



Foundation Programme

# Health Professions



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This course is open for applications

## Introduction

Get the grounding to progress to the first year of degree courses run by the Allied Health Professions or Nursing and Midwifery departments at UWE Bristol.

## Why study the health professions?

To progress in a career in health, you need formal qualifications.

Starting with a year's foundation is a way to build your knowledge of health topics, science and research, so that you can then progress onto a degree programme and take your career forward.

## Why UWE Bristol?

The foundation programme for Health Professions is year zero of selected degree courses in the Allied Health Professions and Nursing and Midwifery departments at UWE Bristol.

If you don't have formal qualifications or meet the normal entry requirements, but can demonstrate relevant life experience and commitment to this area, we will consider your application.

Spend a year getting a solid grounding in science and healthcare-related topics on this springboard into higher education.

Study areas of human biology, psychology, sociology and research, and get the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to take the next step in your education and career.

Most of the teaching takes place at the City of Bristol College, although you'll also be taught at our Glenside Campus.

Both sites have outstanding learning facilities, and you'll be taught by an inspirational, supportive team, who'll help you get ready for your degree course.

The teaching staff understand what's required to succeed at the next level and the course is designed to get you academically and mentally ready.

You'll engage with students already studying healthcare degrees to get a better understanding of what's involved.

Staff will be on hand to offer practical support and give informal advice on your career options.

## Where can it take me?

After passing this foundation year, you'll get a guaranteed place on one of the following UWE Bristol degrees:

- [BSc\(Hons\) Diagnostic Radiography](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Midwifery](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Midwifery \(Blended Learning\)](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Nursing \(Adult Nursing\)](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Nursing \(Children's\)](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Nursing \(Learning Disabilities\)](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Nursing \(Mental Health\)](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Occupational Therapy](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Paramedic Science](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Physiotherapy](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Radiotherapy and Oncology](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Sport Rehabilitation](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Paramedic Science](#)

## Structure

## Content

You will study:

- Foundation Human Biology
- Human Anatomy and Physiology

- Communication and Study Skills
- Managing Numerical Data
- Social Sciences
- Combined Sciences
- Research Basics
- Introduction to Evidence in Practice.

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.

## Learning and Teaching

Using lectures, demonstrations, laboratory work, tutorials, small group work and interactive online learning sessions, we'll ask you to actively participate, and take responsibility for your own learning, to get the most from the course.

Develop the key skills and knowledge, including the science foundation, you need to do an undergraduate degree, or progress to a professional course.

Learn about using research in evidence-based professional practice, and develop your investigative skills.

Learn effective study and self management approaches.

Develop self awareness, self direction and sensitivity to the needs of others.

Understand the values you need to work in health, such as respecting diversity.

Develop your interpersonal skills, so you can work and communicate well in a team.

You'll be supported by a personal tutor at college, and get vocational support and guidance from lecturers at UWE Bristol.

You'll have your own learning contract, which you and your personal tutor will jointly develop and agree.

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

## Assessment

You'll be assessed using a mixture of formal examinations, oral presentations, written tests, assignments, project, laboratory reports and your learning portfolio.

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

## Features

### Study facilities

Most of the teaching takes place at the [City of Bristol College, Ashley Down Centre](#). You'll also be taught at UWE Bristol's Glenside Campus.

Benefit from a wide range of resources there, including seven Learning Resource Centres housing over 55,000 study materials. You can also use the InfoTrac service to access journals online.

The Glenside healthcare library is one of the best in the country, with a huge selection of books, audio-visual materials and specialist health and social care software packages.

The course has a practical focus and our advanced [Skills Simulation Suite](#) gives you excellent opportunities to demonstrate and practise your professional skills.

Learn more about UWE Bristol's [facilities and resources](#).

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

## Careers

## Careers / Further study

Once you pass your foundation year, you'll get a guaranteed place on one of the following degree courses, opening up an exciting range of career options on graduation:

- [BSc\(Hons\) Diagnostic Radiography](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Midwifery](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Nursing \(Adult Nursing\)](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Nursing \(Children's\)](#)
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## 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.

Learn more about [NHS careers](#).

## Fees

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### Full Time Course at City of Bristol College

<b>Fees</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Home Annual (Per Year) Fee	8645
Home Module Fee (15 Credit)	1080
International Annual (Per Year) Fee	15250
International Module Fee (15 Credit)	1906
Offshore Annual (Per Year) Fee	8645
Offshore Module Fee (15 Credit)	1080

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### Indicative Additional Costs

<b>Fees</b>	<b>Amount (£)</b>
Additional Course Costs Indicative Maximum Cost Per year	500

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## Supplementary fee information

### Additional costs

This refers to 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.](#)

# Entry

## Typical offers

## Entry requirements

The Foundation course is aimed at individuals who may have few or no relevant formal qualifications but who can demonstrate a clear commitment to pursuing a career within their chosen profession. Personal, professional and educational experiences will be considered to determine motivation and ability to progress onto the degree course.

If you meet the subject requirements for Level One of the full degree we are unable to consider you for the Health Professions' Foundation Year.

Applicants are particularly encouraged from:

- low participation neighbourhoods
- black, Asian and minority ethnic communities
- first in family to study Higher Education
- care leavers.

UWE Bristol makes [Contextualised Offers](#) for our main degrees as well as Foundation courses, so please check which level of entry is right for you.

**Please note, this course is not available to applicants who require a Student Visa. Applicants who require a Student Visa should apply through our [International College](#).**



# Additional requirements

All applicants are required to complete:

- Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check\*
- Occupational 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

Applications will be reviewed and those demonstrating an understanding of, and commitment to a career in their chosen field will be shortlisted for interview.

Personal statements for applicants shortlisted for interview will:

- Clearly identify the specific pathway they wish to follow from the list below.
- Show you are interested in and have an insight into the profession you are applying for.
- Tell us why you want to study your health or social care course.
- Show us that you are motivated and prepared for a career in health or social care.

- Tell us about your relevant experiences, including any clinical visits.
- Explain why you would be a caring, competent and compassionate health or social care professional.
- Visit the relevant professional body website to get a deeper understanding of the issues facing your profession.
- Demonstrate that your personal values and behaviours reflect the NHS Constitution.
- Demonstrate correct spelling and grammar.

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

Please also note that pathways in **Paramedic Science, Physiotherapy, Midwifery** and **Children's Nursing** are highly competitive with a large volume of applications each year. For these pathways we operate a 'gathered field' approach to ensure a fair admissions process and enable us to offer places to the strongest applicants in each cycle. To do this, we will review all applications after a set deadline, rather than at the point they are submitted. The deadline for on-time applications is **Wednesday 25th January 2023**.

For all pathways, applications received on or before 26th January are considered equally. Please note, however, due to the volume of applications received, and to ensure that all applications are given equal consideration, you may attend an interview in December or January but may not receive your decision until May.

If you have not received a decision on your application immediately after interview, this means that the University is still considering your application and a decision will be processed by 18 May at the very latest once all remaining interviews have taken place. We appreciate your patience during this time and would like to remind you that if you applied through UCAS and have received offers from any other Universities, you will not lose these offers before your UCAS Reply Deadline.

See our [selection page](#) for further information.

## Deferred entry

We do not accept deferred entry applications for this course.

[Read more about entry requirements.](#)

# How to apply

Before applying, you should decide which route through the Foundation course you would like to study:

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- [BSc\(Hons\) Nursing \(Adult\)](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Nursing \(Children and Young People\)](#)
- [BSc\(Hons\) Nursing \(Learning Disabilities\)](#)
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Pathways may close at different times due to high demand.

It is recommended that you visit the relevant department in your local hospital for the profession you are interested in to gain some insight into your chosen course. In addition, it would be beneficial for you to obtain some work experience, paid or voluntary, in the workplace.

The University is unable to enter into individual correspondence regarding decisions made following an interview.

[Read more about undergraduate applications.](#)

## For further information

- **Email:**  
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## You may also be interested in

**BSc(Hons) Physiotherapy**

**BSc(Hons) Midwifery**

**BSc(Hons) Nursing (Adult)**

**BSc(Hons) Nursing (Children and Young People)**

