



BSc(Hons)

Nursing (Mental Health)



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This course is open for applications

Introduction

Our employer links, practical focus and the clinical experience offered means that you'll develop the confidence and critical skills you need to propel your mental health nursing career.

Accreditations and partnerships:



Why study mental health nursing?

Nursing is a challenging but rewarding career that'll change lives, including your own. As a mental health nurse you'll play your part in improving access to healthcare, wellbeing, social inclusion and quality of life.

Working in a variety of settings, including specialist and community services, and people's homes, mental health nurses provide focused health support to people of all ages.

A [£5,000 per year training grant](#) is available for home students along with an additional £1,000 per year grant because mental health nurses are in demand in the UK and worldwide. Further information is available on the [NHS Business Services website](#).

Why UWE Bristol?

You'll learn from a passionate, enthusiastic, skilled and supportive team with a range of experience across all the many different aspects of Mental Health nursing, and other fields of nursing. As many of our staff are active researchers, your learning will be enriched by the very latest in best practice and clinical understanding.

This course has a strong practical focus, allowing you to gain competence carrying out the hands-on tasks you'll perform in your career. About half your time will be spent on placements with our established partners. You'll also have regular access to

outstanding facilities including our [Skills Simulation Suite](#): an imitation ward where you'll be able to develop your clinical expertise in a safe, instructive environment.

Based at [Glenside Campus](#), you'll interact with and learn from other students from a range of health and social care courses. You'll develop essential people skills as you work with patients and their families, as well as our partners on placements, in class and online.

There's also the opportunity to develop and apply your skills working abroad. As a nursing student at UWE Bristol, you'll have the exciting opportunity to undertake an international experience through a variety of options available to you in year three of this course. International experiences can be as short as one week or as long as five weeks, and you'll be able to apply for means-tested bursary funds to support you during that time. Having an international opportunity provides opportunities to be internationally mobile and entrepreneurial, and to make a difference to our local community.

Where can it take me?

You'll have exciting career opportunities open to you in several different areas. Mental health nurses are in demand across the UK, and you could go on to work in a broad variety of specialist areas and interesting roles.

You could work for the NHS, in hospitals and community settings. You could also take your skills into the armed forces, prison service, the private sector or voluntary organisations.

And with a 99.1% employment/further study rate (Graduate Outcomes Survey 2019/20, published 2022), you won't be short of opportunities once you graduate.

Structure

Content

The optional modules listed are those that are most likely to be available, but they may be subject to change.

Year one

You will study:

- Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology for Nursing
- Episodes of Care 1
- Fundamentals of Nursing Practice
- Principles of Nursing (Field Specific)
- Sustainable Global Public Health.

Year two

You will study:

- Assessment and Decision Making
- Episodes of Care 2
- Episodes of Care 3
- Pharmacology and Medicines Management
- Research Methodologies of Nursing Enquiry
- Supporting People with Complex Needs.

Final year

You will study:

- Episodes of Care 4
- Leadership and Supervision
- Nursing Final Project
- Transition to Registration.

Plus, one optional module from:

- Collaborative Approaches to Effective Pain Management
- Crossing Borders

- Health Needs of Children and Adults on the Autism Spectrum
- Healthy Ageing
- Introduction to Emergency Care
- Primary and Community Healthcare
- Public Health and Health Promotion for Professional Practice
- Solution Focused Practice Developing Empowering Conversations with People
- Using the mental Capacity Act in Practice
- World Wide Nursing.

The University continually enhances our offer by responding to feedback from our students and other stakeholders, ensuring the curriculum is kept up to date and our graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills they need for the real world. This may result in changes to the course. If changes to your course are approved, we will inform you.

"I completed six placements on my course, including one in community Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). This gave me the confidence to apply for my first role at CAMHS after qualifying, where I now work as a Senior Mental Health Practitioner."

Emily, 2020 Mental Health Nursing graduate

Learning and Teaching

Our philosophy of nurse education encompasses flexible, progressive and innovative approaches ensuring you will be a caring, competent and critically thinking nurse. Some of our approaches include experiential learning, enquiry and action-based learning, group work and face-to-face learning.

You'll learn about the importance of your relationship as a nurse with both the service user and their family and friends. We'll support you to develop the interpersonal skills you'll need to build therapeutic relationships with people in diverse cultural contexts.

Develop your expertise in healthcare systems, nursing management, and the sociology of health, wellness and illness. Explore the latest research and evidence-based practice, and learn to adapt and respond to changes in society and developments in care.

With a strong focus on building independent learning and research skills, the course also provides an excellent preparation for future professional development. With the help of distance learning and self-directed materials you'll be supported to take responsibility for your own learning.

See our full [glossary of learning and teaching terms](#).

Study time

The course includes attendance in classes and online directed learning. During the timetabled blocks of the course, you'll study full time Monday to Friday, except bank holidays. Occasionally this can include evenings and may finish at 9pm.

While you're on [placement](#), you will be working full time (37.5 hours), participating in shifts over a 24-hour period, including nights and weekends. Your placements may take you anywhere across your chosen Primary Placement Area (PPAs).

Assessment

You will continuously be assessed on your clinical practice throughout the course. We'll also make use of a mixture of written assignments, case studies, Objective Structured

Clinical Examinations (OSCEs), project/portfolio work, timed examinations and presentations.

See our full [glossary of assessment terms](#).

Features

Professional accreditation

This course is accredited by [The Nursing and Midwifery Council](#).

Placements

UWE Bristol's geographical area for placement provision covers the whole of the South, South West and West of England. Placements across this region help support and provide a wealth of clinical experience across many areas within the NHS healthcare service and the Private Voluntary and Independent sector. These placements are vital to meet the professional regulatory body standards in practice for our affiliated health and social care courses.

To access this variety of opportunities within the health and social care courses, there's an expectation that all students at times will have to travel across large areas. In some cases this can be more than 50 miles away and may be outside of normal working hours due to the nature of shift work on some courses.

When considering your application to these courses, you must ensure you have means to travel to your placement location at unsociable hours, and/or funds available to secure short-term accommodation options to participate in your placement, if required.

With two practice placements a year, you'll spend half the course applying your knowledge and building your professional skills working with people, their families and healthcare professionals in a range of settings.

We have excellent links with our local employers, and placements are normally split between NHS roles and positions in private or voluntary sector organisations.

You'll get a broad range of practice experiences, putting you in a strong position for future employment in either a community or hospital setting. In each placement setting you'll receive support and guidance from supervisors and assessors.

During the course, you'll experience placements across a range of practice areas including hospital, community, and social care settings. Within these placement experiences, you'll be supervised and assessed to achieve the proficiencies within the course and complete the 2300 hours of practice learning as required by the Nursing and Midwifery Council. As part of this, you'll also experience simulated learning experiences which will enhance your practice learning, provide exposure to hard-to-reach areas of practice, and focus on developing advanced skills.

Study facilities

Nursing students at UWE Bristol are based at [Glenside](#), our dedicated healthcare campus. It's a welcoming community that combines beautiful surroundings with first-rate facilities and equipment.

Our [Skills Simulation Suite](#) is a replica hospital ward where you'll be able to refine your clinical skills and build your confidence before going out into practice.

There are consultation rooms, adapted living spaces, a maternity unit, and a children's unit, as well as a range of manikins on which you can develop your clinical expertise.

What's more, all the apparatus you'll use is genuine equipment found in NHS hospitals. So when you head out on placement, you won't be stepping into the unknown.

Get a feel for the [Nursing and Midwifery facilities](#) we have on offer here from wherever you are.

Careers

Careers / Further study

Registered nurses are in demand across the UK and our graduates enter careers in a variety of roles for the NHS, private and voluntary sector employers, in community and hospital settings.

Our graduates go on to work in both adults' and children's mental health services across a large range of settings and services.

You could go into community settings, including community mental health services, hospital outpatients and emergency departments, secure residential units or service users' homes.

Once qualified, you can also combine clinical work with study on a [post-qualifying course](#). By specialising further in a specific area, you can progress to more senior positions such as consultant nurse, nurse specialist, researcher, or local or regional services manager.

Learn more about [careers in mental health nursing](#).

Take the NHS [Nursing careers quiz](#).

Get inspired

Our award-winning [careers service](#) will develop your employment potential through career coaching and find you graduate jobs, placements and global opportunities.

We can also help find local volunteering and community opportunities, provide support for entrepreneurial activity and get you access to employer events.

Visit our [employability pages](#) to learn more about careers, employers and what our students are doing six months after graduating.

Fees

Indicative Additional Costs

Fees

	Amount (£)
Home - Additional Course Costs Indicative Maximum Cost Per year	500
OH/Medical assessment - ONLY charged for missed appointments.	30

Full time course

Fees	Amount (£)
Home Annual (Per Year) Fee	9250
Home Module Fee (15 Credit)	1156
International Annual (Per Year) Fee	15250
International Module Fee (15 Credit)	1906
Offshore Annual (Per Year) Fee	9250
Offshore Module Fee (15 Credit)	1156

Supplementary fee information

Additional costs are for items you could need during your studies that aren't covered by the standard tuition fee. These could be materials, textbooks, travel, clothing, software or printing.

[Learn more about costs.](#)

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If you undertake the international opportunity available on this course, you can apply for a means-tested bursary fund to support you during that time.

Entry

Typical offers

- **Tariff points:** 112
- **Contextual tariff:** See our [contextual offers page](#).
- **GCSE:** Grade C/4 or above in English Language or Literature and Mathematics. We do not accept Level 2 Key Skills, Functional Skills or Certificate in Adult Literacy and Numeracy as alternatives to GCSEs.
- **English Language Requirement:** EU applicants are required to have a minimum overall IELTS (Academic) score of 7.0 or above with a minimum of 6.5 in writing, and 7.0 in all other sections of the test (or approved equivalent*).

*The university accepts a large number of UK and International Qualifications in place of IELTS. You can find details of acceptable tests and the required grades you will need in our English Language section. Please visit our [English language requirements](#) page.

- **A-level subjects:** Grade C or above in a Science or Social Science subject.
- **Relevant subjects:** Subjects that meet the Science/Social Science requirement for this course: Biology, Applied Biology, Human Biology, Chemistry, Design and Technology: Food Technology, Environmental Science, Geography,

Geographical Science, Geology, Health and Social Care, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Applied Science, Science (Biology route), Science (Chemistry route), Science (Physics route), Science in Society, Sociology, Sport and Physical Education, Sports Studies.

- **EDEXCEL (BTEC) Diploma:** You will need a minimum of five units in a Science or Social Science Subject. You may be asked to do more based on the size of your units. Please list the units you are studying in your application. For further advice on acceptable units, please email us.

For information on required Guided Learning Hours please see our [minimum entry requirements](#) page.

- **Access:** 15 Level 3 credits at Merit in a Science or Social Science subject.
- **Baccalaureate IB:** A minimum Grade 5 in a Higher Level Science or Social Science subject.
- **Irish Highers:** H2 in a Science or Social Science subject.
- **T Levels:** You must be studying one of the following: Health or Science. For further advice on acceptable subjects please email us.

Entry requirements

We require evidence of recent assessed academic study within the last three years.

If you don't meet the entry requirements of this course, you may be eligible for the [Health Professions Foundation Year](#).

Additional requirements

All applicants are required to complete:

- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check*
- Health Checks*

*All information will be treated in confidence and only taken into account when absolutely necessary.

About your Health Checks

Offers of places are subject to Occupational Health Clearance and students are expected to disclose pre-existing and historical health conditions. You must be in good health and up-to-date with all routine immunisations that are required for working in health and social care settings. If you are offered a place on this course, you will be required to complete a questionnaire and must be prepared to undergo a medical examination. You will also be required to confirm your status in respect of a number of infectious diseases (tuberculosis, measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox, varicella, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV antibodies) and be prepared to have all required vaccinations. Please note that the list of required vaccinations may change, in response to advice from the Department of Health. If your vaccinations are not up-to-date, this will affect your ability to continue on your course. If you have any concerns with regards to vaccinations please raise this at the point of application.

Selection process

Applicants will be required to attend an interview. For more details on the process, please visit our [selection page](#).

International applicants

For country specific entry requirements please find your country on the [country information](#) pages. If you are an international student and do not meet the academic requirements to study this course, you can qualify by completing preparatory study at our [International College](#).

If you are applying to study at UWE Bristol and require additional support to meet our English language requirements, you may be able to attend one of our pre-sessional English courses. Read more about our [pre-sessional English Programme](#).

Deferred entry

We do not accept deferred entry applications for this course.

[Read more about entry requirements](#).

How to apply

Watch our video for [top tips on writing a healthcare personal statement](#) and download our [health and social care personal statement guide](#).

[Read more about undergraduate applications.](#)

For further information

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BSc(Hons) Nursing (Adult)

BSc(Hons) Nursing (Children and Young People)

