

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 of Part 1 of the Practice Assessment Documentation (PAD). We will provide you with this document once you have been made a conditional offer. You will need to get the document signed in your area or work by a Practice Assessor (Registered Nurse) and this must amount to no less than 767 hours of related clinical practice experience.

The second component requires you to provide evidence to demonstrate how your prior learning meets the theoretical learning outcomes and associated NMC proficiencies, 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 centred 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 centred 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.

Once you have received a conditional offer, all documents will be issued for completion along with further instruction. Additionally, the Course Leader will help guide you when needed.

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.