

Guide to Recognition for Prior Learning Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing

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The Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing is a two-year course, which leads to professional registration. To allow registration at this point, evidence needs to be provided confirming the attainment of Part 1 (Year 1) of the student nurse proficiencies and theoretical learning outlined by the University and the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Evidencing Prior Learning

There are two main parts of the process to gain recognition for prior learning, the first of which is the completion and verification of 787.5 hours of up to date relevant clinical experience in a health care area. This health care area must reflect or have learning exposure within your intended field of practice. You must have worked, paid or unpaid the healthcare area for a minimum of 6 months within the last 18 months. You will need to get the document signed in your area or work by a registered healthcare professional. The person signing must be a current registration with an accredited body such as the NMC, GMC, HCPC and the BPS.

The second component requires you to provide evidence to demonstrate how your prior learning, transferable skills and training meets the theoretical learning outcomes and how this relates to your intended field of practice.

Initially you should utilise your previous degree and map any modules undertaken that covers the learning outcome. For example, 'learning outcome 2: provide patient centered care', you would look at your degree and identify a module that may have covered this, this could be a dissertation module where you have applied theory to provide patient centered care.

There are several forms of evidence that can be used if your degree does not cover the learning outcomes and these can be mapped to the learning outcomes and proficiencies. Submitted documents will be reviewed by an Academic Assessor, Course Leader, and agreed by an External Examiner.

Deadline for the completion of this document is the **1st of July**, this allows time for the document to be reviewed prior to confirmation of your place on the course.

Further Information

If you have any questions, you can telephone call our Enquiries and Admissions Team on **03455 76 77 78** or email admissions@southwales.ac.uk.