

Professional Advocate Programme

MACP4010

The online module is specifically designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of healthcare professionals wishing to undertake the role of Professional Advocate and who are considered by their employer to be eligible to become Professional Advocates (PA).

This module will enable registered health professionals to fulfil the role of PA and develop competence to deploy the elements of the Advocating for Education and Quality Improvement (A-EQUIP model). This module prepares practitioners to demonstrate understanding of the role of the PA, providing support to enhance health and wellbeing; developing education and training to progress knowledge and skills; and leading personal action for quality improvement practices to ensure that the patient group and families experience safe, enriching care.

Students are required to seek approval and support for attendance with their employing organisation.

Entry requirements:

- You must hold current registration as a nurse or healthcare professional with the NMC/ HCPC
- Hold a degree or HE diploma in a relevant subject

If you do not have a first degree, the following criteria may be taken into consideration:

- Evidence of successful academic study at level 6 or equivalent.
- Experience of working in a health setting, the roles undertaken and the level of decision making undertaken
- Awareness of the requirements of studying at postgraduate level
- Interest and motivation for successful study on the course
- Support from employer to undertake course



Assessment:

- Competency Portfolio **Students must have access to a qualified Professional Advocate Supervisor to support completion of the competency portfolio.**
- Presentation

Module Leader: Module Lead professionaladvocatesUW@worc.ac.uk

Credits 15 Credits at level 7

Dates (subject to change)

Cohort B

Application deadline: 10th September 2026

Onboarding sessions: 21st September 2026 13:00-13:45

Day 1 Thurs 1st October 2026 09:15 – 16:15

Day 2 8th October 2026

Day 3 15th October 2026 asynchronous

Day 4 22nd October 2026

Day 5 5th November 2026 asynchronous

Day 6 12th November 2026

Assessment date: 3rd December 2026

In addition, 4 practice-based study days are required, to be agreed with your manager/PNA lead.

Cohort F

Application deadline: 5th January 2027

Onboarding sessions: 14th January 2027 13:00-13:45

Day 1 Thurs 21st January 2027 09:15 – 16:15

Day 2 28th January 2027

Day 3 4th February 2027 asynchronous

Day 4 11th February 2027

Day 5 25th February 2027 asynchronous

Day 6 4th March 2027

Assessment date: 25th March 2027

In addition, 4 practice-based study days are required, to be agreed with your manager/PA lead.

For the virtual classroom dates students will require access to a computer with camera, headphones and internet access.



Admissions:

Please click here to apply for [October Start](#) or [January Start](#)

For registered nurse applicants, please contact your Professional Nurse Advocate Lead for your trust/employer to enquire about the module (MACP4020).

For help with application please contact Admissions C admissionsC@worc.ac.uk

This is also an optional module within the [MSc Advanced Clinical Practice](#) and [MA/MSc Professional Development Framework](#). For further information, please click the link to the relevant webpage.

