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## Advanced Practice Programme Bulletin

### Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Advanced Professional Practice – Oct 2022



**Welcome to the October 2022 Advanced Practice programme bulletin. The current edition includes news, key dates, and information about available educational provision. Links are provided to forthcoming Advanced Practice events that are likely to be of relevance to our readership.**

We are now well in to the first semester of the new academic year and are delighted to have a good cohort of new and continuing PG students taking advanced practice and CPD modules.

Relaxation of COVID restrictions has allowed us to plan for some re-introduction of face-to-face teaching in semester 2. We look forward to using the Department's newly commissioned simulation suite, featured below, as an excellent facility for students' clinical skills development.

The Department will host a Graduation ceremony on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This is open to both UG and PG students recently in receipt of awards. This will be a great occasion and an opportunity to celebrate our students' achievements along with their families and friends. Further details can be

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Nationally, advanced practice continues to develop apace. Recent months have seen the publication of a new [Core Advanced Pharmacist curriculum](#) as well as establishment of a Mental Health Advanced Practice support network. The NES Advanced Practice Toolkit refresh is ongoing with the aim of providing an updated, contemporary, and relevant resource for all advanced practitioners in Scotland. Finally, the three Advanced Practice Academies in Scotland are now issuing a National Advanced Practice newsletter. This is a most informative publication and can be accessed via the Learning & Education section of the [ACAP Scotland website](#)

We wish all our readers a successful semester of study and work. Please do contact us if we can be of help to you.

[Neil Angus](#)

**Head of Postgraduate Studies / Programme Lead MSc Advanced Practice**

## Key Dates

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Closing date** for ANP / APP / MSc commencing January 2023  
[Apply Here](#)

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

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**25<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

Next deadline for RPL applications

## Staff Changes

We recently said farewell to Leah Macaden and Fiona Young and thank them for all their contributions. We wish them well in their new academic and clinical roles.

We are delighted to welcome several new colleagues: **Dr Heather Bain** (Assistant Head of Department), **Lizanne Hamilton-Smith** (Senior Lecturer in Advanced Practice) and **Dillon Hayes** (Lecturer in Nursing).



Heather joins the department as Assistant Head of Department. She brings extensive experience of strategic level PG leadership relating to Non-Medical Prescribing, District Nursing and Paramedic Science. Heather reviews prescribing and DN programmes for the NMC and was seconded there as a Prescribing/Medicines Management Expert Advisor inputting into the 2018 prescribing standards. Heather recently published a textbook on the Principles and Practice of Nurse Prescribing and is currently working on the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Textbook of Community Nursing.



Lizanne joins the department as a part-time Senior Lecturer in Advanced Clinical Practice. She is combining this new role with an ongoing clinical commitment as Senior Nurse for Advanced Practice with NHS 24. Lizanne brings extensive clinical and academic experience and is currently working on a professional doctorate examining the perceptions and values of nurse practitioners in Scotland. Lizanne expects to be contributing to various elements of the PG programme including Advanced Clinical Assessment and the prospective Rural Advanced Practice MSc programme.



Dillon joins the department as a Lecturer in Nursing. Dillon has experience of medical and surgical assessment, ED, offshore medicine and advanced clinical practice. Most recently he worked in out of hours services and as an Advanced Practitioner in the Scottish Ambulance Service. Dillon combines his interest in pre-hospital medicine by serving as a mountain rescue team member. His current PG contributions relate to education on Minor Injuries and Advanced Clinical Assessment.

## Department of Nursing & Midwifery Simulation Suite

The Department of Nursing & Midwifery has recently commissioned a Clinical Simulation Suite comprising of two six-bedded wards furnished to replicate a basic ward setting, equipped with simulated Oxygen and Medical air flowmeters which can achieve flows of up to 15LPM.

The rooms are an ideal purpose-built environment for simulation-based learning. Still, they are suited to teach and practice ward-based patient care, a range of clinical skills and therapies. With ample floor space for moving and handling, Basic life support, Immediate life support courses and OSCE examinations. The rooms will provide post-graduate students with a space to learn and practice patient assessment and to undertake OSCE exams.



Each room is equipped with a Smots™ audio-visual system, which can record and stream simultaneously. The potential for use of the smots system is enormous and not solely limited to simulation (remote skills teaching, examinations - OSCEs, demonstrations, seminars etc.)

The rooms are also available to hire by external parties. Please direct any enquiries to Franklin Gbakinro - [franklin.gbakinro@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:franklin.gbakinro@uhi.ac.uk)

## Taught Postgraduate Programme News

Development work on a RRHEAL / NES commissioned MSc in Rural Advanced Practice continues with a target start date of September 2023. The programme will be provided subject to an approval event scheduled at the end of March 2023.

HCPC is undertaking an HEI Performance Review process during the current academic year. This combines elements of institutional and programme review with an emphasis on continuous improvement. The department's non-medical prescribing programme will fall within the parameters of the review.

## Minor Injuries Modules (CPD options at SCQF Level 9 & Level 11)

GPN / NES continue to fund the cost of CPD modules in Minor Injuries. These modules are offered twice a year. Initial funding was only available to nurses working in general practice however eligibility for funding has now been extended to include nurses working in out of hours settings. Further details about CPD options and how to apply to the University can be found via

the link provided above. Applications for Funding must be completed via the [NHS Education for Scotland \(NES\) CPD Connect site](#).

## Student Representation on Department Postgraduate Committee

We thank Carol-Anne Thomson who has been our student representative on the PG Committee for the last year but has now completed her award. Any current students who may be interested in becoming a committee representative are invited to contact the ANP / MSc programme Lead (Neil Angus: [neil.angus@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:neil.angus@uhi.ac.uk)) to discuss further.

## Fees Update

A revised module fee (£750 / 20 credit module) applies to all new students commencing from January 2023. A no fee increase guarantee applies to continuing students up to the permitted standard time limit for the relevant award.

### Alumni Discount on Tuition Fees

A 10% discount on the tuition fee for all [taught postgraduate courses](#) is available for alumni of the university who have graduated with an ordinary or honours degree. [Alumni benefits - Discount on taught postgraduate courses \(uhi.ac.uk\)](#).

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

An RPL processing fee is being introduced from Academic Year 2023/24. This has been set at £150 per 20 credits. Further details about the RPL process is available to continuing students via the ANP / APP Hub in Brightspace.

## New Applicants

The closing date for new applicants wishing to commence study in January 2023 is **18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**.

Programme and CPD details can be obtained via the following links:

[Advanced Nurse Practitioner / Advanced Professional Practice / MSc Programme](#)

[Non-Medical Prescribing CPD Award](#)

[Minor Injuries Management \(SCQF Level 9\) CPD Award](#)

[Minor Injuries Management \(SCQF Level 11\) CPD Award](#)



## Semester 2 Documentation

Students taking NMP, CAAP or Minor Injuries modules in Semester 2 (January 2023) must submit all supplementary documentation by **2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022**. Continuing students may obtain this from the ANP / APP Hub in Brightspace (Programme area). New / CPD students can obtain further information from [admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk)

## Programme Modules

**Developed in partnership with expert clinical partners, and taught by subject experts, these programmes will equip nurses, midwives and allied health professionals to lead and deliver advanced healthcare for their client groups.**

To qualify as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner the following modules are core to the programme:

1. [Clinical reasoning, judgement and decision-making](#) (20 credits)
2. [Non-medical prescribing \(NMP\)](#) (40 credits) \*
3. [Clinical assessment for advanced practice](#) (40 credits) \*
4. [Understanding research in evidence-based practice](#) (20 credits) \* *Core for all students commencing from AY 2022-23*

The programme also includes a range of other modules including:

5. [Professional leadership and resilience](#) (20 credits) \*
6. [Improvement science: enhancing quality in health and social care](#) (20 credits) \*
7. [Complexities of care in multi-morbidity](#) (20 credits)
8. [Minor Injuries: assessment and management](#) (20 credits) \*
9. [Quality Improvement Dissertation](#) (60 credits) \* *Improvement Science module is a pre-requisite*
10. [Applying Research Skills for Clinical Impact Dissertation](#) (60 credits) *From AY 22/23 Understanding Research module is a pre-requisite.*

Note:

**\* Starred modules are available in Semester 2 (January 2023).**

**Further details of module study days are available to continuing students via the ANP Hub in Brightspace.**

## Module Enrolment

**New Students** – On acceptance of an unconditional offer new students receive an email notification inviting them to complete programme enrolment and module selection. This is issued by the Student Records Office and is sent to personal email addresses. Please look out for this communication and ensure prompt completion of these important administrative tasks.

**Continuing Students** - Continuing students should have completed module selections for Semester 2 (commencing January 2023) during the annual programme enrolment process. Existing module enrolments can be checked in UHI Records>Student Hub>Modules. If not previously completed please email your name, student ID, intended module name / code and start date to the Student Records Office at [sro@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:sro@uhi.ac.uk). Please include 'Semester 2 Module Enrolment' in the subject line of the email and always use your University email address.

## New Student Programme Induction

The next online induction is scheduled for **20<sup>th</sup> January 2023** (14:00 – 16:00). This offers new PG students opportunity to meet some of the department staff and provides general information about the MSc pathway, the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process and a session on studying at Master's level. The induction is recorded and materials are made available online for anyone unable to attend on the day. Further details are forwarded to new students after applications are closed. Students enrolling for stand-alone NMP or Minor Injuries modules are not expected to attend the programme induction.

## Conferences & Events

13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - [Advanced Practice Week](#)

16 / 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - [Advancing Care, Advancing Practice \(ACAP\) Scotland Annual Conference](#)

9 – 12 September 2024 - [International Council of Nurses, NP / APN, 13<sup>th</sup> Network Conference, Aberdeen](#)

## Funding Opportunity

### General Nursing Council for Scotland (Education) Fund 1983 and Margaret Callum Rodger Midwifery Award

This fund offers scholarships of up to £5000 to support educational and development opportunities which inform nursing, midwifery or community knowledge and health and social care practice. Small scale projects and study tours may also be supported. Full details are provided here - [GNC Scholarship Information 2023-24](#).

## Meet your module leaders

- [Lesley Andrews](#)
- [Neil Angus](#)
- [Michelle Beattie](#)
- [Clare Carolan](#)
- [Trish Gorely](#)
- [Gill Hubbard](#)
- Jackie Matthews
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