

Crohn's & Colitis UK Nurse Specialist Programme – information for applicants

Programme Overview

Crohn's & Colitis UK is the leading UK charity in the battle against Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis (collectively known as Inflammatory Bowel Disease or IBD).

Central to our strategy is our belief that all those living with IBD should have access to a, suitably qualified, IBD nurse specialist.

The Crohn's & Colitis UK nursing programme meets our ambition to build a community of Crohns & Colitis UK Nurse Specialists, bringing together clinical IBD teams and the charity to make a positive difference to people's lives today and a world free from Crohns and Colitis tomorrow.

Key Programme Objectives

The Programme will aim to work alongside already practicing IBD nurses, to create 'Crohns and Colitis UK IBD Nurse Specialists'.

With charity support & funding nurses will access one of 2 pathways;

MSc Advanced Nursing Practice (part-time, over 3 years)

Or for those already holding MSc in nursing or advanced nursing practice (ANP), the RCN ANP Credentialing programme.

Each pathway will be resourced and supported by Crohn's & Colitis UK.

In order to join the programme, nurses will meet a clear person specification and application process.

We aim to register 10 nurses through each pathway per year.

Who can apply?

We want nurses who are flexible and forward thinking and ambitious, who want to work with their peers and with Crohn's & Colitis UK to get the best for their patients.

You must be;

- an RGN, currently working as an IBD nurse specialist in the UK.
- Your role must include an element of advance nursing practice e.g. running nurse led clinics, prescribing, making autonomous decisions about diagnosis, treatments or follow up.
- With evidence of degree level study and an education of mentorship qualification.
- Experience of teaching and supervising other nurses.
- Knowledge of recent advances in clinical IBD management.
- Good communication and negotiation skills.
- Able to problem solve and prioritise and work to deadlines.

Credentialing is open to nurses who can demonstrate that they are working at an advanced level, practise in the NHS or independent sector and are either members or non-members of the RCN.

Crohn's & Colitis UK are working closely with the RCN Credentialing team and will resource and support you through the process.

To find out more about credentialing go to <https://www.rcn.org.uk/professional-development/professional-services/credentialing>

What do I need to apply?

For the MSc pathway you will require;

- A completed application form with managers signed agreement
- Evidence of successful application for MSc ANP from one of the universities on our list.

For the RCN Credentialing pathway you will require:

- A completed application form with managers signed agreement.
- Evidence of successful completion of an MSc in nursing or advanced nursing practice.

When do I need to submit my application?

Each pathway has its own application form. Applications should be submitted by 30/6/19.

What will happen after I submit my application?

1. We will shortlist and offer interview (we can interview you by phone / Skype if necessary). We aim for the interviews to take place mid July 2019.
2. If your application is successful, you & your employer will be asked to sign an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) agreeing to role.

More advice

If you, or your employer, have any further questions, please contact us directly isobel.mason@crohnsandcolitis.org.uk

University List

(Members of AAEP UK or RCN Accredited)

If you choose the Universities marked with * you will automatically receive RCN ANP Credentialing when you successfully complete your course.

Anglia Ruskin University*
Birmingham City University
Bournemouth University
Canterbury Christchurch University
Cardiff University, Wales
Chester University
City University, London*
Coventry University
Edgehill University
Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland
GYNDWR University, Wrexham, Wales
Kings College, University of London
Kingston University
Leeds Beckett University
Leeds University
London South Bank University*
Manchester Metropolitan University
Northumbria University
Oxford Brookes University
Robert Gordon University, Scotland*
Scotland Orkney National Education, Scotland
Sheffield Hallam University
Sheffield University
Swansea University, Wales
University of Aberdeen, Scotland
University of Bradford*
University of Cumbria*
University of Derby
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of Gloucestershire
University of Hertfordshire*
University of Huddersfield
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of Nottingham
University of Plymouth
University of Salford
University of Southampton
University of Ulster, Northern Ireland
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Worcester
University of Wolverhampton
University of York
University West of England, Bristol