**TRAINEE NURSING ASSOCIATE**

**Entry Requirements:**

1. To apply for a place applicants must be employed and work a minimum of 30 hours per week
2. Applicants must be able to evidence to their employer they have achieved Grades A-C at GCSE in English and Maths or Functional Skills Level 2.
3. Applicants must also have achieved Level 3 qualification, preferably in a health-related subject, and 12 months experience in health or care, or hold a Certificate in Bridging Skills for Higher Education in Health or equivalent (A Levels, BTech.)

NB. Prospective applicants that do not meet the minimum requirements may be able to apply to a local college or education provider for a bridging programme.

1. A reference from the Practice or PCN Manager which confirms they support the protected learning time and weekly attendance at UCS
2. A Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) will be required.

Applicants must be able to travel to the UCS Campus in Taunton and to travel to placements within the county of Somerset.

On successful completion of the programme the Nursing Associate will be required to apply to the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) for registration before being able to practise as a qualified Nursing Associate.

In addition, this role provides an access route to registered nursing with Accreditation of Prior Experience or Learning (APeL) opportunities, potentially reducing the degree programme to 18 months.

**Application process**:

1. Applicants must have the support of the lead nurse and submit an Expression of Interest including a personal statement to the Practice/PCN Manager, in writing. This should include why they want to be a Nursing Associate and what they understand about the role. Further information on putting together a Personal Statement can be obtained from the Training Hub.
2. If the Practice/PCN Manager accepts the applicant as being suitable to enrol onto the apprenticeship programme they must then submit all the application documentation to Linda Bickerton, Programme Manager, Somerset Training Hub by email to: Linda.Bickerton1@nhs.net **as soon as possible but no later than 26th June 2023 to be considered for the September intake**. There will be a further cohort in Spring 2024.

1. Applications must include the candidate’s personal details, contact information, expression of interest and manager reference along with evidence of required qualifications.

1. Candidates will then be shortlisted for interview onto the programme. Full details of the interview process will be sent to successful applicants. The interview is likely to be held at UCS in Taunton.