

Regional implementation of the Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (SCPHN) and Specialist Practice Qualifications (SPQ) education programmes (Sept 2024 onwards):

Key changes for Managers

Recruitment and selection processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme places will be openly available and advertised across relevant platforms, to include NHS, non-NHS, self-employed or self-funded/sponsored applicants. • Following shortlisting, an assessment procedure will be applied within the selection and recruitment process. • People who use our services and representatives from relevant stakeholder groups will be involved in developing a selection of questions and responses to be used in the selection and recruitment process.
Entry requirements on to SCPHN and SPQ/prescribing programmes	<p>Specialist Practice Qualifications (SPQ) with Independent/Supplementary Prescribing (V300) programme - the applicant;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a registered NMC nurse (level 1) AND registered for a minimum of one year prior to application for entry on to the programme <p>Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (SCPHN) programme - the applicant;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must be an NMC registered nurse (level 1) or an NMC registered midwife – <i>(there is now no timeframe required regarding NMC registration prior to application).</i> <p>All applicants must evidence as part of their application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that they hold a BSc Hons/ BSc Degree or provide evidence of successful completion of academic study at level 6 • confirm they are of Good Health and Character and are not undergoing any live formal professional, criminal or internal investigation, disciplinary hearings or serving a live disciplinary warning or formal underperformance procedure (as at date of application).
Integrated Independent/Supplementary prescribing (V300) component of SPQ programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V300 has been seamlessly integrated into all SPQ programmes with the proficiencies set out in the NMC standards for post-registration programmes (2023) and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society’s (RPS) Competency Framework for all Prescribers (2021). • Applicants must be registered with the NMC for a minimum of one year prior to applying for entry onto a SPQ/integrated prescribing programme. • The Practice Assessor must be a registered healthcare professional and an experienced prescriber with suitable equivalent qualifications for the programme the student is undertaking (NMC, 2023). (Experienced prescriber is defined as an active prescriber who would normally have at least 3 years’ recent prescribing experience, (RPS, 2021) • Students undertaking a SPQ/integrated prescribing programme may <u>require</u> two nominated Practice Assessors during their practice placement. One Practice Assessor to assess the NMC SPQ proficiencies and one Practice Assessor to assess the RPS prescribing competencies.
Programme Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPQ with integrated prescribing programme: Part-time and full-time options available. Includes 90 practice learning days (an increase of 15 days) delivered in blocks of various lengths • SCPHN: Part-time and full-time options available. Includes 130 practice learning days (an increase from 128 days) delivered in blocks of various lengths.