***NHS Education for Scotland invites nurses working in general practice to apply for funding for university modules. Modules which are eligible for funding are: - V300 Prescribing, Advanced Clinical Assessment, Research, and Leadership that meet the required criteria.***

# Background

NHS Education for Scotland has been commissioned by the Scottish Government to manage investment in education and development for General Practice Nursing (GPN). This funding will support GPN role development in line with the Chief Nursing Officer’s Transforming Roles programme, the General Medical Services Contract (2018) and the National Health and Social Care Workforce Plan - Part 3 (Scottish Government, 2018) enabling nurses to work in integrated teams to meet the changing health and care needs of Scotland’s population.

NHS Education for Scotland also provides a range of other fully funded learning for nurses working in general practice including CPD Connect courses, Problem Based Small Group Learning (PBSGL), Graduate Diploma in Integrated Community Nursing, Turas Learn GPN CPD resource, and Coaching. A number of funded university modules will also be commissioned

and made available.

# Criteria for funding University modules

Applications for funding can be made up to 1st September 2021, however, as there is limited funding not all requests may be approved.

* Applicant is employed as a nurse in General Practice in Scotland
* Modules eligible for funding are at master’s level (SCQF Level 11) in the following topics
* V300 Prescribing
* Advanced Clinical Assessment (i.e. the module the University would expect to be complete alongside V300 prescribing),
* Research
* Leadership
* Modules commence between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2022
* Funding application is made before the start of the module
* Course is high quality and delivered by a Higher Education Institution in Scotland
* Cost of the course is competitively priced and best value for money
* Applicant commits to completing the module and the associated assessment and provides evidence of completion
* Line Manager/GP supports the nurse to access the course and supports any assessment and supervision
* Applicant agrees to contribute to the evaluation of the impact of learning on practice through a national survey
* Applicant evidences learning through their professional portfolio e.g. using Turas Professional Portfolio which is available to ALL nurses in Scotland <https://turasnmportfolio.nes.nhs.scot/>

# Approval Process

Funding applications will be reviewed by a panel in NHS Education for Scotland to ensure all criteria are met. If necessary, further information will be requested and, in some circumstances, the decision will be referred to the national GPN Advisory Group. All applicants will receive an email to confirm the outcome of their funding application.

# How will the funding be paid?

Confirmation of successful funding will include a communication that can be forwarded to the education provider to confirm that NES will sponsor the module. NES will raise a purchase order to enable the education provider to invoice NES for the cost of the module.

# Funding Application Form

Apply for funding at <https://response.questback.com/nhseducationforscotland/vfdmkkiwu3>

Enquiries to GPNursing@nes.scot.nhs.uk

**Weblinks**

General Practice Nursing

<https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/our-work/general-practice-nursing-gpn/>

Transforming roles

[*https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/our-work/transforming-nmahp-roles/*](https://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/our-work/transforming-nmahp-roles/)