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Re: The following courses and modules listed below:

Courses

MSc Advanced Clinical Practice.
Postgraduate Diploma Clinical Practice.
Postgraduate Certificate Clinical Practice.
Postgraduate Certificate Urgent Care.

Modules

Advanced Assessment and Consultation Skills (NURM145)
Applied Assessment and Clinical Reasoning (NURM146)
Assessment and Management of Minor Injury (NURM078)
Assessment and Management of Minor Illness (NURM089)

Dear Manager/Clinical Supervisor,

Students on the above modules are required to complete a work-based learning agreement as part of the requirements to undertake these modules. As part of the student's clinical development, they are required to undertake several supervised patient assessments within a clinical environment. These can be supervised either by their nominated supervisor, or by a suitably qualified practitioner (see below):

- For module NURM145 - Students will be required to undertake a minimum of 20 supervised assessments - a minimum of 4 cases for each of the following: History take, Respiratory, Cardiovascular, Abdominal, Central and/or Peripheral Nervous systems.
- For module NURM146 - Students will be required to undertake 15 supervised assessments – these can be selected from: Musculoskeletal, ENT/Ophthalmology, Pediatrics and/or Elderly care (containing systems included in NURM145).

- For module NURM078 - Students will be required to undertake 15 supervised assessments relating to assessment of service users presenting with minor injuries.
- For module NURM089 - Students will be required to undertake 15 supervised assessments relating to assessment of service users presenting with minor illness.

Clinical supervisors will need to be either medical staff working at registrar level or above, or a Nurse/AHP who has completed a level 7 patient assessment module at least 3 years ago, and who is using this as part of their job role. These are the recommendations identified by the Centre for Advancing Practice, to ensure students are adequately supported by a suitably qualified and experienced mentor.

This clinical experience has not been allocated specific time within the Module Specification, as time for each assessment will vary dependent upon the systems being assessed and the environment in which the student is working but will be included within the time for assessment preparation.

Within the WBL agreement two signatures are required, one from the student's line manager to identify their support to allow the student the time required to undertake the identified number of assessments, the second from the clinical supervisor to identify their agreement to provide the relevant support for the student to achieve these.

It is expected that if the student is not working in an environment to enable them to gain the required amount of patient reviews, they will, in conjunction with their clinical supervisor, arrange alternative areas in which to complete the required number of assessments.

The agreement needs to be completed and returned as part of the application process, otherwise students may not be able to attend the module. If you have any further questions regarding this, please email advancedpractice@northampton.ac.uk

Can I thank you in advance for your support.

Yours Sincerely

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