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## Advanced Practice Programme Bulletin

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



Welcome to the Advanced Practice programme bulletin. In this edition we share some news, key dates and information about available educational provision, programme developments as well as forthcoming Advanced Practice events that may be of interest to our readership.

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#### News

#### New UHI Visual Identity

Readers may have noticed that UHI has recently adopted a new visual identity. The Department is now officially called the UHI Department of Nursing and Midwifery. We remain proud to be connected with our local communities in Inverness and Stornoway, and beyond, as well as being part of the wider UHI partnership, which helps us offer you more.

#### Course Enquiries

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Email [info@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:info@uhi.ac.uk)

#### Admissions

Email [admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk)

Please also note that Lews Castle College UHI will now be called UHI Outer Hebrides.

However, be re-assured it is only how UHI looks that's changing – our commitment to our learners remains the same. Wherever students are based and whether they are undergraduates or postgraduates, we value them equally as important UHI Department of Nursing and Midwifery students. We will continue to communicate with students and support their learning in the same ways as before.

The Department is currently redesigning and updating our webpages and social media channels. We also hope to have all changes – for example, campus signage and teaching materials used with students – ready for the new academic year in September 2022.

### Staff Changes

The DoNM has recently said farewell to several academic colleagues – Jackie Matthew, Fiona Grist and Jonathan Gray. All have contributed to the ANP / APP programme. We thank them for this, and their many other contributions to the Department's activities, and wish them well in their new roles.

Our colleague Rob Polson, Specialist Subject Librarian, has also retired this month. Rob has given many years of dedicated service to NHS Highland and its associated Universities, and we sincerely thank him for this and wish him well in the future.

A recruitment process is currently in progress and we look forward to confirming and advising some new appointments very soon.

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### Key Dates

#### 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Closing date** for ANP / APP / MSc Programme Applications  
[Apply Here](#)

#### 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

All students who are undertaking NMP, CAAP and Minor Injuries module in Semester 1 must have submitted all necessary documentation by this date.

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022

Next deadline for RPL applications

## New Applicant Deadline



The closing date for new applicants wishing to commence study in August/September 2022 is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.**

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Programme and Application details are available from the [Advanced Nurse Practitioner / Professional Practice MSc webpage](#).

## 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 \(uhi.ac.uk\)](#).

# Semester 1 Documentation

Students taking NMP, CAAP and Minor Injuries in Semester 1 must submit documentation confirming their arrangements for Clinical Supervision. For continuing students this is available in the programme area of the ANP / APP Hub. New students can obtain this from [admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk). Completed documents are required by **8<sup>th</sup> July**.

## 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 3 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)

The programme also includes a range of other modules including:

- [Professional leadership and resilience](#) (20 credits)
- [Improvement science: enhancing quality in health and social care](#) (20 credits)
- [Complexities of care in multi-morbidity](#) (20 credits) \*
- [Understanding research in evidence-based practice](#) (20 credits)
- [Minor Injuries: assessment and management](#) (20 credits) \*
- [Quality Improvement Dissertation](#) (60 credits) *Improvement Science module is a pre-requisite*
- [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 1 (Aug/Sept 2022).**

[Further information about the programme.](#)

## Module Enrolment

**New Students** – After acceptance of an unconditional offer new students will receive an email notification (around 14<sup>th</sup> July) 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 1 (commencing August/September 2022) during the annual programme enrolment process. Existing module enrolments can be checked in UHI Records>Student Hub>Modules. If this was not 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 1 Module Enrolment' in the subject line of your email and always use your University email address.

## New Student Induction (ANP/APP/MSc Programme only)

A short online induction for new PG students is scheduled on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (13:30 – 15:30)**. This offers an opportunity to meet some of the department teaching staff and will provide general information about the MSc pathway, the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process and a session on studying at Master's level. The induction will be recorded and materials will be available online for anyone who is unable to attend on the day. Further details including set up and access details will be forwarded to relevant students in due course. Students enrolling for stand-alone NMP or Minor Injuries modules are not expected to attend the programme induction.

## Programme Developments

### **Multidisciplinary MSc in Rural Advanced Practice (RAP)**

The Department of Nursing & Midwifery has been commissioned by the Remote and Rural Healthcare Education Alliance (RRHEAL) to design and develop a multidisciplinary RAP education programme. Development is in progress and the programme is expected to be available from September 2023. Further details and updates will be included in subsequent bulletins.

### **Minor Injuries CPD for General Practice Nurses**

Minor Injuries modules at SCQF Level 9 or Level 11 are now being offered as accredited CPD for General Practice Nurses. NES will fund these modules for nurses working in General Practice. Applicants must book / apply for funding through [NES CPD Connect](#) and also submit an application to the University via [admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk)

### **Adults with Incapacity (AWI)**

NHS Education for Scotland (NES) has developed a TURAS module on AWI. This is currently being piloted across NHS Boards and discussions with HEIs are taking place on how this can be embedded within existing Advanced Practice Programmes. Further information will follow when available.

### **Non-Medical Authorisation of Blood Products**

The Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) is developing a TURAS module relating to the above. This will be of interest and relevant to some ANP role holders. Further details will be provided as these become available.

### **University of the Arctic (UArctic)**

[UArctic](#) is a network of universities, colleges, research institutes, and other organizations concerned with education and research in Northern countries around the globe. UHI is a member of this network and the Department of Nursing & Midwifery is represented by Dr Leah Macaden. Although some UArctic activities have been paused during the C-19 pandemic opportunities for supported UG international field trips have recently re-commenced. In the future it is hoped that enhanced opportunity for PG interaction will also be available.

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

The next opportunity for submission of RPL evidence is 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 with outcomes being confirmed early in December. Please note that all RPL evidence must be provided by the submission date and applications received after published deadlines will be carried forward to the next available date.

Current students can find information about RPL on the Advanced Nurse Practitioner / Advanced Professional Practice Hub on Brightspace. Intending applicants who may have queries about RPL can obtain further information by contacting the PG Programme Lead at [neil.angus@uhi.ac.uk](mailto:neil.angus@uhi.ac.uk)

## Conferences & Events

### AAPEUK Annual Conference

The UK Association of Advanced Practice Educators (AAPEUK) will hold its Annual Conference as an online event on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The theme this year is *'The Forgotten Pillars of Advanced Practice'*. Further details and a link for registration can be found [here](#).

### Welsh & Scottish Advanced Practice Educator Network (WaSAPEN)

WaSAPEN will host an evening online event of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 entitled *'Does a clinical portfolio demonstrate an investment in practice'*. This 2-hour event (6 – 8pm) will take the form of a panel discussion and debate. To book please contact [c.m.j.henderson@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:c.m.j.henderson@dundee.ac.uk)

## Student Representation on Department Postgraduate Committee

The Department is seeking student representation and involvement on our postgraduate committee. We have one student representative confirmed and are seeking one further student rep. Involvement includes attendance at 3-4 committee meetings per year (1 hour). These are conducted online. Please send any expressions of interest to [Neil Angus](#) who can provide further information about the purpose and functioning of the committee.

### Meet your module leaders

- [Lesley Andrews](#)
- [Neil Angus](#)
- [Michelle Beattie](#)
- [Clare Carolan](#)
- [Trish Gorely](#)
- [Gill Hubbard](#)
- [Leah Macaden](#)
- [Fiona Young](#)

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