

ADDITIONAL COURSE REGULATIONS: FOUNDATION DEGREE NURSING ASSOCIATE including Nursing Associate Apprenticeship (NMC 2018)

INTRODUCTION

Course title	Nursing Associate containing Foundation Degree Nursing Associate
Course code	NURS5-C-00231 (Course Loop); PUNURS004 (SITS PWY)
Exit awards	Foundation Degree Nursing Associate Dip HE Wellbeing and Care Cert HE Wellbeing and Care
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AWARD

1. The FD Nursing Associate is the only award for this course that confers eligibility to apply for registration with the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC).
2. The course may or may not be undertaken as an apprenticeship.
3. To be awarded FD Nursing Associate, students must successfully meet the requirements concerning attendance and professional practice, together with the requirements of the regulatory bodies relating to student conduct, good health, and good character.
4. The award title FD Nursing Associate cannot be offered as an aegrotat award.
5. Where students do not meet the criteria for the FD Nursing Associate, they may be offered an appropriate exit award that does not confer eligibility for registration with the NMC.
6. The following exit awards may be available to students not recommended for the FD Nursing Associate:
 - (i) Dip HE Wellbeing and Care
 - (ii) Cert HE Wellbeing and CareThese awards do not confer eligibility to apply for registration with the NMC.

CREDIT EXEMPTION ON ENTRY

7. For apprentices, before the apprenticeship begins, the University, in collaboration with the employer, must assess the individual's prior learning to establish the 'starting point', or baseline, of the apprentice. This informs how much of the apprenticeship training content the individual requires.

8. In recognising prior learning, the following should be considered against the knowledge, skills and behaviours set out in the apprenticeship standard or framework:
 - Work experience (this is particularly important if the apprentice is an existing employee);
 - Prior education, training or associated qualification(s) in a related sector subject area; and
 - Any previous apprenticeship undertaken.
9. Where there is Recognition of Prior Learning, the content and duration of the apprenticeship must be reduced to reflect this. The new (reduced) duration must still meet the minimum threshold of 12 months. At least 20% of the paid hours for the new (reduced) duration must be spent on off-the-job training.
10. For applicants who do not have a current UK registration at first or second level with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), RPL of up to a maximum of 50% of the course will be considered, provided all the requirements are met in full. All credits exempted through Advanced Standing or RPCL are excluded from the classification.
11. For applicants who have a current UK registration for a separate field at first or second level with the NMC, without restrictions on their practice, RPL of up to the University maximum will be considered providing that all requirements are met in full.

PERIODS OF REGISTRATION

12. The normal minimum and maximum period of registration for students recommended for a FD Nursing Associate is 2 years minimum and 4 years' maximum for full time students. This covers the entire period of study, whether undertaken at CCCU or another institution, including periods of interruption, reassessment and credit transferred from another HEI or course.
13. Minimum and maximum periods of registration will be adjusted accordingly for students with RPL at the point of RPL approval in line with NMC Requirements.

ASSESSMENT

14. All components of assessment must be passed.

RETRIEVAL

15. An Apprentice is not eligible for a retake of modules.
16. An Apprentice's first reassessment attempt must be taken in the next available timetabled assessment period.
17. An Apprentice's second reassessment attempt (where permitted by the appropriate Apprenticeship Standard) must be taken in the next available timetabled assessment period. This can be during the same academic year as the first assessment and first reassessment attempts.

PROGRESSION: TRAILING CREDIT

18. An Apprentice will be allowed to progress with trailing credit into the next level or stage of their course where:
- (i) they have failed a module and have outstanding reassessment attempts; and
 - (ii) no more than 45 credits are being trailed.
19. Students are permitted to trail credit related to theory assessment only. Students are not permitted to trail modules related to practice assessment.

STUDENTS WHO CANNOT CONTINUE DUE TO FAILURE TO MEET THE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

20. A student cannot continue and shall exit the course with the relevant alternate exit award or credits where:
- (i) they have not met the conditions to progress OR
 - (ii) they have not met the conditions to progress with trailing credit OR
- they have exhausted all reassessment attempts for which they are eligible within the academic year, without passing.

COMPENSATION

21. Compensation is not permitted.

FITNESS TO PRACTISE

22. The University Fitness to Practise procedure applies on this course. Where a student is subject to a Fitness to Practise referral, continuation on the course, and engagement with current and future (re)assessment opportunities related to professional practice will only be possible:
- (i) where the Fitness to Practise investigation deems this to be appropriate and
 - (ii) where any precautionary measures linked to practice are lifted.

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