NHS Education for Scotland invites nurses working in general practice to apply for funding for university modules in the following subjects: - Prescribing, Advanced Clinical Assessment, and Leadership.

Background
NHS Education for Scotland has been commissioned by the Scottish Government to manage investment in education and development for General Practice Nursing (GPN). This funding will support GPN role development in line with the Chief Nursing Officer’s Transforming Roles programme and the National Health and Social Care Workforce Plan - Part 3 (Scottish Government, 2018) enabling nurses to work in integrated teams to meet the changing health and care needs of Scotland’s population.

Funding for university modules in 2020/21
Funding applications can be made for Prescribing, Advanced Clinical Assessment and Leadership modules provided by Universities in Scotland. Applications can be made up to 1st March 2021 however as there is limited funding not all requests may be approved.

NHS Education for Scotland also provides a range of other fully funded courses for nurses working in general practice (Appendix A).

Criteria for funding

- Applicant is employed as a nurse in General Practice
- Modules eligible for funding are in the following topics
  - Prescribing
  - Advanced Clinical Assessment
  - Leadership
- Modules commence between 1st April 2020 and 31st March 2021
- Funding application is made before the start of the module
- Course is high quality and delivered by a Higher Education Institution in Scotland
- Cost of the course is competitively priced and best value for money
- Anticipated impact of learning is appropriate to GPN role development
- Line Manager/GP supports the nurse to access the course and supports any assessment and supervision
- Applicant agrees to contribute to the evaluation of the impact of learning on practice through a national survey
- Applicant evidences learning through their professional portfolio e.g. using Turas CPD Portfolio which is available to ALL nurses in Scotland [https://turasnmportfolio.nes.nhs.scot/]
Approval Process

Funding applications will be reviewed by a panel in NHS Education for Scotland to ensure all criteria are met. If necessary, further information will be requested and, in some circumstances, the decision will be referred to the national GPN Advisory Group.

How will the funding be paid?

Individuals will receive email confirmation of successful funding normally within 12 working days of their application. This will include a communication that can be forwarded to the education provider to confirm that NES will sponsor the module. NES will raise a purchase order to enable the education provider to invoice NES for the cost of the course.

Funding Application Form

Apply for funding here
https://response.questback.com/nhseducationforscotland/gpnfunding202021

Enquiries to GPNursing@nes.scot.nhs.uk

Appendix A

Fully funded courses already available

NHS Education for Scotland already provides a range of fully funded courses for nurses working in general practice.

Information and booking details are available through NES Portal.
- CPD Connect courses – please see NES Portal for the wide range of courses available
- Problem Based Small Group Learning (PBSGL).

Funded courses commissioned by NHS Education for Scotland
- Diabetes SCQF Level 9
- Sexual Health SCQF Level 9
- Enhancing the Diagnosis and Management of Respiratory Disease SCQF Level 11
- Behaviour Change SCQF Level 11
- Long Term Conditions SCQF Level 11
- Mental Health for Primary Care SCQF Level 9
- Current Perspectives in Cardiovascular Disease SCQF Level 9 or 11
- Minor Illness Management SCQF Level 9 or 11
- Assessment of Joint Pain SCQF Level 9