Division of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work
School of Health Sciences

Conditions of Practice Experience

The University of Manchester Student Charter has been developed jointly by the University and the Students’ Union; the Division of Nursing Midwifery and Social Work endorses this charter. It establishes clear and mutual expectations for the experience of all students: undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research. It sets out what you can expect from the University and what the University expects of you as partners in a learning community under the following headings:

- Our learning experience
- Personal and academic development
- Communicating and interacting with each other
- Respecting and valuing each other
- Being part of our community

As a health/social care student you will have additional responsibilities under the heading of Developing Professional Practice. These responsibilities to service providers and users are detailed in the Conditions of Practice Experience below.

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You should apply the guidance given by your professional body at the links below in both your academic and practice work and behaviour:


Developing Professional Practice

Together we will:

- be guided by the University’s and Providers’ policies and procedures
- perform all activities with guidance from and reference to the standards of professional bodies and current and relevant legislation in order for you to become a professional who is fit for award, employment and purpose
• ensure a safe environment where there is respect and dignity, and within which it is possible to raise and escalate concerns encountered during the practice experience in a timely way

• provide opportunities for you to develop your evidence base for practice where this is required

As a student I will:

• Maintain my health and good character by ensuring that I:
  o attend all required Occupational Health Service appointments
  o notify the Division of any situation which might result in the receipt of a police reprimand, caution or conviction
  o complete the annual declaration of Good Health and Good Character

• ensure I access all placement experience information in a timely way and contact my practice experience provider before the placement begins

• engage with the activities of the practice experience under the supervision and guidance of an appropriate member of the provider’s staff

• maintain confidentiality with all forms of information I may have access to, see or hear

• ensure I present myself professionally at all times taking note of any regulations relating to uniform and personal appearance

• ensure I complete all patient/service user documentation in a timely, accurate and understandable way and obtain a staff signature where it is required to do so

• understand that my practice documentation is my responsibility and ensure it is available to practice area staff when I am there

• liaise with my mentor / supervisor to ensure that any practice experience documentation is completed in an honest, timely and appropriate way

• submit all practice documentation following University guidelines and deadlines

• engage in the assessment/feedback processes designed to support my practice development

• take part in evaluative processes which facilitate the development of practice experiences for all students take responsibility for my personal money or property whilst on Providers’ premises

As a University, and in negotiation with Providers, we will ensure your practice experience:

• is prepared and audited in line with professional and University guidance
• has sufficient appropriately trained staff to support your development of practice based skills
• is appropriate to your stage in the programme
• is communicated to you within the timeframe set out by the University
is supported by allocations procedures to ensure your practice experiences facilitate development of your professional practice
provides you with a supportive framework to resolve any challenges you may encounter

I acknowledge that I have read the Student Charter and the Conditions of Practice Experience and agree to fulfil my role as laid out in these documents.

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