Summary of Independent & Supplementary Prescribing

This module prepares eligible registered nurses, midwives, health visitors, physiotherapists and podiatrists to prescribe as both independent & supplementary prescribers.

Summary of the module

This 30 credits master's level module is studied on a part time basis. It includes 10 taught days in the University, 2 days participating in educationally led visits with both a non-medical prescriber and pharmacist. In addition students must spend 12 days or 90 hours of supervised practice with a medical mentor. The medical mentor also assesses the student’s competence in prescribing practice using an eportfolio.

Establishing the Scope of the Student’s Prescribing

Prior to the commencement of the module it is important to establish with the student the likely medical conditions for which they will prescribe, the medications involved and whether independent or supplementary formulary prescribing is indicated. This should also be negotiated and agreed with the student’s manager.

The Learning Contract

At the commencement of the module students must agree a learning contract with their medical mentor. A learning contract format has been provided for the student in their e-portfolio for this module. The students learning needs will mostly relate to the eportfolio competencies. However the student may have other learning needs which they wish to fulfil whilst undertaking this module which will be agreed within this learning contract with their medical mentor.

Assessment of Practice

The medical mentor is responsible for assessing part 3 of the module assessment schedule. This includes verifying that the student has:

1. completed the period of supervised practice experience of 12 days or 90 hours.
2. achieved all the competency statements on an achieved/not achieved basis.

The ePortfolio

The student will be provided with an eportfolio at the commencement of the module and an explanation of its use. For data governance issues, you will need to provide an email address supplied by your employer on the ‘Medical Mentor Form’. The student can download from Unilearn for use during the module a copy of the eportfolio mentor guidance if required.

Support for the Medical Mentor

Further support can be obtained from the module leader. My contact details are provided below.

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