Get ready for BSc(Hons) Nursing (Children and Young People)

We hope that you are enjoying your summer holiday and are looking forward to starting at UWE Bristol. As your Programme Leaders, we warmly welcome you onto the BSc(Hons) Nursing (Children and Young People) degree programme.

We have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us. We look forward to meeting you.

Colin Veal and Lel Brown
Programme Leaders

Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 7th September 2026 for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the Starting Block website with more details.

Your timetable will be available to you via MYUWE (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the 'Understanding your teaching timetable' website to find out when your timetable will be published.

Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching, on our Preparing and Arrival webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the library, study skills, academic support, health and wellbeing support and much more.

Enrolment

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the MYUWE platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our Enrolment website.

ID card - upload your photo now

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to MYUWE. To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our student card guidance.

How to make a successful start to your programme

Specific for your course

In previous correspondence you will have already been informed about our additional requirements which must be completed ahead of Enrolment and Induction:

- **Academic certificates**
- **Disclosure and Barring Service check**
- **Occupational Health clearance**

Immunisation

Please read both the Immunisation Letter and Immunisation leaflet prior to commencing your studies.

If any of these requirements are still outstanding, you must send the relevant paperwork to us, as instructed, as soon as possible.

Please be aware that incomplete Disclosure Barring Service and Occupational Health Checks will impact on your ability to access learning materials, attend placements and complete your enrolment onto your degree programme.

Placement Uniform

Details of how to order your placement uniform online will be sent to you by email soon after you start. This will include guidance to help you take accurate measurements that will be required to process your uniform order. You will also be asked to provide an address where your uniform will be delivered – please ensure that the address you provide is where you will be based when the delivery is made. Uniform deliveries will be made between late October and December. Look out for the email in your UWE email inbox and order your uniform promptly.

Engage with your programme

Start your learning

We would recommend you do the following before you arrive at UWE:

- Become familiar with current NHS and healthcare issues, particularly those focused on children and young people – follow a reputable news website / programme such as BBC News, Channel 4 News or Sky News
- Familiarise yourself with how to access the video conferencing tool (Collaborate) used by the programme to facilitate online teaching – Collaborate will be used during induction week – information available here: How to access Collaborate

Read around your subject

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you could start to read and research around your subject before you arrive.

However, when you join the children's nursing programme at UWE, you will have access to a lot of different resources – ranging from books and anatomical models to the latest research published through the databases. Each module has a comprehensive reading list with the relevant titles, resources and materials. You can explore the Library web pages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student. Therefore, reading in advance (and purchasing textbooks) is not compulsory, however, here are some of our recommended titles – to be inspired by and to understand the scope of your degree programme:

- Nursing and Midwifery Code of Conduct, The Code
- The NHS Constitution
- Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC)
- Supporting Public health – Children, Young People and Families
- Cook, N., Shepherd, A., Boore, J.R.P, Dunleavy, S. (2019) *Essentials of Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice.* London: Sage – Available through the UWE Library
- MacQueen, S., Bruce, E. and Gibson, F. (2012) *The Great Ormond Street Hospital Manual of Children's Nursing Practices*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell – Available through the UWE Library
- Peate, I. & Gormley-Fleming, E. (2025) *Fundamentals of Children and Young People's Anatomy and Physiology : For Nursing and Healthcare Students*. Third edition. Wiley-Blackwell. – Available through UWE Library
- Price, J., McAlinden, O., Veal, Z. (2024) *Essentials of Nursing Children and Young People.* London: Sage – Available through the UWE Library
- Davison, N. (2014) Numeracy and Clinical Calculations for Nurses. Banbury: Lantern Publishing. See corbettmaths.com

Connect with others

Find out what is going on before you start:

- Explore the Children and Young People Student Nurse Network online resource for student nurses
- Sign up (for free) to the Associate of British Paediatric Nurses.

Be prepared

Access support

Check information on our Disability webpages so you know what actions you need to take. Contact Disability Service and myself to let us know if you need any additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies.

Get equipped

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use during your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the Student Money Service team for advice and guidance.

See the UWE website for detailed information on choosing your IT equipment including recommended specifications.

For this programme we recommend the **Core Specification.**

International students

The Global Student Support Team offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you to settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol and organise social events to help you to adapt to your new environment.

Who to contact if you have questions

For any questions about the course, please contact us: **Colin Veal** via email at Colin3.Veal@uwe.ac.uk and **Lel Brown** via email at Lesley3.Brown@uwe.ac.uk

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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