

Regional selection criteria for entry onto Specialist Community Public Health Nursing (SCPHN) programmes within HSC Trusts.

	NMC Standards for post-registration programmes	Regional HSC selection criteria for entry onto SCPHN programmes
	Approved education institutions, together with practice learning partners, must ensure that the applicant is an:	Applicants wishing to apply for a SCPHN programme must provide evidence of the following criteria;
1.1.	NMC registered nurse (level 1) or NMC registered midwife capable of safe and effective practice at the level of proficiency appropriate to the NMC approved specialist community public health nurse (SCPHN) programme before being considered as eligible to apply for entry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered nurse (level 1) or registered midwife on the live NMC Register • BSc Hons/ BSc degree or successful completion of academic study at level 6.
1.2.	Confirm on entry that each applicant selected to undertake a SCPHN programme has the academic capability to study at the level required for that programme	<p>In the application form the applicant must confirm that they are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • of Good Health and Character¹ • 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)²

¹ For definition of 'Good Health and Character' please refer to: NMC *Guidance on Health and Character* document (2019): nmc.org.uk/globalassets/sitedocuments/nmc-publications/guidance-on-health-and-character/

² If subject to any of the above this should be declared in confidence to the hiring manager. An affirmative response will not always result in an automatic exclusion however HSC Trusts will make an assessment on a case-by-case basis.