



REGIONAL CRITICAL CARE NURSING COURSE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRITICALLY ILL ADULT - MODULES 1 AND 2

OVERVIEW

The Regional Critical Care Nursing Course is based on the National Standards for Adult Critical Care Education. Through engaging in and completing this course, students will develop enhanced skills and knowledge required in order for them to deliver safe, effective and compassionate care to critically ill adults. Students will also acquire effective leadership skills and gain the knowledge and confidence needed to support junior staff in caring for patients with complex critical care needs. The curriculum is system-based and built on the content of Step 2 and Step 3 National Framework Competencies. This course is quality assured and accredited by the University of East Anglia (UEA) and will be taught by experts in the field from around the East of England.

The course usually runs from September to August over two modules. Each module is 30 credits, which can be completed at Level 6 or Level 7. The level of study can be discussed with you and your practice educator, but the university will make the final decision based on your current qualifications and how these may map into University pathways. The credits from these modules can be used towards a Degree or Masters pathway.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Anyone applying for the Critical Care Course must meet the requirements of their Critical Care Units, but this is likely to require completion of the Step One competencies and have a minimum of 12 months experience of working in Critical Care. Prospective candidates will need to meet UEA's admission criteria for Level 6 and Level 7. See application document for further details.

METHODS OF DELIVERY

The Critical Care Nursing Course aims to adopt a blended learning approach with some study days delivered through an online platform (including some live and pre-recorded online teaching sessions) and other study days given face-to-face in a classroom. In order to facilitate the delivery of the study days at Specialist Sites and at Simulation venues, students will need to travel to different sites across the East of England. However, consideration will be taken to minimize the travel distance where possible. The ability to use this approach to teaching and learning will be dependent on the government and NHS Trusts recommendations.

ASSESSMENTS

As part of the formative and summative assessments, students will be asked to complete competency-based assessments in their Practice placements. This will also include compiling a portfolio of evidence.

Other required assignments for passing the Modules are:

- A short oral presentation and an essay in Module 1
- A case study and a short-answer exam in Module 2

(Please note a reassessment fee applies for each Module)

CERTIFICATION

On successful completion of both Modules, students will receive:

- At Level 6, a Certificate of completion from the East of England Adult Critical Care Network and upon request a transcript of the credits from UEA.
- At Level 7, a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Studies and a Certificate of completion from the East of England Adult Critical Care Network, and upon request a transcript of the credits from UEA.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

It is recommended for prospective students to increase their understanding of academic writing and critical analysis at Level 6 or Level 7 in preparation for the Critical Care Course. Guidance on where to access training can be sought from local Practice Development teams and Trusts' libraries.

The provisional study days for the 2022/2023 course are as follows, but will require confirmation on registration, as they are subject to some changes. The general rule is that study days occur every other week and students are sent pre-study day activities to complete a week prior to each study day.

MODULE 1

13 Sept 2022 - start of module - block release

Study Days

20 September 2022
4 October 2022
18 October 2022
1 November 2022
15 November 2022
29 November 2022
13 December 2022
10 January 2023
24 January 2023
7 February 2023

MODULE 2

5 March 2023 - start of module - block release

Study Days

14 March 2023
28 March 2023
25 April 2023
9 May 2023
23 May 2023
6 June 2023
20 June 2023
4 July 2023
18 July 2023
1 August 2023

FURTHER INFORMATION

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