



Programme Audit/Major Modification report

Programme provider:	Liverpool, University of
In partnership with: (Associated practice placement providers involved in the delivery of the programme)	Clatterbridge Cancer Centre Clatterbridge Hospital Liverpool Enhanced Training Practice Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital Liverpool Women's Hospital Marie Curie Hospice Mersey Care NHS Blood Transplant Service North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals Trust/ Broadgreen Hospital Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals Trust/ Royal Liverpool University Hospitals St Helens & Knowsley Hospitals/ St Helens Hospital St Helens & Knowsley Hospitals/ Whiston Hospital University Hospital Aintree The Walton Centre Willowbrook Hospice Wirral Enhanced Training Practice Wirral University Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust
Date of review:	31 July 2019
Type of Modification	Desktop
Provision reviewed:	Registered Nurse - Adult
Title of current programme:	Bachelor of Nursing (Hons) - Adult





Title of modified programme if changed:	
Academic level of current programme:	England, Wales, Northern Ireland Level 5 Level 6 Level 7 SCQF Level 8 Level 9 Level 10 Level 11
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Reviewer:	Mrs Karen Hibbert





Outcome of Approval Panel Meeting		
Outcome:	Recommended for approval	
Conditions and NMC	Resources	
standard(s)/requirement(s) they relate to:	None identified	
	Admission and progression	
	None identified	
	Practice learning	
	None identified	
	Fitness for practice	
	None identified	
	Quality assurance	
	None identified	
Date conditions to be met:		
Recommendations and NMC standard(s)/requirement(s) they relate to:	None identified	
Note: recommendations will be assessed through the AEI annual self-assessment report	. 15.15 1301101103	
Date conditions met:		
Programme start date:	23 Sep 2019	





Summary

Summary of modification request

The University of Liverpool (UoL) department of nursing within the school of health sciences has a pre-registration nursing Bachelor of Nursing (Hons) (adult) programme approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in December 2011. The programme is approved against the Standards for pre-registration nursing education (NMC, 2010).

The UoL, an established approved education institution (AEI), presented a major modification to the programme to transfer students from the Standards to support learning and assessment in practice (SLAiP) (NMC, 2008) to the Standards for student supervision and assessment (SSSA) (NMC, 2018) from September 2019.

The UoL is a member of the north west practice education group (NWPEG) which is a collaborative group of representatives from AEIs and practice learning partners (PLPs) across the north west of England. NWPEG aims to ensure a joint approach to support, supervision and assessment of student nurses, especially in practice learning environments which are shared by more than one AEI.

A rationale for the modification is clearly presented and there is documentary evidence of partnership agreements with PLPs who support the transfer to the SSSA.

There is clear documentary evidence of how practice supervisors, practice assessors and academic assessors will be prepared, and allocated to support, supervise and assess students.

Documentary evidence and a teleconference with the AEI provides assurance of effective partnership working, and involvement of key stakeholders including PLPs, students and service users in the proposed transfer to the SSSA. (NMC, 2018)

The major modification to the programme is recommended to the NMC for approval.

Feedback from key stakeholders

Presenting Team

Desktop review: Teleconference with the QA visitor and UoL head of nursing on 31 July 2019.





Mentors, sign-off mentors, p	practice teachers	and emplo	yers
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Not applicable - Desktop review.

Students

Not applicable - Desktop review.

Service users and carers

Not applicable - Desktop review.

Examples of notable and innovative practice and standards they relate to

None identified

Potential risks to compliance of education standards and standards they relate to

None identified

Potential risks to the student learning environment and standards they relate to

None identified

Any other risks to public protection

None identified

Areas for future monitoring

The implementation and monitoring of the SSSA.





Outcome recommendation

The modification to the programme is recommended to the NMC for approval.





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Please refer to the <u>Standards for pre-registration nursing education</u> (NMC, 2010), <u>Advice and supporting information for implementing NMC standards for pre-registration nursing education</u>.

Competencies for en	try to the register
Domain: Professiona	l values
Generic standard for	competence
Field standard for co	mpetence
Competencies 1-9	
What we found:	
Unchanged since origi	nal approval in December 2011.
Outcome:	Standard met
Date standards	
met:	
Revised outcome:	

Domain: Communication and interpersonal skills



Generic standard for competence



Field standard for competence			
Competencies 1-8	Competencies 1-8		
What we found:			
Unchanged since origi	nal approval in December 2011.		
Outcome:	Standard met		
Date standards	T		
met:			
Revised outcome:			
Domain: Nursing pra	ctice and decision making		
Generic standard for	competence		
Field standard for co	mpetence		
Competencies 1-10	Competencies 1-10		
What we found:			
Unchanged since original approval in December 2011.			
Outcome:	Standard met		
Date standards met:			
Revised outcome:			





Domain: Leadership,	management and team working	
Generic standard for	competence	
Field standard for co	mpetence	
Competencies 1-7		
What we found:		
Unchanged since original approval in December 2011.		
Outcome:	Standard met	
Date standards met:		
Revised outcome:		

Standards for education

Standard 1: Safeguarding the public – Nursing and midwifery education must be consistent with <u>The Code: Professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses and midwives (NMC, 2015)</u>

- R1.1 Approved Education Institutions (AEIs) must be accountable for the programme.
- R1.2 Programme providers must make the needs of service users their first priority.
- R1.3 Programme providers must have clear processes in place to deal with any





concerns about the safety of service users.				
R1.4 Programme pro to practise.	R1.4 Programme providers must have effective policies and procedures on fitness to practise.			
What we found:				
R1.1-R1.4 Unchange	d since original approval in December 2011.			
Outcome:	Standard met			
Date standards met:				
Revised outcome:				
	y and diversity – Nursing and midwifery education must its of equality and diversity and comply with current			
	oviders must ensure that information about programmes is nable, and gives sufficient information to allow an applicant to			

What we found:

make an informed choice.

discrimination and harassment.

compromising safety.

R2.1-R2.3 Unchanged since original approval in December 2011.

R2.2 Programme providers must ensure that programmes comply with current equality and diversity legislation, including making reasonable adjustments without

R2.3 Programme providers must have clear policies, guidance and action plans that recognise and respond to the benefits of diversity, promote equality and address





Outcome:	Standard met
Date standards	
met:	
Revised outcome:	

Standard 3: Selection, admission, progression and completion – Processes for selection, admission, progression and completion must be open and fair

- R3.1 AEIs must ensure that selection and admission criteria include evidence of a good command of written and spoken English, including reading and comprehension. For programmes delivered in Wales, selection and admission criteria must include evidence of a good command of written and spoken English or Welsh, including reading and comprehension.
- R3.2 AEIs must ensure that selection and admission criteria include evidence of capacity to develop numeracy skills sufficient to meet the competencies required by the programme.
- R3.3 AEIs must specify appropriate academic and professional entry requirements.
- R3.4 AEIs must ensure that students meet NMC requirements for good health and good character.
- R3.5 Programme providers must ensure that programmes include opportunities for accreditation of prior learning (APL).
- R3.6 AEIs must ensure that the selection process provides an opportunity for face-to-face engagement between applicants and selectors.
- R3.7 AEIs must ensure that the selection process includes representatives from practice learning providers.
- R3.8 Programme providers must ensure that selection is conducted by people who have been trained in the principles of selection, anti-discriminatory behaviour and equal opportunities.





R3.9 Programme providers must have processes to manage interruptions to programmes.

R3.10 AEIs must make explicit any arrangements for student progression.

R3.11 AEIs must have processes in place to confirm achievement of all programme requirements.

R3.12 AEIs must inform students when they complete a programme that they have five years in which to register or record a qualification leading to a mark on the NMC register.

R3.13 AEIs must ensure that students comply with NMC requirements for good health and good character at completion.

What we found:

R3.1-R3.8 Unchanged since the original approval in December 2011.

R3.9 The process remains the same. Students returning from an interruption to their studies will transfer to the SSSA.

R3.10-R3.13 Unchanged since the original approval in December 2011.

Outcome:	Standard met
Date standards met:	
Revised outcome:	
Revised outcome.	

Standard 4: Support of students and educators – Programme providers must support students to achieve the programme outcomes, and support eductors to meet their own professional development needs





- R4.1 Programme providers must ensure that programmes include an induction period during which the requirements of the curriculum are explained.
- R4.2 Programme providers must ensure that students are allocated to an identified mentor, practice teacher or supervisor during practice learning.
- R4.3 Programme providers must ensure that those who supervise students in practice are properly prepared and supported in that role.
- R4.4 AEIs must ensure that support facilities, including learning support, are available to all enrolled students.
- R4.5 Programme providers must give students access to pastoral support, occupational health facilities and disability specialists.
- R4.6 Programme providers must ensure that learning time is protected as specified.
- R4.7 Programme providers must provide nurse and midwife teachers with time for professional development to enable them to remain up to date in their field of practice.

What we found:

- R4.1 Unchanged from the original approval in December 2011.
- R4.2 Documentary evidence confirms that the AEI and PLPs will ensure that students will be allocated identified practice supervisors, practice assessors and academic assessors during practice learning from September 2019 to meet the SSSA.

There is a clear implementation plan to prepare staff for the new roles and evidence of partnership agreements between the AEI and PLPs.

Documentary evidence confirms the changes to student supervision and assessment are clearly outlined within student facing documentation, specifically the practice assessment record (PAR) and student handbook.

The head of nursing confirms that practice supervisors and practice assessors will be allocated by the PLPs via the ward managers. This will be overseen by the practice education facilitators (PEFs). Practice supervisors and practice assessors must complete the appropriate learning materials and the appropriate checklist; this will be logged and only suitably prepared staff will be allocated to the roles.

Documentary evidence confirms university nursing lecturers will fulfil the role of





academic assessor, and students will not have the same academic assessor for consecutive years. Academic assessors will be allocated by the director of studies and will be prepared for the role by the AEI.

R4.3 A collaborative approach for the preparation and ongoing support for the new roles of practice supervisor, practice assessor and academic assessor are clearly evidenced and meet the SSSA requirements. Training materials have been developed in collaboration with PLPs and the AEI through the NWPEG to ensure equity and consistency of training across the PLPs.

Self-declaration forms will be completed by practice supervisors, practice assessors and academic assessors to confirm they have received the appropriate preparation and they have the required qualifications for the role.

Each student will have designated support whilst on placement, practice supervisors, a practice assessor, link lecturer, and academic advisor. The link lecturer will be an academic who links with a particular PLP. They will work closely with the PEFs who manage student placements to maintain partnership working with the PLPs. All students will be allocated an academic advisor when they commence the programme and will meet with them at least once a semester. The academic advisor is allocated for the full programme of study and works with the student to achieve their academic potential, supporting the student and signposting support as needed.

Academic assessors will be allocated a number of students every year and these will change every year. These lecturers/academic assessors will work with the practice assessors to ensure fair, comprehensive assessment of practice learning.

There is documentary evidence which confirms effective partnership working between the AEI and PLPs including partnership working to prepare staff for the roles to meet the SSSA.

R4.4-R4.7 Unchanged from the original approval in December 2011.

Outcome:	Standard met
Date standards met:	
Revised outcome:	





Standa	rd	5: Structure	e, design a	and d	lelivery of	pro	gramr	ne –	The program	nme
must b	е	structured,	designed	and	delivered	to	meet	NMC	standards	and
require	me	ents								

- R5.1 AEIs must ensure that programme development and delivery involves key stakeholders.
- R5.2 AEIs must specify the required hours, days or weeks of learning.
- R5.3 Programme providers must clearly set out the structure of the programme.
- R5.4 Programme providers must state what teaching and learning methods will be used to support achievement of outcomes.
- R5.5 Programme providers must ensure that learning opportunities are offered at an appropriate academic level using evidence-based sources.
- R5.6 Programme providers must specify essential content of the programme.
- R5.7 Programme providers must ensure that students have the opportunity to learn with, and from, other health and social care professionals.

What we found:								
R5.1-R5.7 Unchanged since original approval in December 2011.								
Outcome:	Standard met							
Date standards								
met:								
Revised outcome:								

Standard 6: Practice learning opportunities must be safe, effective, integral to the programme and appropriate to programme outcomes





- R6.1 AEIs must provide students and those supporting practice learning with information that includes dates, outcomes to be achieved, and assessment documents for each period of practice learning.
- R6.2 Programme providers must ensure that mentors and practice teachers meet the relevant requirements within the *Standards to support learning and assessment in practice* (NMC 2008).
- R6.3 Programme providers must ensure that local registers of mentors and practice teachers are maintained according to *Standards to support learning and assessment in practice* (NMC 2008), including sign-off status of mentors, record of updates and date for triennial review.
- R6.4 Programme providers must use objective criteria and processes for approving new practice learning environments, and audit them at least every two years.
- R6.5 Programme providers must ensure that students have access to a range of practice learning opportunities sufficient to meet programme outcomes.

What we found:

R6.1 Documentary evidence confirms the assessment of students' proficiency and competence, EU directives and essential skills clusters (ESCs) (NMC, 2010) are all recorded in the practice assessment record (PAR). These aspects of the programme are not changing, as the programme is still mapped against the Standards for preregistration nursing education (NMC, 2010). However, who is eligible to contribute to the assessment of practice has changed in line with the new SSSA roles of practice supervisor, practice assessor and academic assessor. The PAR is updated to reflect these changes.

Documentary evidence and discussions during the teleconference indicate the AEIs and PLPs have processes in place to ensure the SSSA is met. The PEFs work closely with the PLP's practice learning areas to ensure suitably prepared practice supervisors, and practice assessors.

The checklists and preparation completed by the practice assessors and academic assessors clearly indicate the need for due regard for these roles.

- R6.2-R6.3 Unchanged since original approval in December 2011.
- R6.4 Documentary evidence and discussion with the head of nursing give assurance that monitoring of the effectiveness of the practice learning environment continues to be undertaken in partnership with PLPs. The educational audit tool has been revised





to ensure compliance with the SSSA.									
R6.5 Unchanged since original approval in December 2011.									
Outcome: Standard met									
Date standards met:									
Revised outcome:									
Standard 7: Outcomes – The programme outcomes must ensure that NMC standards for competence are met and that students are fit for practice and fit for award on completion									
= -	oviders must ensure that the programme outcomes enable the NMC standards for competence and that they are fit for ard on completion.								
R7.2 AEIs must make where applicable.	e explicit requirements for the conferment of academic awards								
What we found:									
R7.1-R7.2 Unchanged since original approval in December 2011.									
Outcome:	Standard met								
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Standard 8: Assessment - Programme	outcomes	must b	e tested	using	valid
and reliable assessment methods					

- R8.1 Programme providers must ensure that a variety of assessments are used to test the acquisition of approved outcomes, with reasonable adjustments for students with a disability.
- R8.2 Programme providers must ensure that assessment processes enable students to demonstrate fitness for practice and fitness for award.
- R8.3 AEIs must appoint external examiner(s) who can demonstrate currency in education and practice with due regard and engage with assessment of both theory and practice.

What we found:

R8.1-R8.3 Unchanged since the original approval, as the programme is still mapped against the Standards for the pre-registration nursing education (NMC, 2010). However, who is eligible to contribute to the assessment of practice has changed in line with the new SSSA roles of practice supervisor, practice assessor and academic assessor. The practice assessment record (PAR) is updated to reflect these changes.

Outcome:	Standard met
Date standards	
met:	
Revised outcome:	

Standard 9: Resources – The educational facilities in academic and practice settings must support delivery of the approved programme





- R9.1 AEIs must ensure that the programme leader is a nurse or midwife with a teacher qualification recorded on the NMC register.
- R9.2 AEIs must ensure that teachers have appropriate qualifications and experience for their roles.
- R9.3 Programme providers must ensure that sufficient staff are allocated to deliver the programme effectively.
- R9.4 Students must have access to appropriate learning approaches in a variety of formats on all sites.

of formats on all sites.	
What we found:	
R9.1-R9.4 Unchanged	since original approval in December 2011.
Outcome:	Standard met
Date standards met:	
Revised outcome:	

Standard 10: Quality assurance – Programme providers must use effective quality assurance processes in which findings lead to quality enhancement

- R10.1 Programme providers' quality assurance processes must be aligned with the programme specification, programme evaluation and enhancement.
- R10.2 AEIs must demonstrate that they use effective quality assurance processes including conjoint programme approval, approval of minor or major modifications, endorsement and annual monitoring.
- R10.3 Programme providers must allow the NMC and its agents access to monitor programmes.

What we found:





R10.1-R10.3 Unchang	jed since original approval in December 2011.
Outcome:	Standard met
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Date standards met:	
Revised outcome:	
NMC Circular 03/201	1 - Resources to support programme intentions
•	must provide evidence at programme approval that resources to support programme intentions.
What we found:	
individuals are in place	e demonstrates suitable systems, processes, resources and e to ensure safe and effective coordination of learning within nvironments. (SSSA R1.4)
commitment to provide This commitment inclu	nip agreements with the PLPs clearly outlining their e resources and practice learning experiences for students. Ides the allocation of suitably prepared practice supervisors is. Assurance is provided that resources are in place for the SSSA.
Outcome:	Standard met
Date standards met:	
Revised outcome:	
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Evidence and references list

Academic assessor pan assessment, undated

UoL academic assessor preparation, undated

Academic assessor self-declaration form, undated

Academic assessor template v3, undated

Aintree principles for practice learning, undated

Assessor handbook, undated

Cheshire and Merseyside consortium curriculum and development meeting, 3 June 2019

Cheshire and Merseyside cross AEIs meeting, 24 June 2019

Cheshire and Merseyside PEF network response, June 2019

Curriculum planning HCP stakeholder summary, undated

Curriculum planning meeting minutes, 13 June, 26 June 2019

Learning outcomes for understanding professional supervision of learners in practice, undated

Learning outcomes understanding professional assessment of learners in practice, undated

New NMC standards checklist V2 pan guidance, undated

NMC key changes flyer pan guidance, undated

NMC new standards presentation for practice SISSSA updates pan materials, undated

NMC student and learner support in practice pan guidance, undated

NMC Supervision assessment practice organisation checklist, undated

NWPEG notes, 21 May 2019

UoL Nursing handbook 2019-20, undated

UoL BN rationale for programme modification to SSSA, undated

Outline of link lecturer role, undated

Overview of SSSA implementation document, undated

Practice assessment record and evaluation (PARE) SSSA guidance for practice staff, undated





Partnership agreement signed.pdf (discussed with head of nursing 31 July 2019)

BN Nursing programme management meeting minutes, 1 July 2019

Practice assessor pan teaching material, undated

Practice assessor role description, undated

Practice assessor self-declaration form pan assessment, undated

Practice supervisor handbook pan teaching material, undated

Practice supervisor role description, undated

Practice supervisor self-declaration pan assessment, undated

UoL RNA major modification transfer to SSSA, undated

Royal Liverpool University Hospital Trust agenda, 12 July 2019

Service user engagement meeting, 16 May 2019

Service user meeting, 20 June 2019

SSSA revised year one PAR (adult), version one, 14 June 2019

UoL student alumni meeting notes, 30 April 2019

Student support in practice from 2019, undated

Transition to new NMC assessor and supervisor roles pan guidance, undated

UoL Academic assessor allocation plan, undated

Year two and year three addendum nursing handbook 2019-20, undated

Members of Approval Panel Not applicable - Desktop review. Programme Presenters The NMC QA visitor had a teleconference with the UoL head of nursing on 31 July 2019. Were any service providers visited? Not applicable – Desktop review. Meetings with others Mentors / sign-off mentors





Practice teachers	
Service users / Carers	
Practice Education Facilitator	
Director / manager nursing	
Director / manager midwifery	
Education commissioners or equivalent	
Designated Medical Practitioners	
Other (please specify)	

If there were no representatives present during the approval event please state why:

Not applicable - Desktop review.

Meetings with students

Nursing				
Adult	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Mental Health	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Children's	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Learning Disabilities	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Disabilities				
Midwifery (3 year)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	





Midwifery (18 month)	Year 1 Year 2								
SCPHN	HV	S	N	ОН	FHN		IN	RPHN	
Learning and Assessment in Practice	Mentor			Practice Teacher		Teacher			
Nurse Prescribing	V100		V	V150		V300			
Specialist Practice	Adult		М	Mental Health			Children's		
	Learning Disability		-	General Practice Nursing			Community Mental Health Nursing		
	Community Learning Disabilities Nursing		C	Community Children's Nursing			District Nursing		

Additional evidence viewed

Email from St Helens and Knowsley confirming the actions taken to prepare for SSSA, July 2019

Email from the chairs of the Cheshire and Merseyside PEF network stating preparation for the SSSA, July 2019

Accessed the practice assessment record and evaluation website, contains information on practice support, assessment and progression, 29 July 2019





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