

Dear Colleagues

The GMIC Stockport Locality has access to funds for Non-Medical Prescribing training. The aim of this training is to prepare suitably experienced and qualified nurses and AHPs (including Midwives, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Podiatrists, Paramedics and Dieticians) to become safe and competent independent/supplementary prescribers.

There are stringent criteria to allow access to this course. An applicant must have:

- Registration with the relevant professional regulatory body.
- Appropriate patient-orientated experience and be able to evidence the necessary skills and knowledge to undertake the programme if requested.
- A DBS within 3 years of the programme start date.
- Successfully completed a prescribing numeracy test (80% pass mark) to be arranged with the local NMP lead.
- A nominated **Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP)** who has agreed to supervise and assess the applicants practice and is appropriately experienced and qualified to carry out a supervisory role (the DPP should be actively prescribing in the areas in which the applicant will be training and have appropriate patient-facing clinical and diagnostic skills).
- Nomination by the employer, who should also confirm their competence to undertake the programme and the clinical need within the applicant's role to undertake the programme.
- Support from their employer/DPP for the appropriate number of supervised hours (90 hrs of learning in practice required over the duration of the course - usually 6 months).

NB. This is commonly split so 45 hrs is direct supervision under the DPP, and 45 hrs of additional patient facing time with other HCPs.

All applicants must also demonstrate appropriate clinical support and governance arrangements are in place to support the applicant's prescribing practice once qualified.

For any further information, please follow the link <https://www.gmthub.co.uk/support/non-medical-prescribing>

At most universities, the NMP programme is a 6-month course and delegates would need to attend university for one day per week. Details of which Universities you can access for this course are in the application form available at <https://www.hecooperative.co.uk/nmp-area/nmp-courses-uk/>. Intake is usually January or September therefore application submissions should give sufficient time for processing.

If you are interested in applying for this programme and you meet the above eligibility criteria see below:

1. Practices/individuals to discuss this development with their NMP Lead or Medicines Management at GMIC (Stockport), before formally applying. Contact for Medicines Management is gmicb-sto.medsopadmin@nhs.net.
2. Individuals are to complete the NMP Application Form available at <https://www.hecooperative.co.uk/nmp-area/nmp-courses-uk/> and return this to Medicines Management at gmicb-sto@medsopadmin@nhs.net. Please **do not** send this form directly to the university it needs to be approved by the NMP lead first.
3. The completed approved NMP application form will be sent, by the NMP lead, back to the applicant and to the GM Training Hub for final funding authorisation.
4. On receipt of the approved NMP application form the candidate can submit their application to their chosen university or wait for funding approval notification from GM training Hub.

5. The GM Training Hub will contact the applicant directly by letter and or email to advise when their application has been authorised. The candidate will be given details of the funding approval and information to be shared with their chosen university.
6. NMP candidate to submit their GM Training Hub funding approval letter to their chosen university (with application form if not already submitted).

Kind regards, Maria