

NURSING STUDENT CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

NELFT offers a wide range of placements to a wide variety of students. Practice experience facilitators (PEFS) support both the students, the practice assessors, and practice supervisors during placements and maintain links with the Higher Education Institutes to ensure high-quality practice placements are available that offer all students the opportunity to meet their identified learning outcomes in a conducive learning environment.

Pre-registration

Working with a range of higher education partners we provide a wide range of educational experiences to meet the placement requirements, identified by the Nursing Midwifery Council to ensure quality preregistration training for student nurses and midwives.

Working closely with the higher education institutes we provide placements for three different routes to registration with the Nursing Midwifery Council as a qualified nurse or midwife:

Post Graduate Diploma (PG Dip)

The PG dip route to registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council is open to individuals who have previously undertaken a BSc degree. Working with our partners, London South Bank University we provide community placements across NELFT in the boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge and Waltham Forest.

We provide placements for three branches – mental health, adults, children Contact pefs@nelft.nhs.uk for more information.

Bachelor of Science (BSc)

Working with our partners London South Bank university, Hertfordshire University, Anglia Ruskin University, Middlesex university and University of Essex we provide a huge range of both community and in patient placements across Nelft in the boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Basildon, Brentwood, Havering, Redbridge, Thurrock, Southend and Waltham Forest.

Details of the services NELFT provide can be found on the NELFT home page.

We provide placements for five branches of nursing and midwifery – mental health, adults, children, learning disabilities, midwifery.

Master of Science (MSc)

Working with our higher education partner, University of Essex, we provide educational experiences in a community setting in the Essex areas of Basildon, Brentwood and Thurrock where NELFT provides a wide range of community services.

This is a Masters level course which also leads to registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

Secondments and Sponsorship

Working with a range of higher education partners, we provide secondments and sponsorship for pre registration opportunities within NELFT for district nursing, health visiting and school nursing.

Salary support offers NELFT employed staff the opportunity to undertake a course leading to NMC registration as a qualified nurse.

The University of Essex also run an 18-month conversion course for assistant practitioners to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as a nurse. For further information please contact pefs@nelft.nhs.uk.

Post registration

We provide post registration training for school nursing, health visiting and district nursing in London (please contact lynn.barton@nelft.nhs.uk) and Essex (please contact mary.johnson@nelft.nhs.uk)

- **School Nursing**

Completion of this course leads to registration with the NMC as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse. We provide a wide range of educational experiences across NELFT with school nursing teams to support specialist community public health nursing students in obtaining registration with NMC.

- **Health Visiting**

Completion of this course leads to registration with the NMC as a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse. We provide a wide range of educational experiences across NELFT with health visiting teams to support specialist community public health nursing students in obtaining registration with NMC.

- **District Nursing**

District Nurse training takes 1 year to complete. NELFT works closely with London South Bank University and Anglia Ruskin University to support students undertaking this course.

Secondments and Sponsorship

Working with a range of higher education partners, we provide secondments and sponsorship for post registration opportunities within NELFT for district nursing, health visiting and school nursing.

Elective placements

Pre-registration and post-registration nursing courses give students the opportunity to undertake an elective placement in an alternative trust or even an alternative field. Elective placements can also be used to return to an area that proved to offer excellent learning opportunities. NELFT welcomes applications from students for

elective placements. Students undertaking a course with a non-partner university will need an honorary contract in place before the placement can commence.

Supporting Students

Practice Assessors and Practice Supervisors

All student nurse clinical placements and educational experiences are supported by practice supervisors and practice assessors. All nursing students take part in supervised practice learning as part of their nursing, midwifery, or nursing associate & degree apprenticeship education programmes. This is in line with the NMC Standards for the supervision and assessment of nursing and midwifery students 2018.

NELFT has a bespoke training programmes (including annual updates) to suitably prepare staff to be practice assessors and practice supervisors, to ensure they are up to date with NMC requirements and any developments within our partner universities.

Mentorship

All student nurse clinical placements and educational experiences are supported by a live mentor or practice teacher, who meet the requirements set by the NMC in Standards to support learning and assessment in practice Preparation for mentors, practice teachers and teachers' (NMC2008).

Annual mentor updates are a mandatory trust requirement and triennial review is undertaken by our mentors and practice teachers.

We have a NELFT mentor database which is updated by the placement facilitators to ensure allocation of live mentors and practice teachers is possible.

Continued Professional Development

Apprenticeship Nursing Associates and Degree Apprenticeship Nursing

NELFT offers the opportunity to complete a 2-year apprenticeship nursing associate course for staff and provides placements for self-funding nursing associates with partner universities.

In addition, NELFT also offers the opportunity for staff who have successfully completed the apprenticeship nursing associate programme to complete the 2-year degree apprenticeship nursing course. We offer support for those doing assistant practitioner apprenticeship which is also a route into degree nursing apprentice.

For further information on apprenticeship nursing associate opportunities please contact PEPT@nelft.nhs.uk

For further information on the degree apprenticeship nursing please contact Phyllis.Paraboo@nelft.nhs.uk