

Matching career progression and education for general practice nurses

Complete the table below to ascertain how well the current education you offer matches the requirements for general practice nurses (GPNs).

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Type of GPN role	Type of education required	Current provision	Adequacy of current provision
New GPN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory programme covering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – health promotion – immunisations – sexual health – management of long-term conditions (eg asthma, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) – dealing with children – professional accountability – aural care – wound management 		
Experienced GPN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 3 modules – relating to specific long-term conditions enabling nurse-led management in general practice • Individual modules in leadership or professional accountability 		
Senior GPN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSc (Honours) specialist practice – general practice nursing pathway • Nursing degree programmes – incorporate many of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – management of minor illnesses – long-term conditions – leadership – public health – health psychology – evidence-based practice – mental health – communication – nurse prescribing – mentor preparation 		

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Primary care trust GPN leads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above plus modules in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – change management – health strategy – influencing skills 		
Lecturer practitioner	Nursing and Midwifery Council approved education courses		
Advanced nurse practitioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters degree including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – physical assessment – clinical risk assessment and diagnostic decision-making – leadership – change management – research critique 		