

Second registration opportunities in London

Key facts

- The Nursing Midwifery Council (NMC) require Registered Nurses (RN) seeking registration in an additional field of nursing to undertake a standard pre-registration programme, BSc, PG Dip or MSc, at an Accredited Education Institution (AEI), normally a university, against which Accreditation of prior learning and practice learning are made prior to commencement of the programme
- Accreditation of prior learning and practice learning is achieved through the submission of a Professional Portfolio that will include:
 - Original evidence of certificated learning, awards & professional registration
 - Current RN field and status
 - Verified experiential and/or accredited continuing professional development (CPD) relevant to the field of nursing being applied for
 - Verified practice learning relevant to the field of nursing being applied for
 - Mapping of above evidence to the pre-registration programme being applied for
- The university examines the professional portfolio, verifying mapping of the required theory and practice learning against the pre-registration programme, following which a pathway of learning that enables the applicant to achieve the learning outcomes for the pre-registration programme is then agreed and costed.
- If the RN has completed a Diploma in HE, normally they are able to complete the BSc pre-registration programme
- If the RN already holds a BSc award then enrolment on a PG Dip or MSc programme is possible
- If the RN does not hold an undergraduate award then the process of accreditation can focus on experiential learning, CPD and practice learning
- Potentially **all** universities offering the pre-registration programme, in the field of nursing being sought, can offer the above option as there is no requirement to run a separate accredited programme. RNs undertaking an additional field of nursing programme will study alongside pre-registration students on that programme
- If a number of RNs, from one or a number of organisations, commenced an additional registration programme and were required to complete a similar pathway then a university could offer a cohort pathway that may be attractive to potential applicants in respect of group support through being part of a community of learning
- Following the withdrawal of the NHS bursary RNs seeking an additional registration would pay student fees according to the numbers of modules they would be required to complete to meet the learning outcomes for the programme
- Potentially RNs could access the additional pre-registration programme through the apprenticeship route as this route allows for accreditation of prior learning, however this has not been 'tested out' to date

