Job Description – Lead Midwife for Education

About the Role

The consultant will be working as the Lead Midwife for Education (LME) at the Open University (OU) specifically for the OU’s Independent and Supplementary Prescribing Programme also known as Non-Medical Prescribing. The OU does not run pre-registration midwifery programmes and the consultant role is solely for the Non-Medical Prescribing module, a 60-credit level 7 module. Once appointed the consultant will be listed with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as the OU’s LME for this programme. The person appointed will be on a consultancy basis, initially for one year with potential for this to be extended subject to OU requirements. The consultant in this role will ensure that the OU meets regulatory requirements in alignment with the NMC requirements. The role of the LME is to help ensure that high standards in midwifery education are met. The consultant employed to take on this role at the OU will be an experienced practising midwifery teacher. The Lead Midwife for Education will work with our Lead for Non-Medical Prescribing to ensure adequate support for students who are registrant midwives.

Key Responsibilities

- To be accountable for their practice in accordance with the Code and fulfil registration requirements
- To keep the NMC updated on any changes to their contact details via the form on the NMC’s website
- To support students who registered midwives studying the OU’s Independent and Supplementary Prescribing / Non-Medical Prescribing Programme
- To be accountable for their signature on the health and character declaration for registered midwives studying the OU’s Independent and Supplementary Prescribing / Non-Medical Prescribing Programme
- To refuse to sign any supporting health and character declaration where the available evidence identifies that the student may not be of sufficient health and/or character to carry out safe and effective practice as a midwife in line with the NMC’s health and character guidance; and to escalate concerns to the lead for Non-Medical Prescribing and the Associate Head of School, Nursing and Health Professions in order that Fitness to Practice and/or other relevant OU processes are followed
- To contribute to the development, delivery, and management of OU’s Independent and Supplementary Prescribing / Non-Medical Prescribing Programme within the remit of the consultancy contract.
Skills and experience

Essential:

- **You should be an** experienced practising midwifery teacher
- A strong commitment to excellence in working with a diverse student population
- Evidence of current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as a registered midwife
- Understanding of regulatory requirements in alignment with the NMC requirements
- A post graduate teaching qualification and/or membership of the Higher Education Academy
- Evidence of relevant continuing professional development
- Experience of working within Higher Education or in an education role
- The ability to work effectively, flexibly, and collaboratively with others
- Excellent command of spoken and written English, with the capacity to communicate clearly and influentially with a range of stakeholders
- Proven ability to plan and organise work to agreed deadlines, within resource constraints, and sometimes under pressure.

Desirable:

- An understanding of the OU context
- An understanding of the role of new technologies within blended teaching and learning
- Hold a relevant higher degree (PhD)

If you would like further details about the role before making an application, then please email your query through to Resourcing-Hub@open.ac.uk quoting the reference number and job title or contact Marion Child on 01908 655668.