

Apprenticeship Standard Trailblazer for Registered Midwife

Background

In response to concerns about recruitment of students to Registered Midwife programmes it has now been agreed that the development of an Apprenticeship Standard based on the 2009 NMC Standards for Competence for Registered Midwives. This document sets out the proposed timeline for the development of the apprenticeship standard and End Point Assessment Plan.

When the NMC publish the new standards for the Future Midwife in 2020 a new apprenticeship standard and End Point Assessment Plan will be developed to reflect the changes.

The details for the development of the Future Midwife standards can be seen [here](#)

A summary of the timeline for the new NMC Standard is:

- February 2019 - Consultation on the draft standards for competence
- November 2019 - Revised drafts to go forward to the Council for approval
- January 2020 – New standards to be launched by January 2020.
- September 2020 – All AEs to have new programmes in place (approved against the new standards)

Proposed development timeline for the apprenticeship standard:

In order to create an Apprenticeship Standard now, it will be have to based on the 2009 NMC standards.

- 2 July 2018 – Meeting to draft proposal and apprenticeship standard
- 9 July to 1 August 2018 – Consultation on apprenticeship standard
- 15 August 2018 - submit a proposal and draft apprenticeship standard to the IFA (Feedback due by end of September)
- 26 September 2018 - submit an assessment plan and costing documents to the IFA (Feedback due by mid November)
- December 2018 – estimate that the apprenticeship standard and assessment plan will be approved for delivery



Implementation of the apprenticeship:

- By end of July 2019 - Major modification of any existing AEI courses for the apprenticeship must be complete (after this date NMC is unlikely to validate courses based on the 2009 standards)
- 2019 – First apprentices to start between spring and autumn 2019 (depending on employer requirements and university intakes)
- Final starts of apprentices against this standard no later than August 2020

The Apprenticeship Standard will:

- Be based on the current NMC standards
- Use existing AEI programmes (subject to major modification)
- Use a non-integrated end point assessment

