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Skill Pathway for Venepuncture and/or Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation for Pre-Registration Undergraduate Nursing and Midwifery students during Internship Period – Addendum to the HSE/ONMSD Guiding Framework for the Education, Training and Competence Validation in Venepuncture and Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation for Nurses and Midwives (2017).

The following outlines the steps for HSE or HSE funded agencies that are required to support pre-registration undergraduate nursing and midwifery students during their internship period who are identified to undertake the clinical skills of Venepuncture and/or Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation. (*Nurse Registration Programmes Standards and Requirements, NMBI (2016); Midwife Registration Programme Standards and Requirements, NMBI (2016)*)

Pre-registration undergraduate nursing and midwifery students in their internship period will **only** undertake these skills following appropriate education and training under the supervision of a registered nurse or registered midwife who is currently competent in these skills (*HSE/ONMSD Guiding Framework for the Education, Training and Competence Validation in Venepuncture and Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation for Nurses and Midwives (2017)*)

Each HSE or HSE funded agency must have a **local policy, procedure, protocol or guideline (PPPG)** in place which specifies the scope and limitations of practice for pre-registration undergraduate nursing and midwifery students during their internship period (*NMBI, 2015*). This PPPG must clearly identify what they may undertake, under supervision, in terms of

- (a) Venepuncture
- (b) Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation
- (c) Administration of Intravenous Fluids (**the Administration of Intravenous Fluids without additives via peripheral route** for the purpose of Administration of 0.9% NACL Flush **at the point of insertion of the Cannula** as part of Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation)
- (d) Management of Anaphylaxis.

The HSE or HSE funded agency must specify within the PPPG, the patient population for whom the skills are applicable (e.g. Adult, Infant and Children and/or Neonates).

Pre-registration undergraduate nursing and midwifery students during the internship period must be familiar and comply (within their scope of practice) with the following PPPGs of the relevant HSE or HSE funded agencies as applicable to Venepuncture, Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation and Administration of Intravenous Fluids (only for the purpose of Administration of 0.9% NACL Flush at the point of insertion of the Cannula);

- Infection Prevention and Control
- Health & Safety
- Risk Management.

Skill Pathway Algorithm

The skill pathway outlines the nine steps involved in order for the pre-registration undergraduate nursing and midwifery students in their internship period to obtain competence in undertaking the clinical skills of venepuncture and/or peripheral intravenous cannulation (PIVC).

STEP

1

HSE and HSE funded agencies, in partnership with the associated HEIs identify pre-registration undergraduate nursing and midwifery students in their internship period to undertake the clinical skills of venepuncture and/or PIVC under supervision.

STEP

2

Pre-registration undergraduate nursing and midwifery students in their internship period must be familiar with PPPGs on the Administration of Intravenous Fluids and have successfully completed the relevant competency assessment process for the Administration of Intravenous Fluids without additives via peripheral route for the purpose of Administration of 0.9% NACL Flush at the point of insertion of the Cannula as part of Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation.

STEP

3

Where pre-registration undergraduate nursing and midwifery students in their internship period proceed with undertaking venepuncture and/or PIVC a clinical practice supervisor/assessor must be identified.

STEP

4

Obtain/Access Learner Handbook and local documentation from Clinical Nurse/Midwife Manager/Preceptor /Practice Development Co-ordinator/Clinical Placement Co-ordinator or designated educational provider.

STEP

5

Undertake the theoretical component of the Blended Learning Programme - eLearning Module, online via www.hseland.ie or via designated educational provider. Pass the online Self Assessment Test

STEP

6

Provide the documented evidence that the Self Assessment test was passed prior to attending the Clinical Skills Demonstration and Practice Session in their associated HEI

STEP

7

Liaise with key stakeholders as identified in Step 4 to attend a Clinical Skills Demonstration and Practice Session in their associated HEI

STEP

8

Undertake a minimum of five successful Clinical Supervised Practice Assessments in each skill. This must be undertaken within twelve weeks of undertaking the Clinical Skills Demonstration and Practice Session.

If unsuccessful –develop a performance improvement agreed action plan with Clinical Practice Supervisor.

STEP

9

Receive National Standardised Certificate of Competence Achievement (competency certification of attendance). Maintain on-going competence under supervision of the registered nurse/registered midwife in line with local guidelines/ policy and Scope of Nursing & Midwifery Practice Framework (NMBI 2015). Evidence of this on-going competency should be reflected within the relevant competency workbook relevant to pre-registration undergraduate nursing and midwifery students in their internship period.

These skills can only be undertaken **independently** without the supervision of a registered nurse or registered midwife on fulfilment of the following criteria;

- Registration on the register of nurses and midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI)
- and
- Successful completion of the educational preparation and competence assessment, that is compliant with or equivalent to that outlined in the *HSE/ ONMSD Guiding Framework for the Education, Training and Competence Validation in Venepuncture and Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation for Nurses and Midwives (2017)*
- and
- Provision of documentary evidence to their employer that they have completed a training programme, were deemed competent and have maintained their competency within their scope of practice during their internship period

Where competency has not been maintained in the period prior to registration with NMBI, the registered nurse or registered midwife must enter the Skills Pathway Algorithm as outlined on page 37 of the *HSE/ ONMSD Guiding Framework for the Education, Training and Competence Validation in Venepuncture and Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation for Nurses and Midwives (2017)*.

References

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