

Year 1 Semester 1 BNurs/MNurs Practice Partner Overview

Dear practice partners,

This information provides an overview of the Year 1, semester 1 academic units undertaken by all BNurs/MNurs students at the University of Manchester. It highlights key learning areas and aligns them with relevant Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) professional values and proficiencies as outlined in the Practice Assessment Record and Evaluation (PARE) framework.

Year 1 Academic Units

Unit Title	Description
Values-Based Nursing	Focuses on professional values, person-centred care, ethical decision-making, and the NMC Code. Students explore compassion, dignity, respect, and advocacy in nursing practice.
Public Health, Society and Nursing	Introduces principles of public health, health promotion, and the social determinants of health. Students begin to understand population health and the nurse's role in prevention and education.
Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology for Nursing Practice	Provides foundational bioscience knowledge to support safe and effective clinical care. Students learn to apply biological principles to assessment and interventions.

Alignment with NMC Proficiencies (PARE)

Domain	Details
Professional Values and Behaviours	Upholding the NMC Code in all interactions. Demonstrating respect, empathy, and cultural sensitivity. Acting with integrity and accountability.
Nursing Practice and Decision-Making	Applying bioscience knowledge to inform safe care. Beginning to assess and plan care with supervision. Recognising health inequalities and advocating for public health.
Communication and Interpersonal Skills	Building therapeutic relationships. Practising effective verbal and non-verbal communication. Engaging in reflective practice and feedback.

Practice Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Be supernumerary and supported to learn.
- Demonstrate professional behaviour and a willingness to engage.
- Begin applying theoretical knowledge to practice under supervision.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students develop into safe, compassionate, and competent nurses.

Warm regards,
The BNurs/MNurs Programme Team
University of Manchester