

DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD

Course Title	Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber V100
Awarding Bodies	University of Suffolk
Level of Award ¹	FHEQ Level 6
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)
Credit Structure ²	No credits
Mode of Attendance	Part-time
Standard Length of Course ³	3 Months
Intended Award	Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber V100
Named Exit Awards	None
Entry Requirements ⁴	Typical offer: Registration on third part of the Nursing and Midwifery Council register as a Health Visitor or School Nurse
Delivering Institution(s)	University of Suffolk
UCAS Code	N/A

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber V100 course. The information provided is accurate for students entering the 2018-19 academic year.⁵

Course Summary

This module is for qualified Health Visitors or School Nurses who completed their training without undertaking the V100 prescribing qualification, but are now required, by their employers, to successfully complete this module in order to become a community practitioner nurse prescriber.

Course Aims

This module aims to prepare specialist community public health nurses to prescribe safely, appropriately and cost effectively from the community practitioner formulary for nurse prescribers.

Course Learning Outcomes

The following statements define what students graduating from the Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber V100 course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally aligned with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) (2006) Standards of proficiency for Nurse and Midwife prescribers. London, NMC.

¹ For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

² All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

³ Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

⁴ Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#)

⁵ The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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On completion of this module the student will be able to:

1. Assess and consult with patient/clients, clients, parents and carers
2. Undertake a thorough history, including medication history and current medication (including over-the-counter, alternative and complementary health therapies) to inform diagnosis
3. Understand and apply the relevant legislation to the practice of nurse/midwife prescribing
4. Critically appraise, use sources of information/advice and decision support systems in prescribing practice
5. Understand the influences that can affect prescribing practice, and demonstrate your understanding by managing your prescribing practice in an ethical way
6. Understand and apply knowledge of drug actions in prescribing practice
7. Demonstrate an understanding of the roles and relationships of others involved in prescribing, supplying and administering medicines
8. Prescribe safely, appropriately and cost effectively
9. Practise within a framework of professional accountability and responsibility

Course Design

The design of this course has been guided by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) (2006) Standards of proficiency for Nurse and Midwife prescribers.

Course Structure

The Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber V100 comprises one module at level 6.

Module Specifications for this module is included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type ⁶
Level 6			
	Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber V100	0	M

Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be eligible to have the Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber V100 qualification recorded at the NMC.

Course Delivery

The course is delivered at the Ipswich campus. The 19.5 contact hours will be a mix of lectures and workshops. Taught sessions will be supplemented by online resources. Students will also be required to participate in application of theory to practice in their area of work supported by a mentor.

Course Assessment

The assessment methods include a written examination and the completion of a case study.

Course Team

The academic staff delivering this course are drawn from a team that includes teaching specialists and current practitioners. All staff are qualified in their subjects with their own

⁶ Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#)

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specialist knowledge to contribute and are registered with the appropriate professional body (NMC or GPhC).

Course Costs

Students undertaking Community Practitioner Nurse Prescriber V100 in 2018-19 will be charged tuition fees as detailed below:

	Tuition Fees
Module	£530

Payment of tuition fees is due at the time of enrolment and is managed in accordance with the Tuition Fee Policy.

Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).