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Department of Nursing and Midwifery, University of the Highlands and Islands



Advanced Practice Programme Newsletter

Advanced Nurse Practitioner and Advanced Professional Practice – Nov 2021



Welcome to the sixth edition of the Advanced Practice programme newsletter. In this edition we share some news, key dates and information about available educational provision.

As we move towards the end of a busy Semester there are several changes in key personnel to note. Since our last edition Professor Annetta Smith retired and her leadership and many contributions to the PG programme are gratefully acknowledged. We wish her well as she moves on to pastures new. We also thank Jimmy Myles (Senior Nurse Acute Services, NHS Western Isles) and Kim Anderson (Clinical Education Manager, NHS Shetland) for their contributions in support of the ANP programme as Jimmy retires and Kim moves on to a new role.

We are delighted to welcome Dr Nicola Carey as our new Head of the Department of Nursing & Midwifery. Dr Carey joins us from the University of Surrey. We also welcome Fiona Young as our new Programme Lead for Non-Medical Prescribing.

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Minor Injuries CPD

Following a successful tendering process UHI secured a 3-year contract to provide accredited Minor Injuries education to General Practice Nurses. This CPD option will be available twice a year (SCQF Level 9 or 11) commencing in semester 2 (January 2022). General Practice Nurses can obtain further information about the module and funding through [NES CPD Connect](#). Further University publicity will follow in due course.

Award Celebrations

We were delighted to participate in two award celebrations with our former PG students in recent days. Events took place in Inverness and Stornoway and were attended by Undergraduate and Postgraduate students who have received awards in the last two years. We congratulate all our 'recent' graduates and wish them every success in their future careers.



[Neil Angus](#)

Head of Postgraduate Studies

Key Dates

26th November 2021

Closing date for ANP / APP / MSc Programme Applications
[Apply Here](#)

10th December 2021

All students who are undertaking NMP, CAAP and Minor Injuries module in Semester 2 must have submitted all necessary documentation by this date.

26th April 2022

Next deadline for RPL applications

New Applicant Deadline



The closing date for new applicants wishing to commence study in January 2022 is **Friday 26th November**.

- Programme and Application details are available from the [Advanced Nurse Practitioner / Professional Practice MSc webpage](#).

Semester 2 Documentation

Students taking NMP, CAAP and Minor Injuries in Semester 2 must submit documentation confirming their arrangements for Clinical Supervision. For continuing students this is available in the programme area of the ANP / APP Hub. New students can obtain this from admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk. Completed documents are required by 10 December 2021.

Semester 2 Module Teaching

During Semester 2 (Jan 2022 start) most module teaching and assessment will continue to be delivered and supported via the UHI Virtual Learning Environment (Brightspace). Dates for Semester 2 study days are now confirmed. New students will be

provided with this information via the admissions office and continuing students can access this in the Programme area of the PG Hub.

Semester 2 Modules

Modules available in January 2022 include:

- [Professional Leadership and Resilience \(20 credits\)](#)
- [Clinical Assessment for Advanced Practice \(40 credits\)](#) * Starts 11 January 2022
- [Non-Medical Prescribing \(40 credits\)](#) * Starts 5 January 2022
- [Improvement Science: Enhancing Quality in Health and Social Care \(20 credits\)](#)
- [Complexities of Care in Multi-morbidity \(20 credits\)](#)
- [Understanding Research in Evidence -Based Practice \(20 credits\)](#)
- [Quality Improvement Dissertation \(60 credits\)](#)
- [Applying Research Skills for Clinical Impact Dissertation \(60 credits\)](#)
- Minor Injuries: assessment and management (20 credits)

Notes:

- Starred modules must be included in the module selections of students following the Advanced Nurse Practitioner route
- The Improvement Science module is a pre-requisite for students who wish to undertake a Quality Improvement Dissertation
- The Semester 2 start date is 24 January 2022 except for modules indicated in red

Alumni Discount on Tuition Fees

A 10% discount on the tuition fee for all [taught postgraduate courses](#) is available for alumni of the university who have graduated with an ordinary or honours degree. [Alumni benefits - Discount on taught postgraduate courses \(uhi.ac.uk\)](#).

Module Enrolment

New Students – After acceptance of an unconditional offer new students will receive an email notification to complete programme enrolment and module selection. This is issued by the Student Records Office and is sent to personal email addresses. Please look out for this communication and ensure prompt completion of these important administrative tasks.

Continuing Students - Continuing students should have completed module selections for Semester 2 (commencing January 2022) during the annual programme enrolment process. Existing module enrolments can be checked in UHI Records>Student Hub>Modules. If this was not completed please email your name, student ID, intended module name / code and start date to the Student Records Office at sro@uhi.ac.uk. Please include 'Semester 2 Module Enrolment' in the subject line of your email and always use your University email address.

New Student Induction (ANP/APP/MSc Programme only)

A short online induction for new PG students is scheduled on **Friday 21st January 2022 (14:00 – 16:00)**. This offers an opportunity to meet some of the department teaching staff and will provide general information about the MSc pathway, the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process and a session on studying at Master's level. The induction will be recorded and materials will be available online for anyone who is unable to attend on the day. Further details including set up and access

details will be forwarded to relevant students in due course. Students enrolling for stand-alone NMP modules are not expected to attend the programme induction.

AAPE Learning Resource

New and continuing PG students now have access to a learning resource provided by the Association of Advanced Practice Educators (UK). This is intended to be an introductory resource - perhaps of most use to students who are at an early stage of their studies. Content includes information on - Advanced Practice, Academic Writing, Physiology Resources and Useful Apps and Web Links. Details on how to access this via the AAPE website aape.org.uk have been provided to continuing students via the ANP / APP Hub and will be provided to new students prior to induction.



Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

The most recent RPL submission window closed on 26th October and outcomes will be confirmed after 2nd December. The next opportunity for submission of RPL evidence is 26th April 2022 with outcomes being confirmed after 26th May 2022. Please note that all RPL evidence must be provided by the submission date and applications received after published deadlines will be carried forward to the next available date.

Current students can find information about RPL on the Advanced Nurse Practitioner / Advanced Professional Practice Hub on Brightspace. Intending applicants who may have queries about RPL can obtain further information by contacting the PG Programme Lead at neil.angus@uhi.ac.uk

Student Representation on Department Postgraduate Committee

The Department is seeking student representation and involvement on our postgraduate committee. We have one student representative confirmed and are seeking one further student rep. Involvement includes attendance at 3-4 committee meetings per year (1 hour). These are conducted online. Please send any expressions of interest to Neil Angus who can provide further information about the purpose and functioning of the committee.

Meet your Module Leaders

- [Neil Angus](#)
- [Michelle Beattie](#)
- [Clare Carolan](#)
- [Trish Gorely](#)
- [Jonathan Gray](#)
- [Gill Hubbard](#)
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