



Programme approval visit report

Section one

Programme provider name:	University of Greenwich		
In partnership with: (Associated practice learning partners	Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust		
involved in the delivery of the programme)	Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust		
	Dartford & Gravesham NHS Trust		
	Barts Health NHS Trust		
	Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust		
	Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust		
	South London and Maudsley NHS Trust		
	Medway NHS Foundation Trust		
	Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust		
	Private voluntary and independent healthcare providers		
Programme reviewed:	Pre-registration nursing associate		
	Nursing associate apprenticeship		
Title of programme:	Nursing Associate Higher Apprenticeship		
Date of approval visit:	22 May 2019		
Programme start date:	2 September 2019		
Academic level:	England Level 5 Level 6		
QA visitor(s):	Registrant Visitor: Anne McCarthy Lay Visitor: Nichola Peasnell		





Summary of review and findings

The University of Greenwich (UoG), department of adult nursing and paramedic science presented programme documentation for the approval of a pre-registration nursing associate higher apprenticeship programme. The award for this two-year full-time programme is a foundation science degree (FdSc). Students on this programme are employed by practice learning partners (PLPs) in nursing associate training roles for the duration of the apprenticeship programme. The PLPs are Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust, Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, South East London Clinical Commissioning Group and Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust.

Programme documentation presents a generic curriculum with indicative content that applies to all fields of nursing and an across the lifespan approach. The approved education institution (AEI) is engaged with the pan London practice learning group (PLG) and confirms it will adopt the approach and resources of the group to implement the Standards for student supervision and assessment (SSSA). The AEI and PLPs will use the pan London practice assessment document (PAD) and ongoing achievement record (OAR).

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education (SFNME) and Standards for pre-registration nursing associate programmes (SPRNA) are not met.

The programme is recommended for approval subject to two NMC conditions and one university condition. Visitors made three recommendations.

Updated 22 June 2019

Evidence is provided to meet the conditions. The conditions are met. The programme is recommended to the NMC for approval.

Recommended outcome of the approval panel			
Recommended outcome to the NMC:	Programme is recommended to the NMC for approval Programme is recommended for approval subject to specific conditions being met Recommended to refuse approval of the programme		
Conditions:	Effective partnership working: collaboration, culture, communication and resources None identified		





Please identify the standard and requirement the condition relates to under the relevant key risk theme.

Please state if the condition is AEI/education institution in nature or specific to NMC standards.

Selection, admission and progression

None identified

Practice learning

Condition one: The AEI and PLPs must provide detailed arrangements for ensuring protected learning time across all practice learning environments and include this information in programme and student facing documentation. (SFNME R3.1, R3.7 and SPRNA R3.5)

Condition two: The AEI and PLPs must provide a detailed programme planner which represents all programme hours, clearly showing the 20 percent programme external protected learning hours and including evidence of agreement by PLPs to release students for learning (reflected in a revised memorandum of understanding with each partner). (SFNME R5.1 and SPRNA R2.6, R3.5)

Assessment, fitness for practice and award

None identified

Education governance: management and quality assurance

Condition three: The programme team must review the module specifications, rationalising the number of learning outcomes for more consistency across the programme, ensure that learning outcomes are not summatively assessed more than once and provide differentiation in the level descriptors to show how students are prepared for progression from levels four to five and beyond. (University condition)

Date condition(s) to be met:

20 June 2019

Recommendations to enhance the programme delivery:

Recommendation one: Consider strengthening the service user and carer input to all aspects of the nursing associate programme. (SFNME R1.12)

Recommendation two: Consider providing appropriate training, including periodic updating, for service users and carers, for example, in undertaking student assessment and giving student feedback. (SFNME R5.5)

Recommendation three: Consider the way students are identifiable to staff and service users when in the





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	practice learning environment, including the possible provision of distinct uniforms. (SFNME R1.3)
Focused areas for future monitoring:	Protected learning of all programme hours.

Programme is recommended for approval subject to specific conditions being met
Commentary post review of evidence against conditions
The programme team have provided documentary evidence of arrangements for protected learning time, signed practice learning agreements, revised programme specifications and learning outcomes and assurance for how 20 percent external practice learning time is protected. Condition one and condition two are now met. The AEI has provided documentary evidence confirming the university condition is met.

AEI Observations	Observations have been made by the education institution YES \square NO \boxtimes	
Summary of observations made, if applicable		
Final recommendation made to NMC:	Programme is recommended to the NMC for approval Recommended to refuse approval of the programme	
Date condition(s) met:	22 June 2019	





NMC Programme standards

Please refer to NMC standards reference points

Standards for pre-registration nursing associate programmes (NMC, 2018)

Standards of proficiency for nursing associates (NMC, 2018),

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

Standards for student supervision and assessment (NMC, 2018)

The Code: Professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses, midwives and nursing associates

QA framework for nursing, midwifery and nursing associate education (NMC, 2018)

QA Handbook

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 coproduced 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
- R2.7 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:

- R1.7 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.

We found documentary evidence of effective partnership working between UoG and their PLPs who meet monthly for a nursing associate partnership steering group meeting. Programme documentation states PLPs are keen to continue with this arrangement and this is confirmed by PLPs at the visit. PLPs will work with their AEI colleagues to monitor their student nursing associates. PLPs confirm consultation and co-production of the programme.

UoG has a service user and carer (SUC) involvement strategy, but SUC input to the recruitment, teaching, assessment and programme development in line with the strategy is limited. Their input to the programme includes reviewing interview questions for the selection process of nursing associate students (Recommendation one) (SFNME R1.12). SUCs speak highly of the programme team and are enthusiastic about having greater involvement in all aspects of the programme for the future. SUCs are keen to have training and support to enable them to contribute to the programme and become more involved as partners (Recommendation two) (SFNME R5.5).

Programme documentation shows limited evidence of student involvement in the consultation and co-production of the proposed programme, with student attendance at only one of the curriculum implementation group meetings. However, students tell us student representatives have been consulted about the programme. They tell us there's good partnership working with the programme team and their feedback is sought and listened to. They say they give regular verbal feedback and provide feedback on their practice learning and modules through an online module evaluation process.





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: <u>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</u> and,			
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Gateway 2: Standards for student supervision and assessment			
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If not met, state reason and identify which standard(s) and requirement(s) are not met and the reason for the outcome			

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 demonstrate values in accordance with the Code
- R1.1.2 have capability to learn behaviours in accordance with the Code
- R1.1.3 have capability to develop numeracy skills required to meet programme outcomes
- R1.1.4 can demonstrate proficiency in English language
- R1.1.5 have capability in literacy to meet programme outcomes
- R1.1.6 have capability for digital and technological literacy to meet programme outcomes
- R1.2 ensure students' heath and character allows for safe and effective practice on entering the programme, throughout the programme and when submitting the supporting declaration of health and good 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 that the registered nurse or registered nursing associate responsible for directing the educational programme or their designated registered nurse substitute or designated registered nursing associate substitute, are able to provide supporting declarations of health and character for students who have completed a pre-registration nursing associate programme.

R1.5 permit recognition of prior learning that is capable of being mapped to the Standards of proficiency for nursing associates and programme outcomes, up to a maximum of 50 percent of the programme. This maximum limit of 50 percent does not apply to applicants to pre-registration nursing associate programmes who are currently a NMC registered nurse without restrictions on their practice, and

R1.6 provide support where required to students throughout the programme in continuously developing their abilities in numeracy, literacy, digital and literacy to meet programme outcomes.

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 students studying Health Education England curriculum onto the proposed programme to ensure programme learning outcomes and proficiencies meet the Standards for pre-registration nursing associate programmes (NMC, 2018).

Findings against the standard and requirements

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Evide	nce provides assurance that the following QA approval criteria are met
•	There is evidence of selection processes, including statements on digital literacy, literacy, numeracy, values-based selection criteria and capability to learn behaviour according to the Code, educational entry standard required and progression and assessment strategy, English language proficiency criteria is specified in recruitment processes. Service users and practitioners are involved in selection processes. (R1.1.1 – R1.1.6) 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 are 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





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Proposed transfer of current students to the programme under review

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nursing associate programmes and Standards of pr			
will be met through the transfer of existing stude programme.			
 There is evidence that students learning in theory and practice on the HEE curriculum is mapped to the programme standards and Standards for pre- registration nursing associate programmes and support systems are in place. 			
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The AEI confirms that it does not intend to transfer existing students from the Health Education England (HEE) curriculum on to the programme Standards for pre-registration nursing associate programmes. The students say they are aware of the new roles of practice supervisor and practice assessor but were unsure when the new roles start. Programme documentation confirms the new roles will start in September 2019 for new cohorts with no plans to transfer current students to SSSA.			
Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: <u>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</u> relevant to selection, admission and progression are met			
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Outcome			
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Date: 3 June 2019			

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 all programme learning outcomes reflect the Standards of proficiency for nursing associates.





R2.4 design and deliver a programme that supports students and provides an appropriate breadth of experience for a non-field specific nursing associate programme, across the lifespan and in a variety of settings

R2.5 set out the general and professional content necessary to meet the *Standards of proficiency for nursing associates* and programme outcomes

- R2.6 ensure that the programme hours and programme length are:
- 2.6.1 sufficient to allow the students to be able to meet the *Standards of proficiency for nursing associates*,
- 2.6.2 no less than 50 percent of the minimum programme hours required of nursing degree programmes, currently set under Article 31(3) of Directive 2005/36/EC (4,600 hours)
- 2.6.3 consonant with the award of a foundation degree (typically 2 years)
- R2.7 ensure the curriculum provides an equal balance of theory and practice learning using a range of learning and teaching strategies, and
- R2.8 ensure nursing associate programmes which form part of an integrated programme meet the nursing associate requirements and nursing associate proficiencies.

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, R3.7, 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

Evide	ence provides assurance that the following QA approval crit	eria are met:
•	There is evidence that the programme complies with the NMC framework for nursing and midwifery education (R2.1)	Standards
	YES ⊠	NO 🗌
•	There is evidence that the programme complies with the NMC for student supervision and assessment (R2.2)	Standards
	YES ⊠	NO 🗌
•	Mapping has been undertaken to show how the curriculum and learning content meets the <i>Standards of proficiency for nursing</i> and programme outcomes. (R2.3)	•



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R2.4 is met. Documentary evidence demonstrates the progradelivery is generic in content and is non-field specific. Module learning outcomes support learning across the lifespan and a variety of settings. A student learning journey exemplar demonstrates will have practice learning experiences in all fields of recruitment flyer for the programme explains teaching and learning practice learning environments and UoG. The student programd module descriptors also confirm that students are information-field specific approach.	e descript are releva onstrates of nursing. arning wil gramme h	ors and nt to a how The take place andbook
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 There is evidence that mapping has been undertaken programme outcomes, module outcomes and content of proficiency for nursing associates and programme of 	meets the	e Standards
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programme length; - programmed learning is sufficient to allow the studement the Standards of proficiency for nursing asso	ents to be	able to
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R2.6 is not met. We found documentary evidence to support programme. However, hours allocated for external practice le insufficient to allow students to fully meet the Standards of prassociates. (Condition two) (SFNME R5.1; SPRNA R2.6, R3	earning ex oficiency	perience is
At the approval visit the programme leader identified how the learning hours are organised. The external practice learning		



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two- or three-week blocks organised jointly between the AEI and PLP. Practice learning hours are recorded on a timesheet in the PAD. Practice learning hours are monitored by the PLP and checked by the programme lead. We are assured the working week does not exceed the European working time directive. An online reporting system is in place for students to notify the UoG of any absence. One student confirmed that attendance is monitored. Students are supported to make up unmet theoretical and practice learning hours. Programme documentation confirms the length of the apprenticeship will be extended if make-up time is required. Students say they are supported to learn skills at the university and in practice learning placements. Programme learning is sufficient to meet the Standards of proficiency for nursing associate programmes.

• 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 the 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. (R2.7)

MET \square NOT MET \boxtimes

R2.7 is not met. Documentary evidence and the approval process confirm the programme structure has an equal balance of theory and practice learning hours. A wide range of learning and teaching strategies are detailed in the programme specification and module descriptors. Lectures, seminars, skills sessions, workbooks and online resources are used to support learning. The content and learning outcomes for each part of the programme are in the student handbook and module descriptors. Students tell us they enjoy their university study days and are well informed about their modules and what they need to learn. They say online resources to support their learning are helpful and staff are timely in answering any questions and giving extra support if needed. Documentary evidence shows how the Standards of proficiency for nursing associates will be met. The pan London mapping document outlines how the Standards of proficiency for nursing associates and skills are met in the PAD.

The AEI organise external practice learning placements which PLPs confirm works well. The programme team tell us they are currently recruiting for a placement facilitator vacancy to support this. There are processes for reasonable adjustments for students in the university. Students can complete an inclusion plan to share what reasonable adjustments can support them in the practice learning environment.

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

 There is evidence that programmes leading to nursing associate registration and registration in another profession, will be of suitable length and nursing





associate proficiencies and outcomes will be achie associate context. (R2.8)	eved in a	nursing	
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Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: <u>Standards frame</u> <u>midwifery education</u> relevant to curricula and assessmen			
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Outcome			
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Date: 20 June 2019			
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Post event review			
Identify how the condition(s) is met:			
Condition two: The programme team have revised copies documentation to show a detailed programme planner with programme hours are protected, including 20 percent of protected in external placements. The AEI has signed programments with their PLPs. The apprenticeship Commit PLPs must sign for each apprentice provides detailed arraprotected learning hours. Evidence	hich repre the progra actice plac ment Stat	esents all amme hours cement tement which	





UoG Programme year planner, 21 June 2019

Practice placement agreement Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust, 21 June 2019

Practice placement agreement Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, 21 June 2019

Practice placement agreement South East London clinical commissioning group, 21 June 2019

Practice placement agreement Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, 21 June 2019

UoG apprenticeship commitment statement, 21June 2019

Condition two is now met.

Date condition(s) met: 22 June 2019		
Revised outcome after condition(s) met:	MET 🖂	NOT MET [
Condition two is now met.		

Standard 3: Practice learning

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

- R3.1 provide practice learning opportunities that allow students to develop and meet the *Standards of proficiency for nursing associates* to deliver safe and effective care, to a diverse range of people, across the lifespan and in a variety of settings
- R3.2 ensure that students experience the variety of practice expected of nursing associates to meet the holistic needs of people of all ages
- R3.3 ensure technology enhanced and simulation-based learning opportunities are used effectively and proportionately to support learning and assessment
- R3.4 take account of students' individual needs and personal circumstances when allocating their practice learning including making reasonable adjustments for students with disabilities, and
- R3.5 3.5 ensure that nursing associate students have protected learning time in line with one of these two options:
- R3.5.1 Option A: nursing associate students are supernumerary when they are learning in practice
- R3.5.2 Option B: nursing associate students who are on work-placed learning routes:
- R3.5.2.1 are released for at least 20 percent of the programme for academic study





R3.5.2.2 are released for at least 20 percent of the programme time, which is assured protected learning time in external practice placements, enabling them to develop the breadth of experience required for a generic role, and

R3.5.2.3 protected learning time must be assured for the remainder of the required programme hours.

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 nursing associates* to deliver safe and effective care, to a diverse range of people, across the lifespan and in a variety of settings. (R3.1)

MET \boxtimes NOT MET \square

R3.1 is met. We found documentary evidence of policies and processes for escalating concerns and fitness to practise. There are flow charts in student and PLP documents explaining these processes and what to do. The programme team confirm seeking consent to ensure the delivery of safe and effective care is taught throughout the programme. A placement learning journey exemplar explains how students will have a range of experiences to care for a diverse range of people across all age groups. PLPs confirm they understand this requirement and are committed to providing appropriate learning opportunities. The AEI plans to recruit a placement facilitator and employ staff to develop new practice learning environments. Students tell us they understand the importance of seeking consent and they're clear about how to escalate concerns and discuss safeguarding. They comment it might be easier for people to identify them as learners if they all had a distinct student nursing associate uniform. PLPs are inconsistent, with some providing a student nursing associate uniform and others just a name badge. (Recommendation three) (SFNME R1.3)

• 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. Programme documentation shows partnership working between the AEI and PLPs to ensure students experience variety in their practice learning to



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meet the holistic needs of people in all ages. Students confirm this as their experience. PLPs confirm they discuss students' practice learning evaluations and take appropriate action if needed. There is a fitness to practise procedure in place evidencing a joint approach to investigating any fitness to practice concerns. Documentary evidence confirms PLPs and AEI undertake joint educational audits on a two-yearly basis. They have biannual practice-based learning meetings (key account meeting) to oversee and report on any practice learning issues. The link tutor is responsible for any action plans and the programme lead takes overall responsibility for ensuring the quality of placement learning environments. The programme team mentioned an "offer and ask" informal approach for swapping and sharing practice learning placements. The AEI plans to introduce a new practice learning management system called InPlace to further improve monitoring of student allocations, evaluation and feedback.

•	There is evidence of plans for effective and proportionate use of technology
	enhanced and simulation-based learning opportunities and to support
	learning and assessment in the curriculum (R3.3)

R3.3 is met. Programme documentation shows effective and proportionate use of technology enhanced and simulation-based learning. Simulation-based learning will only be used to supplement practice learning in exceptional circumstances and where a specific practice learning experience is not available. Students are confident in their digital literacy skills and how this is developed throughout the programme. They're well supported to use the resources in the online learning platform and have training provided by a librarian on how to access e-books during their induction. The AEI confirm library services are available all hours at UoG and many students access NHS libraries.

 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. (R3.4)

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R3.4 is met. Documentary evidence shows that students' individual needs can be identified on entry to the programme. The programme handbook signposts support services to students. The programme lead confirms assessments for dyslexia and additional support and time. Information on reasonable adjustments for practice learning is explicit in the practice placement guidance document. Students say they're well supported by the programme leader. They say the amount of support in practice varies and some students get support from a practice facilitator. There's documentary evidence of risk assessments used by one PLP. A student surgery is provided for students by one of the PLPs where students can feedback and get support with practice learning issues.

 Evidence that nursing associate students have protected learning time through one of the two options (A or B). There must be clarity of evidence to support the single option selected.





Processes are in place to ensure that protected learning time will be monitored in accordance with the selected option.

Evidence that students will be released for a minimum of 20 percent of the programme for academic study.

Evidence that students will be released for a minimum of 20 percent of the programme time, which is assured protected learning time in external practice placements, enabling them to develop the breadth of experience required for a generic role.

Evidence that information is provided to students and practice learning partners on protected learning time/supernumerary status and the selected single option. (R3.5)

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R3.5 is not met. The model of practice learning for student nursing associates is work based learning. Academic study time is outlined in the programme plan and demonstrates students are released for a minimum of 20 percent of the programme for academic study. External practice placement hours in the planner do not meet the minimum requirement of 20 percent of the programme time for protected learning time in external practice placements. (Condition two) (SFNME R5.1; SPRNA R2.6, R3.5)

Information to show that students and PLPs have a good understanding of protected learning is not evident in the documentation or provided at the visit. Documentary evidence and the approval process indicate there is inconsistent information and practices to ensure students have protected learning time. Students say they have good practice learning experiences but know of students who do not get released for learning. (Condition one) (SFNME R3.1, R3.7; SPRNA R3.5)

Note: If issues of concern have been identified by system regulators regarding practice learning environments which are to be used for this programme include an overview of the partnership approach between the AEI/education institution and their practice learning partners to manage and mitigate any risks to student learning.

Assurance is provided that Gateway 1: <u>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</u> relevant to practice learning are met

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Documentary evidence and the approval process indicate there is inconsistent information and practices to ensure students have protected learning time.

Condition one: The AEI and PLPs must provide detailed arrangements for ensuring protected learning time across all practice learning environments and include this information in programme and student facing documentation. (SFNME R3.1, R3.7; SPRNA R3.5)





External practice placement hours in the planner do not meet the minimum requirement of 20 percent of the programme time for protected learning time in external practice placements.

Condition two: The AEI and PLPs must provide a detailed programme planner which represents all programme hours, clearly showing the 20 percent programme external protected learning hours and including evidence of agreement by PLPs to release students for learning (reflected in a revised memorandum of understanding with each partner). (SFNME R5.1; SPRNA R2.6, R3.5)

Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: <u>Standards for student supervision and assessment</u> relevant to practice learning are met **YES NO**

Outcome

Is the standard met?

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Date: 20 June 2019

Documentary evidence and the approval process indicate there is inconsistent information and practices to ensure students have protected learning time.

Condition one: The AEI and PLPs must provide detailed arrangements for ensuring protected learning time across all practice learning environments and include this information in programme and student facing documentation. (SFNME R3.1, R3.7; SPRNA R3.5)

External practice placement hours in the planner do not meet the minimum requirement of 20 percent of the programme time for protected learning time in external practice placements.

Condition two: The AEI and PLPs must provide a detailed programme planner which represents all programme hours, clearly showing the 20 percent programme external protected learning hours and including evidence of agreement by PLPs to release students for learning (reflected in a revised memorandum of understanding with each partner). (SFNME R5.1; SPRNA R2.6, R3.5)

PLPs are inconsistent with some providing a student nursing associate uniform and others just a name badge.

Recommendation three: Consider the way students are identifiable to staff and service users when in the practice learning environment, including the possible provision of distinct uniforms. (SFNME R1.3)

Post event review

Identify how the condition(s) is met:

Condition one: The programme team have provided revised copies of programme documentation showing detailed arrangements to ensure protected learning across all practice learning environments.





Evidence

UoG Programme specification, 21 June 2019

UoG Programme year planner, 21 June 2019

UoG Practice placement guidance, 21 June 2019

Condition one is now met.

Condition two: The programme team have revised copies of the programme documentation to show a detailed programme planner which represents all programme hours are protected, including 20 percent of the programme hours protected in external placements. The AEI has signed practice placement agreements with their PLPs. The apprenticeship commitment statement, which PLPs must sign for each apprentice, provides detailed arrangements of all protected learning hours.

Evidence

UoG programme year planner, 21 June 2019

Practice placement agreement Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust, 21 June 2019

Practice placement agreement Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, 21 June 2019

Practice placement agreement South East London clinical commissioning group, 21 June 2019

Practice placement agreement Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, 21 June 2019

UoG apprenticeship commitment statement, 21 June 2019

Date condition(s) met: 22 June 2019		
Revised outcome after condition(s) met:	MET $oxed{oxed}$	NOT MET
Conditions one and two are now met.		

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 or registered nursing associate 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 nursing associates*

R4.6 ensure that all programmes include a health numeracy assessment related to nursing associate proficiencies and calculation of medicines which must be passed with a score of 100 percent

R4.7 assess students to confirm proficiency in preparation for professional practice as a nursing associate

R4.8 ensure that there is equal weighting in the assessment of theory and practice, and

R4.9 ensure that all proficiencies are recorded in an ongoing record of achievement which must demonstrate the achievement of proficiencies and skills as set out in *Standards of proficiency for nursing associates*.

Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education specifically:

R2.11; R3.5, R3.6, R 3.8, 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

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)

R4.1 is met. Documentation and discussions at the visit confirm processes are in place to allow students to be supported, supervised, taught and assessed in all learning environments. This meets the Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education. AEI staff carry out roles including academic personal tutor, link lecturer, academic assessor and these are overseen by the programme manager. PLPs confirm their staff are undergoing preparation for the new roles of practice assessor and practice supervisor. The AEI and PLPs are adopting the pan London PLG SSSA implementation plan. They confirm arrangements to ensure adequate support, supervision, learning and assessment to comply with the Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education. Students who start on nursing courses from September 2019 will be supported by staff trained to





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undertake the new roles. PLPs confirm their students and staff are well supported by the AEI who visit practice learning environments.

Students say they're supported and know who to go to if they have a concern or need help. Students know about the new roles of practice supervisor and assessor but not all are sure when the role will start. Students say they're supported and know who to go to if they have a concern or need help. Students confirm they have regular meetings in their practice learning placement and are supported with completing their PAD and get regular feedback. Students say they are supervised in the practice learning environment and are given time to learn. Students say support from practice placement facilitators is patchy and is dependent on who the employing PLP is. SUCs are involved in student learning through giving feedback in the PAD.

• 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)

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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 or registered nursing associate responsible for directing the education programme. (R4.3)

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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)





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R4.4 is met. Student feedback in the practice learn the PAD, OAR (both formative and summative) and Formative and summative assessments are outlined students confirm all their feedback is clear, timely adevelopment. The programme team tell us formative classroom quizzes and virtual learning environments tudents for summative assessment. The only evid was the service user feedback page in the PAD. The plan for service users to contribute to feedback assessment in an objective structured clinical examples assessment. All programme learning outcomes are summative assessments.	d a skills log (for ed in the modul and helpful in so we assessments at activities are dence of service the programme sessment in the mination and a	ormative). e descriptors and upporting their s such as used to prepare e user feedback team say they e proposed nealth promotion
 There is appropriate mapping of the curricul placements to ensure throughout the progra Standards of proficiency for nursing associa 	amme that stude	_
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R4.5 is met. There's appropriate mapping of curric placements to ensure all Standards of proficiency associate programmes will be met. The programme evidence showing the timeline for scrutiny of each including details of the person responsible for mon progression. Students say their programme and printeresting and practice learning staff and the progfor entry to the register. Documentary evidence co proposed programme are mandatory. Programme Standards framework for nursing and midwifery ed summative assessments across theory and practice.	for pre-registrate team confirm assessment do nitoring and recoractice learning tramme team profirms all moduspecifications reducation. Competitions for the team profirms all moduspecifications reducation.	tion nursing documentary ocument, ording student placements are repare them well ales in the meet the ensation for
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There is an appropriate assessment strateg	y and process o	` ,

detailed in award criteria and programme handbooks. (R4.8)

There is an assessment strategy with details of the weighting for all credit bearing assessments. Theory and practice weighting is calculated and





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 There is evidence that all proficiencies are recorde achievement which must demonstrate the achieve skills as set out in the Standards of proficiency for 	ment of p	proficienc	cies and
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Assurance is provided that Gateway 2: <u>Standards for students</u> are met	dent supe	ervision a	and
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Date: 3 June 2019			
Standard 5: Qualification to be awarded			
Approved education institutions, together with practimust:	ce learni	ing partı	ners,
R5.1 ensure that the minimum award for a nursing associ Foundation Degree of the Regulated Qualifications Frame typically two years in length, and			
R5.2 notify students during the programme that they have register their award with the NMC. In the event of a stude qualification within five years they will have to undertake a training or gain such experience as is specified in our startheir award.	nt failing additiona	to regist I educati	er their on and

Findings against the standards and requirements

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





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 Evidence that students are notified during the process of the student failing to register their award with the student failing to register their qualification with undertake additional education and training or specified in our standards in order to register the 	the NMC. In iin five years gain such ex	the even they will operience	t of a have to
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Fall Back Award			
If there is a fall back exit award with registration as a standards and proficiencies are met within the award	nursing asso	ciate all	NMC
Standards framework for nursing and midwifery educated R2.20	ation specific	cally R2.1	1,
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The fall back exit award is a certificate of higher educate registration as a nursing associate.	ation which o	does not	confer
Assurance is provided that the <u>Standards framework</u> <u>education</u> relevant to the qualification to be awarded		and midw	<u>ifery</u>
	YES		NO 🗌
Outcome			
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Date: 3 June 2019			





Sources of evidence

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

Key documentation	YES	NO
Programme document, including proposal, rationale and consultation		
Programme documentation includes collaboration and communication arrangements with HE/FE partner if relevant		
Programme specification	\boxtimes	
Module descriptors	\boxtimes	
Student facing documentation including: programme handbook	\boxtimes	
Student university handbook	\boxtimes	
Student facing documentation includes HE/FE college information for students, if relevant		
Practice assessment documentation	\boxtimes	
Ongoing record of achievement (ORA)	\boxtimes	
Practice learning environment handbook	\boxtimes	
Practice learning handbook for practice supervisors and assessors specific to the programme		
Academic assessor focused information specific to the programme		
Placement allocation / structure of programme	\boxtimes	
PAD linked to competence outcomes, and mapped against standards of proficiency		
Mapping document providing evidence of how the education institution has met the <i>Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education</i> (NMC, 2018)		



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Mapping document providing evidence of how the education institution has met the <i>Standards for pre-registration nursing associate programmes</i> (NMC, 2018)			
Mapping document providing evidence of how the Standards for student supervision and assessment (NMC, 2018) apply to the programme.			
Curricula vitae for relevant staff			
CV of the registered nurse or nursing associate responsible for directing the education programme			
Registrant academic staff details checked on NMC website			
External examiner appointments and arrangements	\boxtimes		
Written confirmation by education institution and associated practice learning partners to support the programme intentions, including a signed agreement for protected learning.			
List additional documentation:			
UoG programme year planner, 21 June 2019			
UoG programme specification, 21 June 2019			
UoG practice placement guidance, 21 June 2019			
Practice placement agreement Oxleas NHS foundation Trust, 21 June 2019			
Practice placement agreement Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, 21 June 2019			
Practice placement agreement South East London clinical commissioning group, 21 June 2019			
Practice placement agreement Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, 21 June 2019			
UoG apprenticeship commitment statement, 21 June 2019			
If you stated no above, please provide the reason and mitigation			
Additional comments:			
Service level agreements and specific protected learning agreement documents have not been provided and were requested.			





Documents provided, 21 June 2019

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

	YES	NO	
Senior managers of the AEI/education institution with responsibility for resources for the programme			
HE/FE college senior managers, if relevant			
Senior managers from associated practice learning partners with responsibility for resources for the programme			
Programme team/academic assessors			
Practice leads/	\boxtimes		
Students	\boxtimes		
If yes, please identify cohort year/programme of study:			
Two newly qualified registrant nursing associates (2017 HEE nursing associate programme) and one year-one student from the HEE nursing associate programme.			
Service users and carers	\boxtimes		
If you stated no to any of the above, please provide the reason and mitigation			
Additional comments:			
Two service users attended the approval event and spoke to the registrant visitor in the presence of the approval panel note taker. This arrangement was adopted as the panel chair raised concerns prior to the visit that it could appear intimidatory to be interviewed by the whole panel. One other service user spoke to the registrant visitor by telephone in the presence of the note taker.			

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

	YES	NO
Specialist teaching accommodation (e.g. clinical skills/simulation suites)		



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Library facilities		
Technology enhanced learning / virtual learning environment		
Educational audit tools/documentation		
Practice learning environments		
If yes, state where visited/findings:		
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System regulator reports reviewed for practice learning partners		
System regulator reports list:		
CQC reports reviewed:		
Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust, March 2019		
Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust, January 2019		
Lewisham and Greenwich NHS Trust, January 2019		
If you stated no to any of the above, please provide the re	ason and m	itigation
Not required for this approval.		
Additional comments:		
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