PRACTICE NURSE GRADE – PERSON SPECIFICATION

Attributes	Essential	Desirable	How identified
Qualifications	 Registered nurse Basic/advanced certificate of life support and anaphylaxis 		Application form Interview
Special knowledge/ experience/ competencies	 Minimum 1 year post registration Has undertaken specific training relevant to practice nursing in either Diabetes, Coronary Vascular Disease or Respiratory Awareness of clinical governance issues in primary care Willingness to learn and acquire new skills Insight and understanding of current issues in the NHS Evidence of appropriate knowledge base Interest and basic knowledge in long-term conditions Knowledge of health promotion Recognise signs and symptoms of child abuse – importance of documentation, communication, etc Recognise signs and symptoms of vulnerable adults – importance of documentation, etc Awareness of requirements to meet CQC regulations 	 Diploma in Diabetes, Coronary Vascular Disease or Respiratory Qualification or specific training in Travel Health Qualification or specific training in Childhood Immunisations Knowledge of patient group directives and associated policy Involvement in implementing and using protocols and clinical guidelines Demonstrate an understanding of audit 	Application form Interview Certificates of training References
Special skills and abilities	 Ability to assess and plan nursing care to meet the needs of individuals and groups Basic knowledge of wound care 	 Near Patient Testing for anticoagulation (Level 4) Experienced and competent 	Application form Interview

	 Good interpersonal skills, both verbal and written Evidence of problem-solving and decision making skills Ability to be reflective, accept criticism and act constructively Computer skills Willingness to accept additional responsibilities 	in taking vaginal swabs Trained in smoking cessation	
Planning and organisational skills	 Able to organise own time and workload and cope with occasional last-minute changes 	 Uses initiative 	
Disposition/personal	 Neat, well-groomed and well-presented Clarity of speech Punctual time-keeper Demonstrates motivation, reliability and commitment to team working and the development of others Flexibility, commitment and adaptability Demonstrates an ability to value the opinions of others Demonstrates professionalism at all times Motivation DBS check – meets Enhanced with barred 	 A positive role model 	Application form Interview References
Physical effort/ skills	 Fitness to do the job Ability to handle medical equipment (dexterity and manipulation skills) Must be able to travel between sites and undertake occasional home visits Must either be Hepatitis B immune or be 		Health screening

	willing to undergo an immunisation course
Mental and emotional effort	 Ability to work under pressure Ability to deal with occasional exposure to distressing circumstances or emotional events Ability to cope with occasional exposure to aggressive behaviour
Additional requirements	 Ability to work core hours Flexibility for cover Membership of a professional body Current NMC membership Knowledge of Revalidation requirements