



Queen's Nurse Leadership 1

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is there a closing date for this course?

A. No. We will review applications as they come in and will close applications once places are filled.

Q. Does it matter who my employer is?

A. No. If you are employed as a registered nurse or midwife and work in a community or primary care setting you can apply.

Q. Do I need permission or nomination from my line manager or Nurse Director before I can apply?

A. We would encourage you to discuss your application with someone who supports you at work, particularly as you may need time away from work to attend. However, you do not need someone to nominate you, you can apply directly.

Q. Can I apply for the Queen's Nurse Leadership courses if I do not work in Scotland?

A. No. You need to be employed in Scotland to apply.

Q. What is meant by a 'clinical setting'?

A. You work directly with patients, clients or service users.

Q. What is meant by 'community nursing and midwifery'?

A. Community settings include care homes, social care, district nursing, school nursing, prison nursing, community mental health, community hospitals and primary care - if you are unsure, please contact the Programme Lead, Emma Legge: qndp@qnis.org.uk

Q. Do I have to commit to completing all three courses - QNL1, QNL2, and QNA?

A. No. You can choose to do only one or two courses if you prefer. However:

- you must start with QNL1
- you cannot do QNL2 without first doing QNL1
- you cannot do QNA without first doing both QNL1 and QNL2.

Q. I would like to complete all three courses, can I be sure there will be courses available for me to progress?

A. We will be launching future QNL1, QNL2, and QNA courses throughout each calendar year. Depending on availability of external funding, some courses attract participant fees. To stay up to date, please keep an eye on our website and social media channels.

Q. If I have attended an externally funded QNL1 course, e.g. Vivensa Foundation or Burdett Trust for Nursing, can I apply to any QNL2 course or do I need to wait until there is another externally funded course?

A. You can apply to **any** QNL2 course provided you have completed QNL1 and meet the application criteria for the QNL2 course in question. Note: all courses incur a non-refundable £75 booking fee.

Q. Is there a timescale for completing all three courses?

A. No. As a guide we expect that participants who choose to progress through all three courses would have 3-24 months between each one. If you are unsure, please contact us.

Q. When can I call myself a Queen's Nurse?

A. You will be awarded the title of Queen's Nurse on successful completion of all three courses.

Q. I am not sure if this is right for me, where can I get more information?

A. You can arrange an informal chat with Emma Legge, the Programme Lead. Please email: qndp@qnis.org.uk.

Q. What if my employer is unable to pay the booking fee within 14 days?

A. Your employer will need time to arrange and make payments even if they have agreed to fund your place. We try to be flexible but are unable to manage this process on behalf of applicants, please make sure you have made payment arrangements with the right people in your own organisation before you submit your application.

Q. When does my non-refundable £75 booking fee need to be paid?

A. You will be asked to pay when you are offered a place on the course. Payment must be made within 14 days and is non-refundable.

Q. If I cancel my attendance in advance of the course start date and have paid my booking fee, can I transfer to a future date?

A. No. You will be unable to transfer to a future course, and no refund will be given. We may allow the booking fee to be transferred to a replacement delegate who satisfies the application criteria (subject to availability and at our discretion).

You are welcome to apply for future courses, please note any associated booking fee will apply.