AIMS OF THE PRACTICE EDUCATION TEAM

An important role of the Practice Education Team is to indirectly support students through providing direct support for mentors and all other staff involved in learning and assessment in practice activities to develop quality placements for students. It is anticipated that the Practice Education Teams, along with the Assistant/Co Director of Nursing, will develop and enhance existing links between education and service, support mentors in maximising clinical skills acquisition amongst students, and also accommodate achievement of the NMC (2008) Standards to Support Learning and Assessment in Practice.

Aims of the Practice Education Team:

✓ Contribute to the implementation of a learning and assessment governance framework within HSC Trusts
✓ Provide professional support and facilitation for ward managers/leaders, mentors and practice teachers to meet the NMC (2008) Standards for Learning and Assessment in Practice
✓ Work collaboratively with HEI’s to provide an effective learning environment to ensure that registrants are fit for purpose.

Practice Education Coordinator

The Practice Education Coordinator role is designed to lead, under the direction of the Assistant/Co Director of Nursing, the development and maintenance of an effective learning culture, infrastructure and environment for nursing and midwifery students on a Trust-wide basis. They are also required to develop systems to evaluate the effectiveness of pre and post-registration learning and education activities to provide enhanced value added benefits reflected in improved quality of care of patients and clients.
The Practice Education Facilitator roles are designed to contribute to the learning environment by providing support, educational input and development activities, and to ensure that nursing and midwifery students are given a positive and valuable learning experience during practice placements.

Aims of the Practice Education Coordinator role:

- Lead, under the direction of the Assistant/Co Director of Nursing, on the development of an effective learning culture that maximises competence acquisition of students on nursing and midwifery programmes
- Establish and build partnership working between HSC Trusts and education providers
- Provide professional leadership to the Practice Education Facilitators
- Set direction for the Practice Education Team.

Practice Education Facilitator

The Practice Education Facilitator roles are designed to contribute to the learning environment by providing support, educational input and development activities, and to ensure that nursing and midwifery students are given a positive and valuable learning experience during practice placements.

Aims of the Practice Education Facilitator role:

- Work collaboratively with HEI’s to provide an effective learning environment to ensure that registrants are fit for purpose
- Provide professional support and facilitation for ward managers/team leaders, mentors, practice teachers
- Assure quality of clinical placements
- Maximise the number of student nurses and midwives who can be supported within clinical practice areas
- Ensure that the student experience is of the highest quality
- Enhance and support the role of the mentor.
Practice Education Team Admin Support

The Band 3 Admin/Clerical member provides administrative and secretarial support and should be proactive in managing the day to day operation of the Practice Education Team.

Aims of the Admin/Clerical Support role:

- Maintain effective and efficient administration systems to support the work of the Assistant/Co Director of Nursing and Practice Education Team
- Assist with compiling reports and collating information
- Provide support for the maintenance of the Trust Register of Mentors and Practice Teachers.