



East of England Neonatal Operational Delivery Network

Transitional Care Programme/Neonatal Preceptorship Programme Outline

This course is designed to provide those working in Transitional or Special care with the fundamental knowledge and skills to work within a transitional or special care setting.

Entry requirements

Applicants must:

- Be working in a transitional or special Care setting, currently and for the duration of the course.
- Have the support of their line manager.
- Be up to date/or enrolled to complete Newborn basic life support (BLS) and Child Protection level 3.
- Be allocated a sign of mentor by the employer.

Course delivery

The course will be delivered via a blended learning approach: There will be clinical competencies expected to be completed in practice; theoretical content delivered virtually as live study day events; and online self-directed study.

Please note: 32hours of E-learning (Compulsory) and 24hours of virtual live study days (optional)

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course the student will be able to -

- Perform a holistic assessment for an infant requiring transitional/special care and act on any concerns and escalate appropriately.
- Demonstrate the ability to safely undertake all skills relevant to the care of an infant in a transitional/special care setting.
- Be able to provide high quality holistic care for unwell infant who may require transfer of care to another neonatal setting.

Assessment

Successful completion of the course is measured by:

- Timely completion of all elements (including those online)
- Achievement of all clinical competencies set in the transitional care programme booklet.
- A pass for the final end of programme MCQ test

Students must organise their time suitably to enable them to complete all elements, and ensure they can attend for the virtual planned study days. Failure to complete or submit any element without discussing with the programme lead will result in a fail being recorded against that element and a maximum score of 40% awarded on a second (and final) attempt.

Summative assessment

Will comprise two elements, all elements must be attempted, and students must achieve a pass in all elements in order to successfully pass the course:

- Clinical competencies booklet
- Online final end of programme MCQ test.

Final end of programme exam.

The final end of programme exam will use a mixture of MCQ's and ECQ's to enable testing of the students reasoning skills and ability to apply theory to practice.

A pass mark of 80% has been set. Should the student fail they will be asked to look through the online learning content again and/or approach their local practice development nurse or line manager to seek further training on the area that they are having difficulty with.

Clinical Competency Booklet.

Comprising sections to demonstrate knowledge and skills, the document must be submitted to Bridge or to the local practice development nurse/midwife in fulfilment of the assessment by the date given. Failure to do so without prior agreement from the course lead constitutes a non-submission.

Online Learning

Access to the learning management system will be given at the beginning of the programme. Six-seven modules will require to be completed in the given time and in order to be successful.

Extenuating Circumstance

If you are unable to submit any element you must apply for extenuating circumstances by email to the course lead.

Usually the maximum period of extension will be 2calendar weeks. Your line manager will be informed of the circumstances in writing by the programme lead.

If you fail to agree with the terms set out by the programme lead and / or line manager at this time this will constitute a fail and you will be removed from the course. There will be no further recourse to the ODN and the matter will be referred to your line manager.

Defer

Should you need to defer on any element of assessment, including the online elements you must apply for a deferral to the programme lead by email, your line manager will be informed of the circumstances in writing by the programme lead. Usually the course will need to be completed within 2 years, however this will be considered on an individual basis. However, if you fail to agree with the terms set out by the programme lead and / or line manager at this time, this will constitute a fail and you will be removed from the course. There will be no further recourse to the ODN and the matter will be referred to your line manager.

Support for students

Students will be allocated a sign off mentor by the local PDN/M for the duration of the programme. The allocated mentor will be required to sign off the competency booklet. Support for students will be primarily from the local practice development nurse/midwife. The programme lead will be available to assist with any issues and to escalate any concerns or for students who need further support.

Cost

The price for this course is £200.00 per person.