

**Programme Major Modification report**

**Section one**

<p><b>Programme provider name:</b></p>	<p>De Montfort University</p>
<p><b>In partnership with:</b> <i>(Associated practice learning partners and/or employer partners involved in the delivery of the programme)</i></p>	<p>University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG Private, voluntary and independent healthcare providers</p>
<p><b>Programmes reviewed:</b> <i>This is the NMC programme title(s)</i></p>	<p><i>Pre-registration nurse qualification leading to</i> Registered Nurse – Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse – Children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse - Learning Disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Nurse - Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Nursing Degree Apprenticeship (NDA) route</i> NDA Adult <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NDA Children’s <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NDA Learning Disabilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NDA Mental Health <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <i>Dual award - pre-registration nursing</i> Dual award - adult/mental health <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - adult/children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - adult/learning disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - mental health/learning disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - mental health/children’s <input type="checkbox"/> Dual award - learning disabilities/children’s <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Current AEI programme title(s):</b> <i>Please include the title of the programme(s) affected by this modification or add N/A if the modification doesn’t apply to a current AEI programme/route (for example new routes are being added that have a</i></p>	<p>BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult) with NMC Registration BSc (Hons) Nursing (Child) with NMC Registration BSc (Hons) Nursing (Mental Health) with NMC Registration BSc (Hons) Nursing (Learning Disabilities) with NMC Registration</p>

<i>different title to those already approved)</i>	
<b>Modified AEI programme title(s) if applicable:</b> <i>Please include new title(s) if current AEI programme title(s) are being modified as a result of this modification or add N/A</i>	
<b>Additional AEI programme title(s) if applicable:</b> <i>Please include any additional AEI programme title(s) for approval as a result of this modification (for example new routes being added that have a different title to those already approved) or add N/A</i>	<p>BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult) with NMC registration (Apprenticeship route)</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Nursing (Mental health) with NMC registration (Apprenticeship route)</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Nursing (Child) with NMC registration (Apprenticeship route)</p> <p>BSc (Hons) Nursing (Learning disabilities) with NMC registration (Apprenticeship route)</p>
<b>Academic levels of current programme:</b>	
Registered Nurse – Adult	<p>England, Wales, Northern Ireland  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 6   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 7</p> <p>SCQF  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 8   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 9   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 10   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 11</p>
Registered Nurse – Children’s	<p>England, Wales, Northern Ireland  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 6   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 7</p> <p>SCQF  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 8   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 9   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 10   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 11</p>
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Registered Nurse - Mental Health	<p>England, Wales, Northern Ireland  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 6   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 7</p> <p>SCQF  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 8   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 9   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 10   <input type="checkbox"/> Level 11</p>

NDA Adult	<p>England, Wales, Northern Ireland  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 5    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 6    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 7</p> <p>SCQF  <input type="checkbox"/> Level 8    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 9    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 10    <input type="checkbox"/> Level 11</p>
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<b>Programme start date:</b>	<i>Insert date below for each relevant route</i>
RN – Adult	
RN – Children's	
RN - Learning Disabilities	
RN - Mental Health	
NDA Adult	4 October 2021
NDA Children's	4 October 2021
NDA Learning Disabilities	4 October 2021
NDA Mental Health	4 October 2021
Dual award - Adult/Mental Health	
Dual award - Adult/Children's	
Dual award - Adult/Learning Disabilities	
Dual award – Mental Health/Learning Disabilities	

Dual award – Mental Health/Children’s	
Dual award – Learning Disabilities/Children’s	
<b>Date of modification:</b>	26 May 2021
<b>Type of modification:</b>	Visit
<b>QA visitor(s):</b>	Registrant Visitor: Maureen Harrison

**Section two**

**Summary of review and findings**

De Montfort University (DMU), the Leicester school of nursing and midwifery present a part-time apprenticeship in pre-registration nursing. The apprenticeship route is a major modification to the BSc (Hons) nursing programme (approved on 15 January 2021). The nurse degree apprenticeship (NDA) route is for adult, children's, learning disabilities and mental health fields of practice. DMU is an approved education institution (AEI).

The NDA route can be accessed by registered nursing associates who must undertake a recognition of prior learning (RPL) process. Nursing associate programme outcomes and proficiencies are mapped to Future nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses (Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), 2018) and pre-registration nursing programme outcomes to allow a maximum of 50 percent RPL.

The NDA route is delivered over 48 months. The first cohort commences in October 2021.

DMU have written agreements in place with the following employer partners (EPs): University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL), Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, Leicester Organisation for the Relief of Suffering (Hospice care for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland), Leicester City CCG, East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG, Rushcliffe Care and St Matthew's Healthcare.

Documentary evidence and the major modification process confirm evidence of effective partnership-working between the programme team, EPs, practice learning partners (PLPs), students and service users and carers (SUCs).

Arrangements at programme level meet the Standards for student supervision and assessment (SSSA) (NMC, 2018) and the Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education (SFNME) (NMC, 2018).

The major modification visit was undertaken remotely due to COVID-19.

The major modification to the programme is recommended to the NMC for approval subject to one university condition. The university made one recommendation.

Update 15 June 2021:

The AEI confirm the university condition is met. The major modification to the programme is recommended to the NMC for approval.



Recommended outcome of the approval panel	
<b>Recommended outcome to the NMC:</b>	<p>Programme is recommended to the NMC for approval <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Programme is recommended for approval subject to specific conditions being met <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Recommended to refuse approval of the programme <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<b>Conditions:</b>	<p><b>Effective partnership working: collaboration, culture, communication and resources:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p> <p><b>Selection, admission and progression:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p> <p><b>Practice learning:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p> <p><b>Assessment, fitness for practice and award:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p> <p><b>Education governance: management and quality assurance:</b></p> <p>Condition one: Programme team to ensure all student-facing documentation is updated to reflect accurate details within the programme handbook, module specifications and programme specifications. This will include all correction provided by the panel prior to and during the modification visit. (University condition)</p>
<b>Date condition(s) to be met:</b>	14 June 2021
<b>Recommendations to enhance the programme delivery:</b>	Recommendation one: The panel recommends that the team contact the central apprenticeship team and the faculty business development manager to define the wording in the employer apprenticeship contract

	for any potential breaks in learning and back-grouping. (University recommendation)
<b>Focused areas for future monitoring:</b>	None identified.

Programme is recommended for approval subject to specific conditions being met	
<b>Commentary post review of evidence against conditions:</b> The AEI has provided communication and documentary evidence to identify the university condition is met.	
<b>AEI Observations</b>	<b>Observations have been made by the education institution</b> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of observations made, if applicable</b>	A correction is made with respect to the EP delivering the foundation degree science nursing associate apprenticeship (page 13).
<b>Final recommendation made to NMC:</b>	Programme is recommended to the NMC for approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended to refuse approval of the programme <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date condition(s) met:</b>	15 June 2021

### Section three

NMC Programme standards
Please refer to NMC standards reference points: <a href="#">Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes (NMC, 2018)</a> <a href="#">Future nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses (NMC, 2018)</a> <a href="#">Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education (NMC, 2018)</a> <a href="#">Standards for student supervision and assessment (NMC, 2018)</a> <a href="#">The Code: Professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses, midwives and nursing associates (NMC, 2015 updated 2018)</a> <a href="#">Quality assurance framework for nursing, midwifery and nursing associate education (NMC, 2020)</a> <a href="#">QA Handbook (NMC, 2020)</a>

Partnerships
The AEI works in partnership with their practice learning partners, service users, students and all other stakeholders.

**Please refer to the following NMC standards reference points for this section:**

[Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education](#) (NMC, 2018)

**Standard 1: The learning culture:**

R1.12 ensure programmes are designed, developed, delivered, evaluated and co-produced with service users and other stakeholders

R1.13 work with service providers to demonstrate and promote inter-professional learning and working

**Standard 2: Educational governance and quality:**

R2.2 all learning environments optimise safety and quality taking account of the diverse needs of, and working in partnership with, service users, students and all other stakeholders

R2.4 comply with NMC [Standards for student supervision and assessment](#)

R2.5 adopt a partnership approach with shared responsibility for theory and practice supervision, learning and assessment, including clear lines of communication and accountability for the development, delivery, quality assurance and evaluation of their programmes

R2.6 ensure that recruitment and selection of students is open, fair and transparent and includes measures to understand and address underrepresentation

R2.7 ensure that service users and representatives from relevant stakeholder groups are engaged in partnership in student recruitment and selection

**Standard 3: Student empowerment:**

R3.3 have opportunities throughout their programme to work with and learn from a range of people in a variety of practice placements, preparing them to provide care to people with diverse needs

R3.16 have opportunities throughout their programme to collaborate and learn with and from other professionals, to learn with and from peers, and to develop supervision and leadership skills

R3.17 receive constructive feedback throughout the programme from stakeholders with experience of the programme to promote and encourage reflective learning

R3.18 have opportunities throughout their programme to give feedback on the quality of all aspects of their support and supervision in both theory and practice.

**Standard 4: Educators and assessors:**

R4.7 liaise and collaborate with colleagues and partner organisations in their approach to supervision and assessment

R4.9 receive and act upon constructive feedback from students and the people they engage with to enhance the effectiveness of their teaching, supervision and assessment

R4.10 share effective practice and learn from others

**Standard 5: Curricula and assessment:**

R5.4 curricula are developed and evaluated by suitably experienced and qualified educators and practitioners who are accountable for ensuring that the curriculum incorporates relevant programme outcomes  
R5.5 curricula are co-produced with stakeholders who have experience relevant to the programme  
R5.14 a range of people including service users contribute to student assessment

[Standards for student supervision and assessment](#) (NMC, 2018)

**Standard 1: Organisation of practice learning:**

R1.4 there are suitable systems, processes, resources and individuals in place to ensure safe and effective coordination of learning within practice learning environments  
R1.7 students are empowered to be proactive and to take responsibility for their learning  
R1.8 students have opportunities to learn from a range of relevant people in practice learning environments, including service users, registered and non-registered individuals, and other students as appropriate

**Standard 2: Expectations of practice supervisors:**

R2.2 there is support and oversight of practice supervision to ensure safe and effective learning

**Standard 3: Practice supervisors: role and responsibilities:**

R3.3 support and supervise students, providing feedback on their progress towards, and achievement of, proficiencies and skills

**Standard 4: Practice supervisors: contribution to assessment and progression:**

R4.3 have sufficient opportunities to engage with practice assessors and academic assessors to share relevant observations on the conduct, proficiency and achievement of the students they are supervising

**Standard 7: Practice assessors: responsibilities:**

R7.9 communication and collaboration between practice and academic assessors is scheduled for relevant points in programme structure and student progression

**Standard 9: Academic assessors: responsibilities:**

R9.6 communication and collaboration between academic and practice assessors is scheduled for relevant points in programme structure and student progression

**Findings against the standard and requirements**

**Provide an evaluative summary about the effectiveness of the partnerships between the AEI and their practice learning partners, service users, students and any other stakeholders.**

Documentary evidence and the major modification visit confirm that partnership between the AEI, EPs, PLPs, SUCs and students is effective, with processes consistent with the SFNME and SSSA.

Employers confirm long term commitment and effective partnership working with DMU. They tell us of a strong demand for career progression from the nursing associate role to a registered nurse. DMU and UHL have a collaborative provision in place to deliver a foundation degree science nursing associate. The programme is delivered on site at UHL.

Partnership arrangements identify that registered nursing associates will use RPL into the NDA route. RPL can map 120 credits at level four and 60 credits at level five. This equates to 2300 statutory hours. NDAs undertake a minimum of 2300 hours of theory and practice over two years. Unqualified health and social care support workers can access the four-year route. Employers confirm the need to provide opportunities for their staff to have career progression. They say there's a pressing service need for NDA routes.

Employers confirm that open, fair and transparent processes are in place to identify and nominate candidates. The NDA's current field of practice is explicit on application and candidates will join that field of nursing practice. Employers describe support initiatives for staff to meet all entry requirements. Interviews are conducted jointly between the EPs and an academic from DMU. SUCs from DMU confirm they're involved in this process. Following successful interview, a commitment statement and individual learning plan (ILP) is completed. The field of practice is identified on the ILP. The ILP sets out the obligations for the NDA, the university and the employer throughout the apprenticeship programme. The ILP identifies theory and practice 'off the job' commitments together with all the progress review dates.

The employing organisation will conduct occupational health checks. Employers update disclosure and barring service (DBS) checks. Prior to the offer of a place, DMU confirms the occupational health and DBS checks are satisfactory. There are data sharing agreements in place within trainer provider agreements. We're given examples of partner organisations sharing personal and sensitive data to enable maximum support and resources to be put into place for individual students.

Employers, PLPs and students identify established structures and resources in all EP organisations and at DMU, which support all aspects of the student journey. For example, support for disabilities and strategies to promote student wellbeing.

DMU has a clear SUC strategy. Documentation and the approval process confirm SUC involvement in programme development, delivery and evaluation. For

example, route development, contribution to module activities, simulation and virtual clinical placement activities, assessment of learning, participation in marking and moderation processes and assessment of students in clinical practice.

Students are supportive of the NDA route for nurses. Nursing associates who've completed their apprenticeship provide examples of EPs managing their learning journey constructively.

Assurance is provided that the AEI works in partnership with their practice learning partners, service users, students and all other stakeholders as identified in Gateway 1: [Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education](#)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

Assurance is provided that the AEI works in partnership with their practice learning partners, service users, students and all other stakeholders as identified in Gateway 2: [Standards for student supervision and assessment](#)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

**Post Event Review**

**Identify how the condition is met:**

N/A

**Date condition(s) met:**

N/A

**Revised outcome after condition(s) met:**

**MET**  **NOT MET**

N/A

**Student journey through the programme**

**Standard 1: Selection, admission and progression**

**Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:**

- R1.1 Confirm on entry to the programme that students:
  - R1.1.1 are suitable for their intended field of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing
  - R1.1.2 demonstrate values in accordance with the Code
  - R1.1.3 have capability to learn behaviours in accordance with the Code
  - R1.1.4 have capability to develop numeracy skills required to meet programme outcomes

R1.1.5 can demonstrate proficiency in English language  
 R1.1.6 have capability in literacy to meet programme outcomes  
 R1.1.7 have capability for digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes.  
 R1.2 ensure students' health and character are sufficient to enable safe and effective practice on entering the programme, throughout the programme and when submitting the supporting declaration of health and character in line with the NMC's health and character decision-making guidance. This includes satisfactory occupational health assessment and criminal record checks  
 R1.3 ensure students are fully informed of the requirement to declare immediately any cautions or convictions, pending charges or adverse determinations made by other regulators, professional bodies and educational establishments, and that any declarations are dealt with promptly, fairly and lawfully  
 R1.4 ensure the registered nurse responsible for directing the educational programme or their designated registered nurse substitute are able to provide supporting declarations of health and character for students who have completed a pre-registration nursing programme  
 R1.5 permit recognition of prior learning that is capable of being mapped to the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes, up to a maximum of 50 percent of the programme and comply with Article 31(3) of Directive 2005/36/EC (included in annexe one of programme standards document)  
 R1.6 for NMC registered nurses permit recognition of prior learning that is capable of being mapped to the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes that may be more than 50 percent of the programme  
 R1.7 support students throughout the programme in continuously developing their abilities in numeracy, literacy, digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes, and  
 R1.8 ensure that all those enrolled on pre-registration nursing programmes are compliant with Article 31(1) of Directive 2005/36/EC regarding general education length as outlined in annexe one in programme standards document.  
[Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education](#) specifically R2.6, R2.7, R2.8, R2.10

**Proposed transfer of current students to the programme under review**  
 Demonstrate a robust process to transfer current students onto the proposed programme to ensure programme learning outcomes and proficiencies meet the [Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes](#) (NMC, 2018).

**Proposed transfer of current students to the [Standards for student supervision and assessment](#)** (NMC, 2018).  
 Demonstrate a robust process to transfer current students onto the [Standards for student supervision and assessment](#) (NMC, 2018).

### Findings against the standard and requirements

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- Evidence that selection processes ensure entrants onto the programme are suitable for the intended field of nursing practice and demonstrate values and have capability to learn behaviours in accordance with the Code. Evidence of service users and practitioners involvement in selection processes. (R1.1.1, R1.1.2, R1.1.3)

YES  NO
- Evidence of selection processes, including statements on digital literacy, literacy, numeracy, values-based selection criteria, educational entry standard required, and progression and assessment strategy, English language proficiency criteria specified in recruitment processes (R1.1.4 – R1.1.7).

YES  NO
- There is evidence of occupational health entry criteria, inoculation and immunisation plans, fitness for nursing assessments, Criminal record checks and fitness for practice processes detailed (R1.2)

YES  NO
- Health and character processes are evidenced including information given to applicants and students, including details of periodic health and character review timescales. Fitness for practice processes evidenced and information given to applicants and students are detailed (R1.3)

YES  NO
- Processes are in place for providing supporting declarations by a registered nurse responsible for directing the educational programme (R1.4)

YES  NO

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met**

- Evidence of recognition of prior learning processes, mapped against programme outcomes at all levels and against academic levels of the programme up to a maximum of 50 percent of the programme and comply with Article 31(3) of Directive 2005/36/EC (R1.5)

MET  NOT MET

R1.5 is met. Documentation and the approval process demonstrate rigorous mapping of nursing associate competencies and skills against nursing programme outcomes at level four and five. RPL is no more than 50 percent of the programme and complies with Article 31(3) of Directive 2005/36/EC. Nursing associates who apply are supported through the RPL process by an academic from the BSc (Hons) nursing programme. All RPL portfolios have review by an external examiner.



- Evidence that for NMC registered nurses recognition of prior learning is capable of being mapped to the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes (R1.6)

MET  NOT MET

R1.6 is met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

- Numeracy, literacy, digital and technological literacy mapped against proficiency standards and programme outcomes. Provide evidence that the programme meets NMC requirements, mapping how the indicative content meets the proficiencies and programme outcomes.

Ongoing achievement record (OAR) and practice assessment document (PAD) are linked to competence outcomes in numeracy, literacy, digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes. Detail support strategies for students throughout the programme in continuously developing their abilities in numeracy, literacy, digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes (R1.7)

MET  NOT MET

R1.7 is met. EPs detail support strategies for students prior to the start of the programme to allow candidates to meet programme requirements. EPs, the programme team and students confirm a variety of support strategies throughout the programme to allow students to continuously develop their abilities in numeracy, literacy, digital and technological literacy.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- Evidence of processes to ensure that all those enrolled on pre-registration nursing programmes are compliant with Directive 2005/36/EC regarding general education length (R1.8)

YES  NO

**Proposed transfer of current students to the programme under review**

**From your documentary analysis and your meeting with students, provide an evaluative summary to confirm how the *Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes* and *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* will be met through the transfer of existing students onto the proposed programme.**

There are no plans to transfer existing students onto the NDA route.

**Proposed transfer of current students to the Standards for student supervision and assessment (SSSA) (NMC, 2018).**

**From your documentary analysis and your meetings at the approval visit confirm if students will be transferring to the SSSA, and if so that they have informed choice and are fully prepared for supervision and assessment.**

The SSSA are fully implemented and adopted by all EPs.

Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: [Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education](#) relevant to selection, admission and progression are met

YES  NO

**Outcome**

Is the standard met? MET  NOT MET

Date: 26 May 2021

**Post event review**

Identify how the condition(s) is met:

N/A

Date condition(s) met:

N/A

Revised outcome after condition(s) met: MET  NOT MET

N/A

**Standard 2: Curriculum**

**Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:**

R2.1 ensure that programmes comply with the NMC *Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education*

R2.2 comply with the NMC *Standards for student supervision and assessment*

R2.3 ensure that programme learning outcomes reflect the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and each of the four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing

R2.4 design and deliver a programme that supports students and provides exposure across all four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing

R2.5 state routes within their pre-registration nursing programme that allows students to enter the register in one or more of the specific fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities or children's nursing

R2.6 set out the general and professional content necessary to meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes

R2.7 set out the content necessary to meet the programme outcomes for each field of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing

R2.8 ensure that field specific content in relation to the law, safeguarding, consent, pharmacology and medicines administration and optimisation is included for entry to the register in one or more fields of nursing practice

R2.9 ensure the curriculum provides an equal balance of theory and practice learning using a range of learning and teaching strategies

R2.10 ensure that programmes delivered in Wales comply with legislation which supports use of the Welsh language

R2.11 ensure pre-registration nursing programmes leading to registration in the adult field of practice are mapped to the content for nurses responsible for general care as set out in Annexe V.2 point 5.2.1 of Directive 2005/36/EC (included in Annexe 1 of programme standards document)

R2.12 ensure that all pre-registration nursing programmes meet the equivalent of minimum programme length for nurses responsible for general care in Article 31(3) of Directive 2005/36/EC (included in Annexe 1 of programme standards document)

R2.13 ensure programmes leading to registration in two fields of nursing practice are of suitable length to ensure proficiency in both fields of nursing, and

R2.14 ensure programmes leading to nursing registration and registration in another profession, are of suitable length and nursing proficiencies and outcomes are achieved in a nursing context.

*Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education specifically:*

R1.9, R1.13; R2.2, R2.14, R2.15, R2.18, R2.19; R3.1, R3.2, R3.4, R3.9, R3.10, R3.15, R 3.16; R5.1 - R5.16.

*Standards for student supervision and assessment specifically:*

R1.2, R1.3, R1.7, R1.10, R1.11

### Findings against the standard and requirements

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- There is evidence that the programme complies with the NMC *Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education* (R2.1)  
YES  NO
- There is evidence that the programme complies with the NMC *Standards for student supervision and assessment* (R2.2)  
YES  NO
- Mapping to show how the curriculum and practice learning content reflect the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and each of the four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R2.3)

YES  NO

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met.**

- There is evidence to show how the design and delivery of the programme will support students in both theory and practice to experience across all four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R2.4)

MET  NOT MET

R2.4 is met. Documentation and the approval process confirm NDA students will be allocated to on and off the job clinical areas that are field specific, with opportunities for spoke practice learning across fields. EPs, PLPs and the programme team identify processes in place to allow students to access field practice learning experience in organisations different to the employers.

- Evidence that programme structure/design/delivery will illustrate specific fields of practice that allows students to enter the register in one or more specific fields of nursing practice. Evidence of field specific learning outcomes and content in the module descriptors (R2.5)

MET  NOT MET

R2.5 is met. Year planners, documentation and the approval process confirm the NDA route allows students to enter the register in one of the four fields of nursing practice. All NDA students have shared learning during module activities with students on the approved programme. Some activities are field specific. This allows NDAs to have field peer support. The programme team identify the importance of the field peer support on children's and learning disabilities fields, where the expected student apprenticeship numbers will be very small. NDA students will share a personal tutor group with other apprentices. In this group there will be NDA students from all fields of nursing practice. Students confirm that in personal tutor groups there are opportunities to share experiences and develop their individual field identities. Module descriptors have field specific learning outcomes and content; there are field specific and generic modules. SUCs confirm their involvement in field specific activities within the programme. Generic modules have practice learning activities across all fields. Students say they've opportunities to develop specialist field skills and proficiencies.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- There is evidence that mapping has been undertaken to show that the programme meets NMC requirements of the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* (R2.6)

YES  NO

There is evidence that mapping has been undertaken to set out the content necessary to meet the programme outcomes for each field of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R2.7)

YES  NO

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met.**

- There is evidence that mapping has been undertaken to ensure that field specific content in relation to the law, safeguarding, consent, pharmacology and medicines administration and optimisation is included for entry to the register in one or more fields of nursing practice (R2.8)

MET  NOT MET

R2.8 met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

- The programme structure demonstrates an equal balance of theory and practice learning. This is detailed in the designated hours in the module descriptors and practice learning allocations. A range of learning and teaching strategies are detailed in the programme specification, programme handbook and module descriptors with theory / practice balance detailed at each part of the programme and at end point. There are appropriate module aims, descriptors and outcomes specified. There is a practice allocation model for the delivery of the programme that clearly demonstrates the achievement of designated hours for the programme detailed. (R2.9)

MET  NOT MET

R2.9 is met. Students who RPL into the NDA will undertake 60 academic credits in part two and 120 in part three. Maximum RPL leads to 24 months of scheduled programme activity but 26 months is allowed to incorporate the final programme assessment board.

Students undertaking the NDA over 48 months will undertake 120 higher education credits in years one and two, and 60 credits in years three and four. Having two academic years with only 60 credits means there are fewer modules in that academic year. This gives NDA students and their employers greater flexibility because there's more time for employment and supernumerary practice learning blocks. The flexibility enables students to meet the requisite number of NMC theory and practice hours for registration. There's an equal balance of theory and practice learning, with 2534 hours of theory and 2480 hours of practice time (50.5 percent theory and 49.5 percent practice time).

All NDAs follow the same modules and learning and teaching strategies as direct entry pre-registration nursing students. There's a co-ordinating evidence-based nursing care module which has been developed as a bespoke 'bridging module' to meet the needs of registered nursing associates who RPL to the NDA route. This bespoke module is 30 credits and replaces a higher education level five research and evidence-based practice module. Some of the content is the same as approved but other content is designed to prepare the students for higher education academic study. The module promotes reflection on the role of a nursing associate versus registered nurse. It introduces students to the knowledge, skills and behaviours that underpin clinical judgement. All other modules are approved.

Supernumerary practice placement blocks are identified within ILPs in negotiation with the employer, apprentice and personal tutor. DMU and employers manage practice learning placements in partnership. The DMU placement team notify practice learning areas of allocations, clearly identifying to practice learning providers when placements are supernumerary practice. To avoid potential confusion and conflicts of interest, NDAs aren't allocated supernumerary placements in their employment base. NDAs wear the same uniforms as other pre-registration nursing students.

All NMC practice learning hours are recorded in the electronic practice assessment document. The programme team and EPs say processes monitor the achievement of designated hours for the programme. Processes allow NDA students who have absences for mitigating circumstances or who have unsuccessful modules to move back a cohort. EPs provide examples of adjustments made for individual students. All EPs confirm that progression is a key theme within the tripartite quarterly review meeting, ensuring the programme team, apprentices and employers are kept abreast of ongoing student achievements.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- Evidence to ensure that programmes delivered in Wales comply with any legislation which supports the use of the Welsh language (R2.10)  
**YES**  **NO**  **N/A**

The programme is for delivery in England only.

- Evidence that the programme outcomes are mapped to the content for nurses responsible for general care and will ensure successful students met the registration requirement for entry to the register in the adult field of practice (R2.11)  
**YES**  **NO**
- Evidence that the pre-registration nursing programme will meet the equivalent of minimum programme length for nurses responsible for general care in Article 31(3) of Directive 2005/36/EC (R2.12)

<b>YES</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence that programmes leading to registration in two fields of nursing practice are of suitable length to ensure proficiency in both fields of nursing (R2.13)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>      <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>      <b>N/A</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>The programme leads to registration in a single field of nursing only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence to ensure that programmes leading to nursing registration and registration in another profession, will be of suitable length and nursing proficiencies and outcomes will be achieved in a nursing context (R2.14)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/>      <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>      <b>N/A</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>The programme leads to registration in nursing only.</p>
<p>Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: <u>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</u> relevant to curricula are met</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>YES</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p>Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: <u>Standards for student supervision and assessment</u> relevant to curricula and assessment are met</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>YES</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/> </p>
<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Is the standard met?</b> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>MET</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>      <b>NOT MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> <p><b>Date:</b> 26 May 2021</p>
<b>Post event review</b>
<b>Identify how the condition(s) is met:</b>  N/A
<b>Date condition(s) met:</b>  N/A
<b>Revised outcome after condition(s) met:</b> <p style="text-align: right;"> <b>MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/>      <b>NOT MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/> </p> N/A

<b>Standard 3: Practice learning</b>
<b>Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:</b>

R3.1 provide practice learning opportunities that allow students to develop and meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* to deliver safe and effective care to a diverse range of people, across the four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children’s nursing  
 R3.2 ensure that students experience the variety of practice expected of registered nurses to meet the holistic needs of people of all ages  
 R3.3 provide practice learning opportunities that allow students to meet the communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures, as set out in *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses*, within their selected fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children’s nursing  
 R3.4 ensure technology enhanced and simulation-based learning opportunities are used effectively and proportionately to support learning and assessment and pre-registration nursing programmes leading to registration in the adult field of practice comply with Article 31(5) of Directive 2005/36/EC (included in Annexe 1 of programme standards document)  
 R3.5 take account of students’ individual needs and personal circumstances when allocating their practice learning including making reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities  
 R3.6 ensure students experience the range of hours expected of registered nurses, and  
 R3.7 ensure that students are supernumerary.

*Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education*, specifically:  
 R1.1, R1.3, R1.5; R2.9, R2.11; R3.3, R3.5, R 3.7, R3.16; R5.1, R5.7, R5.10, R5.12

*Standards for student supervision and assessment*, specifically: R1.1 – R1.11

**Findings against the standard and requirements**

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met.**

- Evidence that the practice learning opportunities allow students to develop and meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* to deliver safe and effective care, to a diverse range of people, across the four fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children’s nursing (R3.1)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R3.1 is met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

- There is evidence of how the programme will ensure students experience the variety of practice learning experiences to meet the holistic needs of people in all ages. There are appropriate processes for assessing, monitoring and evaluating these practice experiences (R3.2)



**MET**  **NOT MET**

R3.2 is met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

- Evidence that the practice learning opportunities allow students to meet the communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures, as set out in the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses*, within their selected fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R3.3)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R3.3 met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021

- Evidence to ensure technology enhanced and simulation-based learning opportunities are used effectively and proportionately to support learning and assessment and pre-registration nursing programmes leading to registration in the adult field of practice comply with Article 31(5) of Directive 2005/36/EC (R3.4)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R3.4 met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

- There are processes in place to take account of students' individual needs and personal circumstances when allocating their practice learning including making reasonable adjustments for disabilities (R3.5)

**MET**  **NOT MET**

R3.5 is met. Programme documentation and findings at the major modification visit confirm that robust processes are in place to take account of students' individual needs and personal circumstances when allocating their practice learning experiences. At the start of the programme any assessed individual need is included on the apprentice's commitment statement and ILP. The plan is updated regularly at tripartite review meetings during the apprenticeship. DMU's disability support team work with the programme and central apprenticeship teams to ensure that if support needs change, the apprentice's ILP is updated. Students and EPs provide examples of students' individual needs, personal circumstances and reasonable adjustments being addressed.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- Evidence of how programme is planned to allow for students to experience the range of hours expected of registered nurses (e.g. 24 hour care, seven days, night shifts planned examples) (R3.6)

**YES**  **NO**

- Processes are in place to ensure that students are supernumerary (R3.7)

	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: <u>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</u> relevant to practice learning are met	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: <u>Standards for student supervision and assessment</u> relevant to practice learning are met	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome</b>		
Is the standard met?	MET <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 26 May 2021		
<b>Post event review</b>		
Identify how the condition(s) is met:		
N/A		
Date condition(s) met:		
N/A		
Revised outcome after condition(s) met:	MET <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT MET <input type="checkbox"/>
N/A		

**Standard 4: Supervision and assessment**

**Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:**

- R4.1 ensure that support, supervision, learning and assessment provided complies with the NMC *Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education*
- R4.2 ensure that support, supervision, learning and assessment provided complies with the NMC *Standards for student supervision and assessment*
- R4.3 ensure they inform the NMC of the name of the registered nurse responsible for directing the education programme
- R4.4 provide students with feedback throughout the programme to support their development
- R4.5 ensure throughout the programme that students meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes for their fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing
- R4.6 ensure that all programmes include a health numeracy assessment related to nursing proficiencies and calculation of medicines which must be passed with a score of 100%

R4.7 ensure that students meet all communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures within their fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing  
R4.8 assess students to confirm proficiency in preparation for professional practice as a registered nurse  
R4.9 ensure that there is equal weighting in the assessment of theory and practice  
R4.10 ensure that all proficiencies are recorded in an ongoing record of achievement which must demonstrate the achievement of proficiencies and skills set out in *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses*, and  
R4.11 ensure the knowledge and skills for nurses responsible for general care set out in Article 31(6) and the competencies for nurses responsible for general care set out in Article 31(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC for pre-registration nursing programmes leading to registration in the adult field of practice have been met. (included in Annexe 1 of programme standards document)

*Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education*, specifically:  
R2.11; R3.5, R3.6, R3.8, R3.11, R3.13, R3.14, R3.17;  
R4.1, R4.2, R4.3, R4.4, R4.5, R4.6, R4.8, R4.11; R5.9

*Standards for student supervision and assessment*, specifically R4.1 – R4.11

### Findings against the standards and requirements

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met**

- There is evidence of how the programme will ensure how support, supervision, learning and assessment provided complies with the NMC *Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education*. (R4.1)

MET  NOT MET

R4.1 is met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

- There is evidence of how the *Standards for student supervision and assessment* are applied to the programme. There are processes in place to identify the supervisors and assessor along with how they will be prepared for their roles. (R4.2)

MET  NOT MET

R4.2 is met. All NDA students will be assigned a personal tutor who will look after their pastoral needs for the duration of the programme. A team of staff are allocated academic assessor roles for each year of the programme. We're assured the academic assessor will work with personal tutors. Academic assessors collate and confirm the student's achievement of proficiencies and programme outcomes

in the academic environment for each part of the programme. The nominated academic assessor will work with a nominated practice assessor to make a recommendation for student progression.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- There are processes in place to ensure the NMC is informed of the name of the registered nurse responsible for directing the education programme (R4.3)

YES  NO

**Provide an evaluative summary from your documentary analysis and evidence AND discussion at the approval visit to demonstrate if assurance is provided that the QA approval criteria below is met or not met**

- There are processes in place to provide students with feedback throughout the programme to support their development. Formative and summative assessment strategy is detailed (R4.4)

MET  NOT MET

R4.4 is met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

- There is appropriate mapping of the curriculum and practice learning placements to ensure throughout the programme that students meet the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* and programme outcomes for their fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R4.5)

MET  NOT MET

R4.5 is met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- There is evidence that all programmes include a health numeracy assessment related to nursing proficiencies and calculation of medicines which must be passed with a score of 100 percent (R4.6)

YES  NO

R4.6 is met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

- Processes are in place to ensure that students meet all communication and relationship management skills and nursing procedures within their fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing (R4.7)

YES  NO

R4.7 is met. Unchanged since original approval on 15 January 2021.

- Evidence of processes to assess students to confirm proficiency in preparation for professional practice as a registered nurse (R4.8)  
YES  NO
- There is an assessment strategy with details and weighting expressed for all credit bearing assessments. Theory and practice weighting is calculated and detailed in award criteria and programme handbooks (R4.9)  
YES  NO
- There is evidence that all proficiencies are recorded in an ongoing record of achievement which must demonstrate the achievement of proficiencies and skills as set out in the *Standards of proficiency for registered nurses* (R4.10)  
YES  NO
- Evidence to ensure the knowledge and skills for nurses responsible for general care set out in article 31(6) and the competencies for nurses responsible for general care set out in article 31(7) of Directive 2005/36/EC for pre-registration nursing programmes leading to registration in the adult field of practice have been met (R4.11)  
YES  NO

Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education relevant to supervision and assessment are met  
YES  NO

Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: Standards for student supervision and assessment are met  
YES  NO

**Outcome**

Is the standard met? MET  NOT MET

Date: 26 May 2021

**Post event review**

Identify how the condition(s) is met:

N/A

Date condition(s) met:

N/A

Revised outcome after condition(s) met: MET  NOT MET

N/A

**Standard 5: Qualification to be awarded**

**Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must:**

R5.1 ensure that the minimum award for a pre-registration nursing programme is a bachelor's degree, and

R5.2 notify students during and before completion of the programme that they have five years to register their award with the NMC. In the event of a student failing to register their qualification within five years they will have to undertake additional education and training or gain such experience as specified in our standards.

*Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education, specifically R2.11, R2.20*

**Findings against the standards and requirements**

**Evidence provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met:**

- The pre-registration nursing programme award to be approved is clearly identified in all programme documentation and is a minimum of a bachelor's degree (R5.1)

YES  NO

- Documentary evidence that the registered nurse responsible for directing the educational programme or their designated registered nurse substitute have advised students during and before completion of the requirement to register their qualification within five years of the award. (R5.2)

YES  NO

**Fall Back Award**

If there is a fall-back exit award with registration as a nurse all NMC standards and proficiencies are met within the award

YES  NO  N/A

The following are exit awards and none of them include registration as nurse:

- Certificate of higher education in health-related studies
- Diploma of higher education in health-related studies
- BSc in health-related studies
- BSc (Hons) in health-related studies

Assurance is provided that the Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education relevant to the qualification to be awarded are met

YES  NO

**Outcome**

<b>Is the standard met?</b>	<b>MET</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOT MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Date:</b> 26 May 2021		
<b>Post event review</b>		
<b>Identify how the condition(s) is met:</b>		
N/A		
<b>Date condition(s) met:</b>		
N/A		
<b>Revised outcome after condition(s) met:</b>	<b>MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>NOT MET</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
N/A		

**Section four**

**Sources of evidence**

The following documentation provided by the AEI/education institution was reviewed by the visitor(s):

<b>Key documentation</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Programme document, including proposal, rationale and consultation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programme specification(s) include fields of nursing practice: adult, mental health, learning disabilities and children's nursing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Module descriptors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student facing documentation including: programme handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student university handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice assessment documentation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ongoing record of achievement (ORA)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice learning environment handbook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice learning handbook for practice supervisors and assessors specific to the programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic assessor focused information specific to the programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Placement allocation / structure of programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PAD linked to competence outcomes, and mapped against <i>Standards of proficiency for registered nurses</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mapping document providing evidence of how the education institution has met the <i>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</i> (NMC, 2018) (Gateway 1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mapping document providing evidence of how the <i>Standards for student supervision and assessment</i> (NMC, 2018) apply to the programme(s) (Gateway 2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mapping document providing evidence of how the education institution has met the <i>Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes</i> (NMC, 2018) (Gateway 3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Curricula vitae (CV) for relevant staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CV of the registered nurse responsible for directing the education programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Registrant academic staff details checked on NMC website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
External examiner appointments and arrangements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written placement agreement(s) between the education institution and associated practice learning partners to support the programme intentions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Written agreement(s) to support the programme intentions between the education institution and employer partners for apprenticeship routes (if applicable).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you stated no above, please provide the reason and mitigation:		
List additional documentation:		
DMU faculty of health and life sciences. BSc (Hons) nursing (with NMC registration) apprenticeship outcomes report, 14 June 2021		
Additional comments:		
None identified.		

**During the event the visitor(s) met the following groups:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Senior managers of the AEI/education institution with responsibility for resources for the programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior managers from associated practice learning partners with responsibility for resources for the programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior managers from associated employer partners with responsibility for resources for the programme (applicable for apprenticeship routes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programme team/academic assessors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Practice leads/practice supervisors/practice assessors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please identify cohort year/programme of study: Three nursing associates qualified recently. One pre-registration nursing student, 2019 cohort, adult field. One pre-registration nursing student, 2019 cohort, mental health field. One pre-registration nursing student, 2019 cohort, children's field. One pre-registration nursing student, 2019 cohort, learning disabilities field.		
Service users and carers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If you stated no above, please provide the reason and mitigation:		
Additional comments: None identified.		

**The visitor(s) viewed the following areas/facilities during the event:**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Specialist teaching accommodation (e.g. clinical skills/simulation suites)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Library facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Technology enhanced learning/virtual learning environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Educational audit tools/documentation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Practice learning environments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, state where visited/findings:		
System regulator reports reviewed for practice learning partners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, system regulator reports list: Care Quality Commission (CQC) Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, 9 August 2019 CQC University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, 5 February 2020 CQC Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland Out of Hours service, 3 May 2019 CQC St Matthew's Hospital, 13 August 2019		
If you stated no above, please provide the reason and mitigation:  This is a major modification. DMU is an approved AEI and has an approved pre-registration nursing degree programme against the Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes (NMC, 2018).		
Additional comments: None identified.		

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