Fundamentals of General Practice Nursing

Discuss with your local CEPN as HEE funded places are available

The Fundamentals of General Practice Nursing (GPN) programme will provide nurses, new to general practice, with an introduction to all aspects of general practice nursing, a solid foundation to facilitate understanding of key topic areas and build confidence in their ability to assist in meeting the needs of a diverse patient group. This will in turn help develop and build successful careers, in this area.

The year-long programme aims to prepare nurses for the demands of working within the general practice environment, whilst working towards the core and level one competences suggested in the RCGP (2012) competency framework identified in the practice nurse competency framework (PNCF ©). It also meets the standards outlined in the Health Education England, District and General Practice Nursing Service Education and Career Framework (2015) document. The focus of the programme will address the delivery of holistic care for a diverse patient population including those with chronic health problems. Other GPN duties, include introductory training in; immunisation, ear care and cervical screening.

“NHS England (2017) - Ten Point Plan for GPNs states its aim to work with commissioners and the Royal Colleges to ensure ALL nurses new to general practice have access to an approved employer-led induction programme and a continuous professional development (CPD) plan that includes the GPN fundamentals standards”.

NHS England (2019) General Practice Nurse Induction Template objectives are:

- To enable the GPN to understand the requirements of this new role in a structured format;
- To recognise the importance of a well-considered orientation and induction programme;
- To enable the GPN to work safely and effectively within a new work environment;
- To provide guidance to the employer on the relevance and value of induction of nurses new to General Practice;
- Advise the GPN on the Educational and Training requirements of this role beyond initial nurse registration.

This course will support the aims and objectives of these two key documents.

Entry criteria:
Be registered to practice with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. Be employed in their first year as a General Practice Nurse that enables the achievement of module competencies, or a supported transition placement from secondary to primary care.
Have the support of a practice nurse mentor approved by the programme leader.

Feedback from Practice Manager from a previous cohort.
“Our PN, ..., has just completed the Fundamental of GPN course. Can I just feedback that this course has been very good in providing the building blocks for an excellent practice nurse.”

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