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Dear colleague

Graduate Diploma in Integrated Community Nursing

Following the successful recruitment for cohort 1, we are now able to clarify the arrangements for the second intake of the Graduate Diploma in Integrated Community Nursing (GDipICN).

The new 2-year part-time work-based Graduate Diploma in Integrated Community Nursing (GDipICN) is designed for nurses working at level 5 of the Career Framework for Health (Agenda for Change Band 5 equivalent). We expect places to be allocated to nurses from district nursing teams and to nurses from care home, prison healthcare and General Practice settings. We are writing to the leads in each of these groups separately. If you would like to discuss an integrated approach to nominating staff for the programme, we suggest that you contact the District Nursing Lead in your NHS Board area. Please contact us if you would like contact details.

NES has commissioned two universities to deliver the programme; Queen Margaret University (east and north regions) commencing week of 4th January 2021, and we expect the University of the West of Scotland (west region) to commence September 2021, with the recruitment process starting now in preparation for this. Please see Appendix 1 for NHS Boards associated with each region.

NES will review nominations and confirm funded places by the 11th November. We welcome your full list of nominations to give us an indication of the likely demand for places in future intakes. Funded places will be allocated to nominees meeting the criteria. Details on how to register for a place with a university will be provided upon notification of a successful funding application. Places may also be funded by the employer after all funded places are allocated.

A spreadsheet is attached for you to complete with details of all individual nurses who require funding.

More information about the programme is available in Appendix 2.

Please return the completed spreadsheets by 4th November 2020 at the latest to postreg.nmahp@nes.scot.nhs.uk

Please do not hesitate to contact postreg.nmahp@nes.scot.nhs.uk if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Appendix I

Graduate Diploma in Integrated Community Nursing

Region	University Provider	Health Board area
North	Queen Margaret University	NHS Grampian NHS Highland NHS Orkney NHS Shetland NHS Western Isles
East and Central	Queen Margaret University	NHS Borders NHS Fife NHS Forth Valley NHS Lothian NHS Tayside
West	University of the West of Scotland	NHS Ayrshire & Arran NHS Dumfries & Galloway NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Lanarkshire

Appendix 2

Graduate Diploma in Integrated Community Nursing

This is a new 2-year part-time practice-based programme designed for nurses working at level 5 of the Career Framework for Health (Agenda for Change Band 5 equivalent) in district nursing, care home nursing, prison health and general practice nursing.

- The programme is suitable for:
- experienced or newly qualified nurses
- nurses new to the community setting or experienced but with limited community specific CPD
- with or without a first degree

The graduate diploma will equip community nurses with the range of skills and knowledge they need to work flexibly across the integrated community nursing team.

It forms the foundation element of NES's integrated education pathway and will enable nurses to continue their studies at postgraduate level to qualify as specialist, advanced and consultant nurses in district nursing, care home nursing, prison health and general practice nursing.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying for this funded education programme, as an individual community nurse, you should first speak with your line manager. There is a process to follow (please see below for flowchart) to ensure your organisation is aware and supports your application for funding before you can proceed to apply to the university. The qualification is available through Queen Margaret University and the University of the West of Scotland and you can find more information at these addresses.

[Queen Margaret University](https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduate-study/2020-postgraduate-courses/graduate-diploma-in-integrated-community-nursing/)

<https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduate-study/2020-postgraduate-courses/graduate-diploma-in-integrated-community-nursing/>

[University of the West of Scotland](https://www.uws.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/postgraduate-course-search/integrated-community-nursing/)

<https://www.uws.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/postgraduate-course-search/integrated-community-nursing/>

The new NHS Education for Scotland website is currently under construction and new information will appear there shortly.

Please see below for a flowchart of the application process.

Flowchart of application process

