

Self-Declaration: Good Health and Good Character August 2016

Good health is necessary to undertake practice as a nurse or a midwife. Good health means that a person must be capable of safe practice and able to make good quality decisions without impediment.

Good character is also important as nurses and midwives must be honest and trustworthy. Good character is based on a person's conduct, behaviour and attitude. It also takes account of any convictions and cautions that are not considered to be compatible with professional registration and that might bring the profession into disrepute. A person's character must be sufficiently good for them to be capable of safe and effective practice without supervision. It is important that you are aware that your behaviour and conduct, both during your programme and in your personal life, including on any social networks you are part of such as Facebook, may have an impact on:

1. your fitness to practise
2. your ability to complete your programme
3. the willingness of the university to sign the declaration of good health and good character for you to become a registered nurse or midwife.

The NMC requires students to self - declare their good character and health annually. In order to accomplish this all nursing and midwifery students must complete the following declarations:

I have read and understood the NMC guidance available here: [Good Health and Good Character for student nurses and midwives](#).

I understand that I must notify the University and Programme leader of any criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands or warnings recorded on police central records, since the last DBS check (formerly Criminal Records Bureau CRB) or self-declaration. (*Do not include motoring offences where you receive a fixed penalty unless it led to your disqualification*). Where I have received any of the above I have contacted the Programme Leader and completed the DBS Self-Assessment form (available at this location [Disclosure and Barring Checks procedure](#)).

I declare that my health and character are sufficiently good to enable me to practise safely and effectively and that all of the above information is a true and accurate record

I confirm there are no significant changes to my health since my last declaration that would affect my fitness to practice.

I confirm I have no new convictions, cautions warnings or reprimands since my last declaration.

I will practice in accordance with [The Code for Nurses and Midwives; Professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses and midwives](#)

I have read, and agree to abide by, the principles contained within the Faculty of Health and Applied Sciences [UWE student conduct policy](#)

Please note: A false declaration to the above, subsequently discovered, in itself may lead to a student being investigated through [UWE Professional Suitability and Professional Conduct Policy](#). This could, in turn, lead to discontinuation from the relevant programme.

Any student who does *not* complete their declaration will subsequently *not* be allowed to attend placement. Students who do not complete the declaration within the specified time period will also be investigated through the [UWE Professional Suitability and Professional Conduct Policy](#).

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