

# Health Programme Declarations entry to Year 1

## Introduction

Students are expected to always behave in a manner that justifies public trust and confidence and upholds and enhances the good reputation of their profession and the University of Greenwich.

## Nursing and Midwifery Programmes

Pre-registration midwifery and nursing students are expected to be familiar with and act in such a manner that is compatible with and adheres with:

- Student Placement Agreement for Students of the University of Greenwich on Placements with NHSE
- The Code: Professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses, midwives and nursing associates (Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) 2018)
- Code of Behaviour Policy for Students (incorporating the Student Disciplinary Regulations and Procedures) (University of Greenwich)

## Paramedic Science, Physiotherapy, Operating Department Practice, Speech and Language Therapy Programmes

Students on these programmes are expected to be familiar with and act in such a manner that is compatible and adheres with:

- Student Placement Agreement for Students of the University of Greenwich on Placements with NHS Trusts and/or the respective NHS Ambulance Trust and/or other Health Practices
- Code of Behaviour Policy for Students (incorporating the Student Regulations, Policies & Procedures) (University of Greenwich 2017) The Health & Care Professionals Council (HCPC) Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics (2024)
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This Code of Professional Behaviour has been written as a set of general principles to complement the content of the Student Placement Agreement, HCPC publications and University of Greenwich Student Regulations, Policies & Procedures listed above and is applicable to behaviour both on and off the University campus.

## Code of Professional Behaviour

This Code of Professional Behaviour identifies those forms of conduct which can be reasonably expected from a pre-registration healthcare professional programme student. While it does not constitute a legal contract, by agreeing to it the student is providing evidence of his / her commitment to a code of Behaviour which is seen as essential (but not sufficient) for successful practice in a healthcare profession.

1. If I am a nursing and midwifery student, I will act in such a manner that is compatible with the Student Placement Agreement, the Code (NMC 2018), and Code of Behaviour Policy for Students (University of Greenwich)
2. If I am a Paramedic Science, Physiotherapy, Operating Department Practice, Speech and Language Therapy student I will act in such a manner that is compatible and adheres with the Student Placement Agreement, the Student Regulations, Policies & Procedures (University of Greenwich 2017), the HCPC Guidance on Conduct and Ethics for Students and aspire to achieve the HCPC Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics (2024).
3. I will show respect for others, including peers, all staff of the University and in placement areas, and patients, clients and their relatives, carers and visitors.
4. I will not engage in deception by, for example, falsifying qualifications, recording of practice hours, medical and / or criminal declarations, or by any form of cheating or plagiarism in assignments or examinations.
5. I will attend all timetabled sessions and placements punctually and will follow the published procedures for notifying absences at both the University and clinical placement. I will endeavour to meet expectations about times of arrival and departure.
6. I will work collaboratively and constructively as part of a team alongside fellow students, teaching staff, support staff and all staff in the placement area.
7. I will notify the University of any Changes of circumstances, including changes of name or address.
8. I understand that in the event of my conduct being deemed to be unprofessional whilst registered as a student on a healthcare professional programme at the University of Greenwich, the following steps may be taken:
  - a. Temporary withdrawal from practice
  - b. Temporary suspension from the programme
  - c. Referral to the University Fitness to Practice panel which may result in termination of my programme

## **Declaration of Good Health and Character**

Students are not permitted to attend practice placements without having completed a self-declaration at the beginning of each year. Failure to do so will result in your placements being withdrawn and absence to be incurred. You will be required to make up this absence at the end of the programme.

I declare that:

- i) I have completed the on-line Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Application form and shown my documentation to the Office of Student Affairs, University of Greenwich if requested.
- ii) I agree to immediately inform the programme leader of any criminal convictions (even if they are spent), cautions, bound over (verbally or in writing), reprimands, offences committed as juvenile and on the spot fines that have occurred since interview, and any that occur during the programme. I also agree to disclose if I have been subject to any allegations that may have been recorded by the police and if I am currently under investigation by the police. I am aware that it is my responsibility to ensure that I disclose all necessary and required information and that failure to do so will result in removal from the programme.
- iii) I agree to immediately inform the programme leader if I have a Fitness to Practice or disciplinary procedure commenced against me at another institution.