

Professional Nurse Advocate (PNA) Programme

MACP4020

Applications for Professional Nurse Advocate need to be discussed through your Professional Nurse Advocate Lead for your trust/employer.

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

This module will enable registered nurses to fulfil the role of PNA 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 PNA, 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.

This module is only available to students who have been approved for selection and attendance with their employing organisation.

Entry requirements:

- You must hold current registration as a nurse with the NMC
- 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 demands of studying at postgraduate level
- Interest and motivation for successful study on the course
- Support from employer to undertake course

If you do not hold or produce evidence of the correct level of study, we will need to have a conversation with you following application to the course. You will be contacted by the University if applicable.



Assessment:

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

PNA Module Lead PNA Module Lead professionaladvocatesUW@worc.ac.uk

Credits 15 Credits at level 7

Dates (subject to change) The available cohorts are:

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/PNA lead.

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



Admissions:

Once NHSE have forwarded applicant details to the University of Worcester, an application link will be sent to the email address provided. It is important that applicants follow this process to ensure access to the course and resources on the start date.

This is also an optional module within the MSc Professional Development programme.

For further information, please see <https://www.worcester.ac.uk/courses/cpd-courses/professional-nurse-advocate-macp4020>

