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Learning outside the United Kingdom (UK) as part of an NMC approved pre-registration nursing or midwifery programme

Summary

- This circular sets out the requirements, guidance and advice that enables students to undertake some learning outside of the UK as part of a pre-registration nursing or midwifery programme.
- This includes short experiences of up to and including four weeks, or longer experiences up to a maximum of six months duration.
- Learning outside of the UK is dependent on education providers having appropriate arrangements in place to ensure the safety of students and clients, and to ensure experiences are consistent with the educational intentions of the approved programme.
- This applies to programmes approved under the *Standards of proficiency for pre-registration nursing education (2004)* and *Standards for pre-registration midwifery education (2009)*.
- This circular is for approved education institutions (AEIs) who provide these pre-registration programmes.
- This circular does not apply to programmes approved under the *Standards for pre-registration nursing education (2010)* as the requirements and guidance has already been incorporated.

Background

- The requirements, guidance and advice has been consulted on and replaces UKCC Registrar's letter 6/1995 *The Council's Standards for Educational Experience Outside the United Kingdom for Students Undertaking National Board Approved Programmes Leading to Registration or Recording on the Council's Register*.

Guidance and advice

- Annexe 1 to this circular should be read in conjunction with the *Standards of proficiency for pre-registration nursing education* (NMC 2004) and the *Standards for pre-registration midwifery education* (NMC 2008).
- Annexe 1 can be applied to current programmes from the date of this circular.
- This circular may be reproduced by all to whom it is addressed.

This circular has been issued by

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