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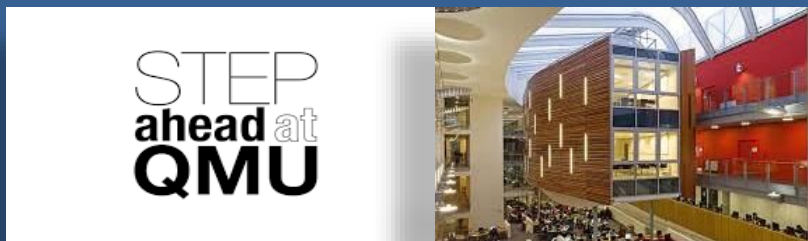
Post-graduate Diploma Person-centred Practice: District Nursing



Candidate Information

2023-2024

The Post-graduate Diploma in Person-centred Practice (PgDip PCP): District Nursing sits within the MSc Person-centred Framework at Queen Margaret University. The programme reflects the focus on personhood and person-centred practice. This is set within the contemporary context of health and social care integration and the health and wellbeing agenda. Our programmes are innovative and interactive, emphasising application of theory to practice context.



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Introduction

We are delighted to note your interest in the Post Graduate Diploma in Person-centred Practice: District Nursing [Pg Dip PCP DN] programme. We have included the full programme information relevant to our programme to explain the joint application process that exists between ourselves and our partner health boards. Our partner health boards provide funding, practice placements and supervision which are essential to completing the programme.

The Pg Dip PCP DN is delivered at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF) Level 11, also known as masters level study.

Entry requirements

Standard entry to this programme is usually a degree.

The table below identifies if you meet the academic entry requirements.

If your degree was obtained more than 5 years ago, but you have successfully undertaken additional study at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework [SCQF] level 9 or above within the last 5 years, then this meets the academic criteria.

If your degree was obtained more than 5 years ago and you have NOT undertaken additional study at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework [SCQF] level 9 or above within the last 5 years, then you may be directed to complete a single module.

If you do not have a degree, then you may be directed to complete a single module at Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework [SCQF] level 11.

The Programme Lead will be able to advise you on how to identify suitable modules for completion.

Applicants' current academic status	Does the applicants' current status meet the academic criteria?	Action that can be undertaken to meet academic criteria
Degree obtained within the last 5 years	Yes, academic criteria is met	No further action required
Degree obtained more than 5 years ago	No, academic criteria is not met	Show evidence of other study at level 9 or above that has been achieved within the last 5 years or apply to complete a single module, see below for further information
No degree	No, academic criteria is not met	Show evidence of other study at level 11 that has been achieved within the last 5 years or apply to complete a single module, see below for further information.
In exceptional circumstances: if you are unable to complete a module before beginning the programme, you will be supported by Queen Margaret University to complete a written assignment at level 10 [BSc Honours level].		

Evidence of NMC registration and PVG check is also required at the application stage.

Additional considerations

To complete this programme learners engage with 50% university-based and 50% practice-based learning. For this reason, written agreement from a Health Board that they can provide a practice placement and access to a named Practice Supervisor and Practice Assessor is essential. This is to guarantee NMC requirements are met.

The full-time programme which commences in September extends over three semesters to a total of 52 weeks. The part time programme which commences in September extends over 78 weeks [18 months].

Learners are usually employed within the NHS as student Specialist Practice District Nurses (SPDN) Fees are usually funded through the Health Boards, or through NES and the Scottish Government. The health board contact will confirm how funding is provided in their local areas for the programme and the terms and conditions of those roles.

There is a joint selection process and applicants must apply to Queen Margaret University for an academic place to study on the programme, and to the health board where they are employed or where they wish to be employed. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you discuss your options in full with your Clinical Nurse Manager who will advise you of the health board application process.

In 2022, the NMC released new [Standards of proficiency for community nursing specialist practice qualifications](#). The Queen Margaret University Pg Dip PCP DN programme is due to be validated against these new standards in April 2024. Consequently the 2023 intake for the Pg Dip PCP DN will be delivered against the current 2001 [NMC Standards for Specialist Education and Practice](#).

Meet the Queen Margaret University team

When you study with us here at Queen Margaret University, you will meet and engage with the following programme team members.

Julie Churchill is the Programme Leader for The Post Graduate Diploma Person-Centred Practice [District Nursing], known as the Pg Dip PCP DN.

The programme team includes Caroline Dickson, Senior Lecturer; Bill Lawson, Lecturer; Alison Bacigalupo, Programme Administrator.

The Pg Dip PCP DN is one of the programmes on the Person-centred Practice Framework.

What is the Person-centred Practice Framework?

The Person-centred Practice Framework and its constituent programmes reflects the Queen Margaret University Division of Nursing and Paramedic Science's burgeoning focus on person-centredness set within the contemporary context of health and social care integration and the health and well-being agenda.

The programme is underpinned by following underpinning values:

- Respect for the 'personhood' of others ('human valuing')
- Mutual respect and understanding
- Engagement and collaboration

- Self and collective right to self-determination
- Equity and equality

What are the overall programme aims?

The programme aims and outcomes have been developed considering the NMC Standards of Specialist Education and Practice (NMC 2001), for a recordable qualification as a Specialist Practitioner District Nurse (SPQ DN). On completion of the programme you will be able to, '*exercise higher levels of judgement discretion and decision-making*' (NMC 2001).

The aims of the programme are:

- To enable you to work in a variety of contexts to develop deep and critical understandings of different sources of knowledge and of research evidence that contribute to the health and well-being of persons, groups and populations, in a way that is consistent with the values of person-centredness.
- To influence and enable the transformative processes of personal and professional development through engagement, facilitation and evaluation of person-centred teaching and learning approaches.

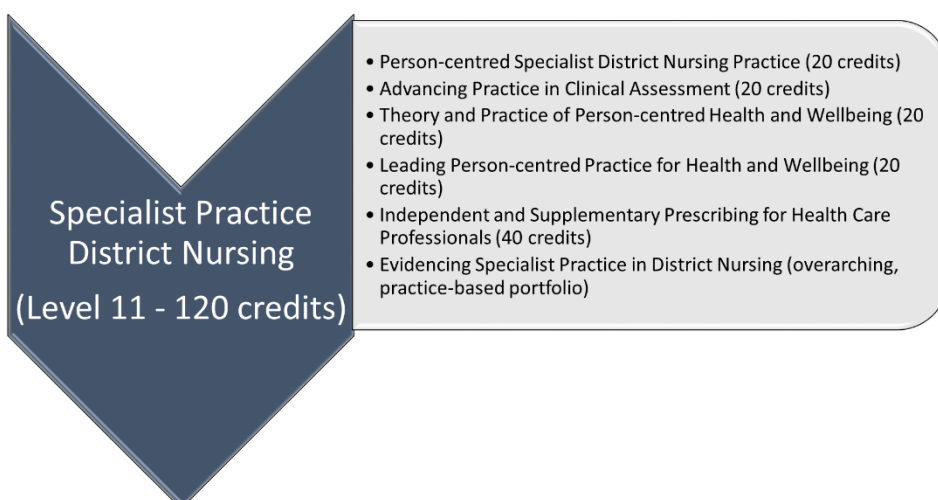
What are the professional requirements of the (SPQ) Specialist Practitioner Qualification?

You will also be able to meet NMC SPQ outcomes of exercising judgement, discretion, and decision-making, within the context of four broad areas:

- *Clinical nursing practice*
- *Care and programme management*
- *Clinical practice leadership*
- *Clinical practice development*

(NMC 2001)

At the end of the programme you will therefore be awarded an educational [Post Graduate Diploma Person-centred Practice [District Nursing] and a professional qualification [SPQ DN].





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How do I apply?

Simply click on this link: <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduate-study/2023/pgdip-person-centred-practice-district-nursing/> and under 'Start your application' click on 'Apply for this course'.

If you are selected for interview, please ensure you have uploaded all the required documentation. This is necessary for us to be able to make selection decisions.

If you have any queries, please contact Julie Churchill, Programme Lead: jchurchill@qmu.ac.uk, or Alison Bacigalupo, Programme Administrator: abacigalupo@qmu.ac.uk. If the query relates to the admissions process, please contact admissions@qmu.ac.uk



We look forward to welcoming you to Queen Margaret University before long.

On behalf of the Pg Dip PCP DN Programme team

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