



Crohn's & Colitis UK Nurse Specialist Programme

Information for Applicants

Programme Overview

Crohn's & Colitis UK is the leading UK charity for Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis (the two forms of Inflammatory Bowel Disease or IBD).

Central to our strategy is our belief that all those living with Crohn's & Colitis 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 Crohn's & Colitis UK Nurse Specialists, bringing together clinical IBD teams and the charity. We want improved lives today and a world free from Crohn's and Colitis tomorrow.

Key Programme Objectives

The Programme will support IBD nurses to become 'Crohn's & Colitis UK IBD Nurse Specialists'.

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

MSc Advanced Nursing Practice (part-time, over three 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.

On completion of the MSc pathway, nurses will join the Credentialing pathway.

In order to join the programme, nurses will need to meet a clear person specification and successfully complete the application process including interview.

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 advanced nursing practice e.g. running nurse led clinics, prescribing, making autonomous decisions about diagnosis, treatments or follow up.
- You should:
 - provide evidence of degree level study and an education / mentorship qualification.
 - have experience of teaching and supervising other nurses.
 - have knowledge of recent advances in clinical IBD management.
 - have good communication and negotiation skills.
 - be able to problem solve and prioritise and work to deadlines.

- If you decide to proceed, apply for the MSc course, which you can start at any time from September 2021 – September 2022.
- Once you have completed your MSc successfully, you will automatically move into the RCN Credentialing pathway of the programme.

About RCN Credentialing

Credentialing is the only current national programme that allows you to gain formal recognition of your level of expertise and skill in your clinical practice, leadership, education and research skills in a way that is recognisable to colleagues, employers, patients and the public.

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.

As part of the programme, Crohns' & Colitis UK will fund your 3 yearly Credentialing cost, subject to review of the programme over time.

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 manager's 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 manager's signed agreement.
- Evidence of successful completion of an MSc in nursing or advanced nursing practice.

When do I need to submit my application?

Opening and closing dates for applications will be available on our website.

What will happen after I submit my application?

This is a competitive process as we have limited places.

We will shortlist and offer interview (don't worry, we can interview you by phone / Zoom / Microsoft Teams if necessary). We aim for interviews to take place in June 2021 (dates to be confirmed). We will give you at least 2 weeks notice for an interview date.

If your application is successful, you and your employer will be asked to sign an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) agreeing to your new role.

More advice

If you, or your employer, have any further questions, please contact us directly at ibdnursing@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.

Aberdeen University
Anglia Ruskin University*
Aston University
Birmingham City University
Bournemouth University
Canterbury Christchurch University
Cardiff University, Wales
Chester University
City University, London*
Coventry University
De Monfort University
Edgehill University
Edinburgh Napier University
Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland
Glyndwr University, Wrexham, Wales
Great Ormond Street
Kings College, University of London
Kingston University
Leeds Beckett University
Leeds University
Liverpool John Moore
London South Bank University*
Manchester Metropolitan University
NHS Lothian
Northumbria University
Open University
Oxford Brookes University
Queen Margaret University (East Lothian)
Robert Gordon University, Scotland*
Royal Marsden
Sheffield Hallam University
Sheffield University
Swansea University, Wales
Teeside University
University of Aberdeen, Scotland
University of Bath
University of Bradford*
University of Brighton
University of Central Lancashire
University of Cumbria*
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of Gloucestershire
University of Greenwich
University of Hertfordshire*
University of Huddersfield
University of Hull
University of Keele
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham

University of Plymouth
University of Salford
University of Southampton
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Worcester
University of Wolverhampton
University of York
University West of England, Bristol