

Advanced Level Nursing Practice

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treatment
advanced
innovation
authority
assessment
making
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clinical
experienced
responsibility
prescribing
diagnosis
referral
highly
professional
leadership
holistic
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Standards

Registered nurses working at this advanced level must meet the following standards:

- Active registration with the NMC.
- Practise within the 4 pillars of:
 - Advanced clinical practice
 - Leadership
 - Facilitation of education and learning
 - Evidence research and development.
- Have a Job Plan that reflects this and has equity with peers working at this advanced level.
- Be educated to Masters level (180 level 7 points (Scottish equivalent of level 11)). This education will include the following core areas:
 - therapeutic nursing care
 - comprehensive physical assessment of all body systems across the lifespan
 - history taking and clinical decision making skills
 - health and disease, including physical, sociological, psychological, and cultural aspects
 - applied pharmacology and evidence-based prescribing leading to a prescribing qualification
 - management of patient care
 - public health, epidemiology, health education and promotion
 - research and service development
 - organisational, interpersonal and communication skills
 - accountability – including legal and ethical issues
 - quality assurance
 - political, social and economic influences on health care
 - pathophysiology and genomics
- leadership skills
- theories and models of teaching and learning.
- Be an independent prescriber on the NMC register.
- Meet NMC revalidation requirements.
- Show evidence of:
 - Having the freedom and authority to act autonomously and independently
 - Being innovative, highly skilled at assessing and managing risk and consciously competent
 - Have the responsibility for decisions made and actions taken
 - Being holistic practitioners, able to address nursing as well as medical needs
 - Having the ability to ‘see’ the whole person, fuse biomedical science with the art of caring, providing health promotion advice, counselling, assessment, diagnosis, referral, treatment and discharge.

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