

BACN– Press Release – BACN launches new ‘Revalidation Mentor’ programme in Southampton.

Revalidation is now compulsory for all nurses from 1st April 2016. The BACN has been a major partner with the NMC in the piloting of revalidation processes with particular regard to issues relating to how this needs to work for many of our members who do not work in traditional NHS structures.

In order to assist its members all of whom will need to go through the revalidation process the BACN is pleased to announce that it has launched a new ‘Revalidation Mentor Register’. This Register contains contact details for all BACN members who go through the BACN Revalidation Training and Awareness Sessions. These sessions will be held as part of the BACN new Super meeting programme starting in January 2016 and the first event will be held in Southampton on 22nd January. This is the first of a new programme of events for BACN Members living and working on the South Coast.

Lisa Niemier – Regional Leader – BACN South Coast said,

‘For ages BACN Members from the South Coast have been asking for Super meeting status and this has finally been agreed. We have a fantastic Programme for our event on 20th January 2016 including treatment demonstrations and the launch of the BACN Revalidation Mentor Training programme. I would encourage all members to come and we also welcome non-members to come and see what the BACN can offer’.

One of the critical roles in the revalidation process is that of the person who acts as the ‘Confirmer’ and also the person who undertakes the ‘Reflective Discussion’. The Confirmer attests that the nurse has met the revalidation requirements, sees evidence of CPD and that the reflective discussion has taken place. The Reflective Discussion can be undertaken by the same person if they are a NMC member. The training sessions outline these processes in detail and will enable all who take part to deliver this service to another BACN member seeking revalidation.

The BACN believe that the best people to carry out these revalidation roles for BACN members are BACN members as they understand the aesthetics industry and are qualified nurses. The BACN is therefore setting up a Register of ‘Revalidation Mentors’.

In order to become a BACN 'Revalidation Mentor' nurses will need to meet the following criteria:

1. Be a fully paid up member of the BACN.
2. Attend a BACN Revalidation Mentor Training Session - to be held at BACN Super Meetings starting in January 2016.
3. Agree to join the Register and to be contacted by other BACN members seeking a 'Revalidation Mentor'.

This is a 'Voluntary' register but will enable the BACN to provide this vital service to its Members free of charge.

For more information on joining the BACN, the Southampton Super Meeting and being able to use this revalidation mentoring service please visit the [BACN website](#), or contact:

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