

Training Opportunities

TNA offer extended until March 2021 originally this was Jan 2021

The financial support to practices has been extended and therefore we have a further opportunity to receive funding as outlined below for staff wishing to take up a Trainee Nursing Associate role as an Apprenticeship.

The highlights are outlined below:

- The next cohorts providing this offer are at University of Cumbria starting in March 2021, and at UCLan starting in March 2021
- The cost of the course is £15,000 for a two year course but only 5% is required to be paid by the practice as a non-levy payer
- Equally this offer then provides financial support of £8,000 from HEE to support the placements and training in practice (payable over the two years)
- The trainee will be required to undertake 2400 hours of learning divided equally between theory and practice, which entails:
 - 600 hours theory time per year (usually 1 day per week at university, at present partially online)
 - 600 hours protected learning time per year

This includes theory, clinical practice and alternative placements (at home, close to home, hospital) and should cover the lifespan preconception to death

- We recommend a member of staff is employed full time or a minimum of 30 hrs per week (University of Cumbria) / 32 hours a week (UCLan)
- The practice where the staff member is employed will need a practice assessor and an educational audit undertaken unless one is already in place for student nurses
- This offer is open to all practices whether linked to a local Training Hub (ETP) or not
- Entry requirements are Level 2 functional skills in Maths and English or GCSE English and Maths grade C or above. The applicant will require 48 UCAS points or evidence of level 3 study and 'Recognition of Prior Learning' will be considered on an individual basis. It is possible for the candidate to substitute level 3 study for clinical experience (usually employment as HCSW for longer than 12 months) but this will be assessed individually
- Placements must be evidenced, and it is felt beneficial to be undertaken in block weeks rather than on daily intervals; the employing practice is responsible for organising the learners' placements.

As this funding is limited please contact Olivia Murphy (Olivia.murphy1@nhs.net) with interested names ASAP and we will progress this for a spring 2021 start. Please include Trainee name and DOB and contact details, confirmation of practice support, practice name, practice manager contact details, assessor contact details, and university choice. The cut-off date for expressions of interest is end of December.

Candidates will be expected to attend an interview/induction session and also attend registration prior to course commencement. These dates have not yet been arranged.

There will be future opportunities available to support and develop trainee nurse associates but this financial support from HEE is not guaranteed going forwards