary care practice nurse programmes every February. Do email me on: M.Hill-1@city.ac.uk from tomorrow for any further information you may require.

This session has now ended. Thank you for joining us for today's chat. If you have any further questions please email pgenquiries@city.ac.uk.

Thank you all for being part of our webinar this evening.