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Student nurse performing health checks in the clinical skills simulation suite

Welcome to the Division of Nursing

This is an incredibly exciting time to become a nurse. Our profession is undergoing a radical educational and professional transformation, with nurses taking on greater responsibilities and enjoying more opportunities than ever to progress in a range of fascinating specialist areas.

Nursing today is dynamic, challenging and rewarding, and needs graduates who not only have the passion to care for people, but a high level of analytical and decision-making skills, underpinned by the latest contemporary evidence in order to provide high quality care.

To meet these ever changing demands and create this new generation of healthcare professionals, from 2016 all new registered nurses must be educated to degree level. This requires fundamental changes in education – changes pioneered by The University of Nottingham.

Launching in September 2012, our innovative new nursing degree blends novel teaching methods, exciting clinical experiences and rigorous academic knowledge, all designed to prepare you for a professional nursing career.

A reputation for excellence

As one of the world's leading universities, we have the largest number of nursing students in the UK and a hard-earned reputation for teaching and research excellence. The most recent Research Assessment Exercise, in 2008, placed us in the top five UK universities for nursing research.

Students based in Nottingham or Derby will learn in a stimulating environment, with access to incredible facilities and support from highly experienced practitioners. We are based in the dynamic settings of the Queen's Medical Centre, Europe's largest teaching hospital and the newly built Royal Derby Hospital, with exciting healthcare placement opportunities available through our health care provider partners in the East Midlands, around the UK and even overseas.

We welcome people from a diverse range of backgrounds: whether they're young adults leaving school, mature students, or those simply looking to retrain for a more rewarding career.

More and more students are considering a career in nursing, and with so many opportunities, a new, higher level of training and no course fees, there really has never been a better time to enter the profession.

We look forward to welcoming you to The University of Nottingham and the start of an incredible career.

Explore our range of courses:

BSc (Hons) Nursing Page 17

New for 2012, our forward-looking degree gives you the educational skills and experience you need to become a professional nurse.

Graduate Entry Nursing (GEN) Page 19

Our postgraduate masters is ideal for those who already have a degree and are looking for a new career direction.

Master of Nursing Science (MNursSci Hons) Page 21

A unique course offering you the increased challenge of studying an aspect of nursing in depth and completing your own research study.

No course fees/Financial support*

Course fees have risen considerably across most higher education courses, nursing remains one of the few exceptions, with the NHS covering the costs. New students receive a non-means tested grant, a means tested bursary and a non-means tested loan.

Open days

University and nursing open days are an excellent way to explore the place where you'll be studying and to meet lecturers and current students. Find out more at www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing and www.nottingham.ac.uk/ug-opendays

* See note for Fees/Financial support on page 22.

World-class teaching, pioneering research, excellent career prospects

The University of Nottingham is a pioneer in nursing education. As the largest nursing school in the UK, we offer innovative courses informed by powerful research and delivered by high-quality teachers in an inspiring environment.

At any one time, 3,000 students from all walks of life are learning and growing with us, developing their skills with one clear aim in mind: to be the best healthcare practitioners they can be and improve the lives of patients wherever they work.

As a university, we have an impressive worldwide reputation for academic excellence. Not only are we part of the Russell Group of 20 leading UK universities, but we are also placed in the top 100 universities globally, according to the QS World University Rankings.

In the latest Research Assessment Exercise, Nottingham is ranked seventh overall in the UK in terms of research power (fifth for nursing research). This in turn informs our teaching, which is excellent.

Highly skilled graduates

We are renowned for producing graduates who are highly skilled and much sought after. Our employment record is one of the best in the country and our approach to blending practical experience with sound academic knowledge, makes our midwifery graduates very attractive to employers locally, nationally and internationally.

In addition to their studies, students are encouraged to build a broad range of outside interests – an important part of becoming a well-rounded individual. We are proud to have one of the most active Students' Unions at any UK university, with over 250 societies and sports clubs where you can have fun, gain new skills and meet like-minded people. Students can also participate in the Nottingham nurses and midwives (NUMID) association, aiding inter-professional collaboration.

For an active social life in an exciting city, Nottingham and Derby are hard to beat. Our campuses are buzzing with life, with organised events, trips and parties taking place throughout the year. For sports fans, our Athletic Union hosts over 75 clubs and we have fantastic facilities for everything from football to bowling. Nottingham and Derby are thriving cosmopolitan cities, rich with history and culture, and packed full of bars, restaurants and nightclubs. With shopping centres, theatres, cinemas, comedy clubs, art galleries and a diverse mix of music venues, there's always plenty to keep you entertained.

Information about city life is posted at www.nottingham.ac.uk/nottinghamlife

Where will I live?

In Nottingham you are guaranteed a room in catered halls at University Park or self-catering accommodation at Broadgate Park, Raleigh Park or St Peter's Court halls of residence*.

If you choose catered halls there will be times during your practice placement when you will not be able to make the set meal times. However, you can ask for a packed lunch in advance.

In Derby you can access self-catered accommodation shared with University of Derby and our medical students.

Find out more about student living from the students themselves at www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing

* Subject to the terms of our guarantee: you must firmly accept your course place and return your accommodation application by 1 August of your year of entry. The guarantee applies to first-time, full-time undergraduate students for their first year.

“Nottingham is, without doubt, the best city in the country for a student. Situated in the Midlands, it's never too far for UK students to get home, and being in the middle of the country, you get a really good mix of both southern and northern students along with the grounded Nottingham locals themselves.”

The Virgin Guide to British Universities 2011

View of Queen's Medical Centre from University Park Campus

Incredible career opportunities

Nursing is changing. A whole new generation of passionate, caring, highly skilled and ambitious professionals are set to enter the profession and help improve the lives of millions of people.

Nursing is a richly rewarding and unique occupation that involves a diverse range of abilities, including being able to lead, make clinical decisions, communicate well and provide comfort and support to people in real need. How many jobs can say that?

One of the myths of nursing is that the profession lacks challenges or career progression. The reality is very different. Nurses have extensive knowledge and provide sophisticated levels of care in a wide range of settings including hospitals, surgeries, prisons, schools and even highly technical specialist units. Employment opportunities exist all over the UK – and even throughout the world.

As diseases and conditions become more complex, the opportunities for nurses to work in specialist areas is growing all the time. New roles have developed such as clinical nurse specialists and consultant nurses, where practitioners have even greater autonomy and influence.

Nurses' work covers areas such as physical injuries, mental health problems, cancer and much more; they become managers of wards, health centres and hospitals; they branch out into areas of research, contributing to the body of knowledge that shapes healthcare policy and practice; and they become clinical directors, practice partners and departmental leaders.

The possibilities that lie ahead are wonderfully diverse. You can work with patients of all ages and their families, from different types of communities, improving their health and quality of life.

As part of dynamic, multi-professional healthcare team, you will have great responsibilities to contribute to that team, but also retain a degree of independence, trusted to make important decisions that could have far-reaching implications on a person's health.

As a nurse you will never stop learning. You will continue to develop your skills, broaden your horizons and move into new and challenging roles. There are few careers as worthy, rewarding and fascinating as nursing. This is your chance to be part of truly special profession.

What can I earn as a nurse?

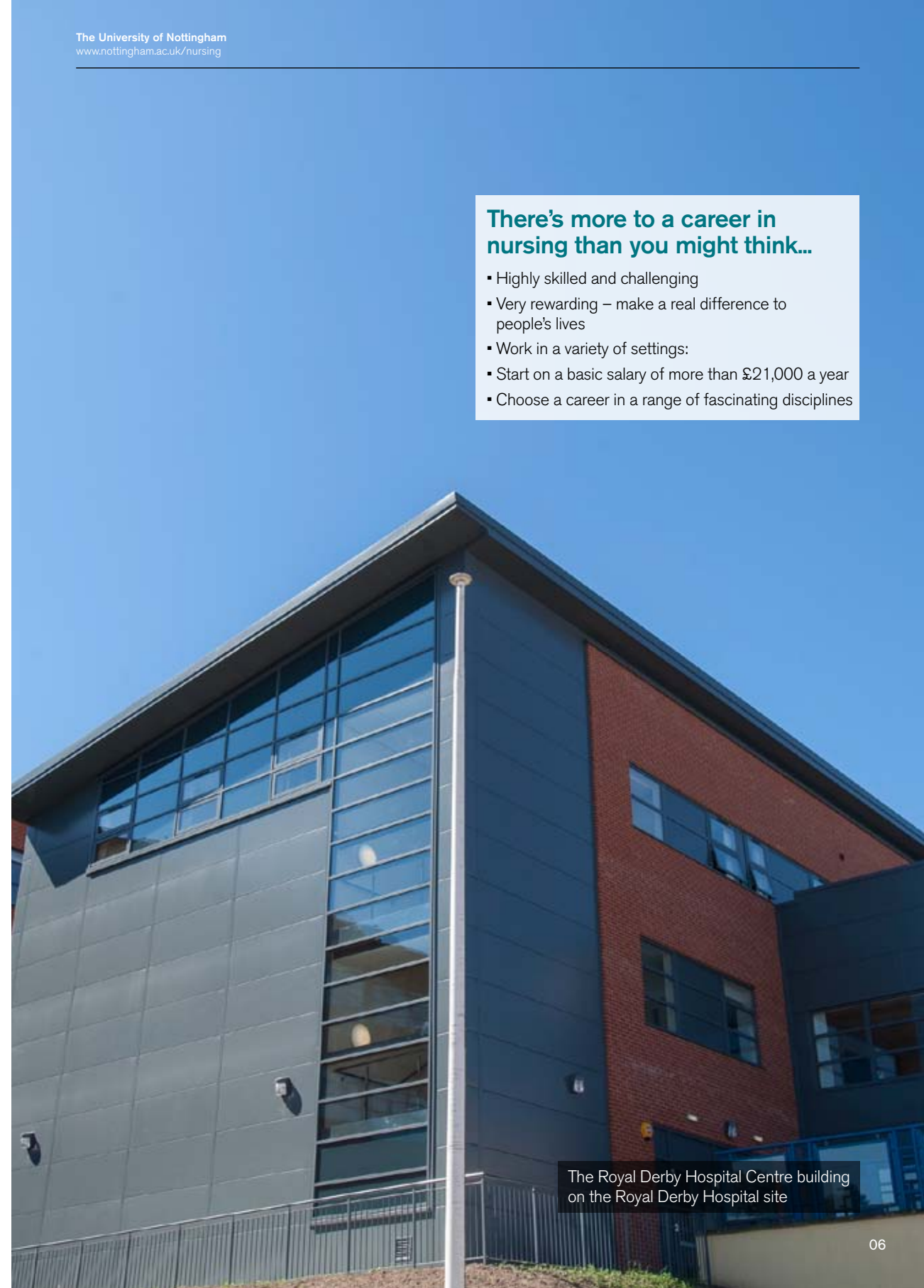
Another of those annoying myths about nursing is that pay is low and there are few opportunities to earn more. Well, as a newly qualified nurse in the NHS, you can expect an annual salary of between **£21,176** and **£27,625**. And that's just the beginning.

As you progress in your career you will earn considerably more. For example, a nurse specialist can be paid more than **£34,000**, while a team manager can have a salary of just over **£40,000**. Some nurse consultants earn around **£67,000** a year.

These figures are based on band rates as of April 2012. By the time you graduate, salaries may well have risen.

There's more to a career in nursing than you might think...

- Highly skilled and challenging
- Very rewarding – make a real difference to people's lives
- Work in a variety of settings:
- Start on a basic salary of more than £21,000 a year
- Choose a career in a range of fascinating disciplines



The Royal Derby Hospital Centre building on the Royal Derby Hospital site

Innovative teaching that will bring out the best in you

We believe that teaching should be inspiring, engaging and challenging. That's why we employ a variety of learning methods and exploit the latest innovative technologies to create a fresh, vibrant study environment that will enhance your university experience.

Our teaching is among the very best in the UK and you'll learn from a wide variety of experienced lecturers and practitioners. You will take part in lectures, demonstrations, dynamic small group projects, debates, tutorials, workshops, computer-based projects, seminar presentations and simulated skills lessons; at times working alongside medical and pharmacy students.

The University continuously assesses the way students learn and invests in new technologies to bring added benefits to students. These include lecture podcasts; novel bit-sized chunks of e-learning on specific healthcare topics; a virtual portfolio tool that allows you to access an online central resource for course material; and a virtual exchange programme.

As you progress through each module, we will assess your ability to integrate discipline-based knowledge and research with practical skills. We do this through a range of methods including essays, journal papers, presentations, written exams, clinical exams, a portfolio of work, case studies and dissertations. There is a continuous assessment of your practical skills, ensuring you are meeting the required standards.

“We have outstanding staff here at The University of Nottingham. They have a passion that permeates teaching... and our curriculum is really informed by some of the leading research in the country.”

Derek Chambers
Director of Education

Structured support at every stage

Support is a vital part of the learning process and we have spent a lot of time learning from previous student experiences to create an integrated structure that supports you as you become a more confident, independent learner and practitioner.

All students have a personal tutor who works with them for the whole course. Regular one-on-one meetings with tutors are common, giving you the opportunity to discuss academic progress and assessment feedback, or seek confidential help and advice.

Don't forget you can also access a wealth of University support on a wide range of issues at www.nottingham.ac.uk/student-services The Students' Union is also a great place to find help. Find out more at www.su.nottingham.ac.uk and the dedicated site for healthcare students: www.campusconnection.co.uk

The practice learning experience

Nursing is a richly rewarding profession that will challenge and inspire you. One of the main reasons nurses love what they do is because they make a positive – and sometimes life-changing – difference to people's lives on a daily basis.

Caring for people is not easy and although you can gain a lot of knowledge from the classroom, it's only by working in practice, with real patients and other healthcare professionals that you can develop the skills and experience to become a competent nurse.

Your time on whichever course you choose will be split between study (50 per cent) and practice placement (50 per cent). The University has introduced an innovative hub-and-spoke model which means that wherever you are on your placement, you will get the chance to experience all stages of the patient journey.

For example, you may be based on a hospital ward, but you will also experience a GP's surgery and the care outpatients receive in community once they go home. Patients could be adults or children and suffer a physical injury or psychological illness. This holistic approach will give you a wider perspective and demonstrate some of the challenges that both patients and healthcare professionals face at various stages.

Working in a practice environment is exciting but it can also be a little daunting at first. We want you to get the most out of your time on placement, which is why we ensure you receive continuous support from a dedicated mentor and practice learning teams made up of lecturers and practitioners. In recent evaluations students have rated the level and quality of support they get as exceptional.

We also run student forums in the first few weeks of year one, giving you and your peers the chance to meet and discuss your initial experiences and offer each other support.

A step-by-step experience

From day one of your practice experience you will start to gain the practical and clinical judgement skills needed to be a successful nurse. For example, students on our three-year degree course can expect the following:

Year One: You will develop essential care and assessment skills, learn safeguarding issues (such as infection control and detecting vulnerable people) and learn how to work in a professional setting.

Year Two: Building on your experience, you will begin to take on more responsibility, progressing your clinical reasoning skills as you start to look after one or two patients of your own.

Year Three: Under more distant supervision, you will be responsible for a small group of patients making confident, proactive decisions for their health.

The nursing fields of practice

Alongside learning the fundamentals of nursing, you will be asked to specialise in a particular area when you apply. Each field of nursing brings its own challenges and rewards, and enables you to develop vital skills and experience. You will learn to deliver care in a range of setting and contexts, in both clinical and community environments.

The four fields explored over the next few pages are:

- Caring for adults
- Caring for children and their families
- Caring for people with learning disabilities
- Caring for people with mental health problems



The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Physiotherapy reception offers a warm welcome

Caring for adults

Nurses who provide care for adults must be critical thinkers, reflective practitioners and effective communicators, using clinical judgement to improve the quality of life of people with a broad range of conditions.

By providing care that is completely focused on the needs of the patient, you will help people manage long-term illnesses, regardless of their disease or disability.

As you probably know, nursing is not a career to be entered into lightly; it is demanding – physically, emotionally and psychologically. However, it is also incredibly rewarding and offers a genuine opportunity to make a difference to people's lives.

The role of a nurse is diverse and there are many career opportunities. For example:

Community nurses: as more care is offered in patients' own homes, the role of the community nurse is expanding. As a community nurse, you will meet the needs of an increasingly complex patient population, providing vital care up to and including at the end of a patient's life.

Ward nurses: working on a ward opens up a diverse range of settings. For example, in Nottingham these include a regional cardiac centre, a specialist haematology and bone marrow transplant unit, an ophthalmic specialist unit and a regional trauma unit. In Derby the new Royal Derby Hospital provides a modern working environment and an Emergency Department with a purpose built helipad, the first in the East Midlands.

You will have the chance to specialise in one particular field of healthcare, becoming a nurse specialist or nurse consultant. These roles require you to study at a higher academic level, so you can develop advanced clinical skills in areas such as non-medical prescribing and clinical assessment.

For more details on adult nursing and career opportunities, visit www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/nursing

“I really love nursing because it's such a challenging job. It's very diverse and it requires you to use your initiative and the skills and knowledge you've learned in the School.”



Helena Barnard
Student Nurse: Adult

Caring for children and their families

Working with children of all ages, with a variety of conditions, brings a unique set of challenges, including the provision of high-level of support for often very worried families.

Focusing on quality care and developing cutting-edge clinical skills, the child field explores the pivotal roles and interactions between you as a nurse, the child and their family, building your knowledge of professional and ethical practice.

Your studies will be informed by the very latest research, ensuring that everything you learn is right up to date.

To be a good children's nurse, you will need to understand how a healthy child develops into adulthood, as well as how to minimise the impact of illness or hospital admission on a child. As you can imagine, not only can health problems have a serious effect on a child's development, but there can also be a lot of stress placed on the patient and their families. It can be very scary, and your care and support right from the start will play a huge part in helping them cope with the situation.

Working closely with families is a major part of the role. Not only will you provide clinical care to the patient, you will give reassurance and confidence to worried parents, siblings and other carers, learning when to stand back and when to become more involved. You will require a special set of attitudes and open mindedness to people's different ways of relating to their children.

While most adults can express the way they feel or what they need, a child may not be able to communicate so easily. Therefore, children's nurses must be skilled communicators, interpreting behaviour and reactions intelligently while being able to spot when a patient's health may take a turn for the worse. You may also need to teach parents or carers how to provide treatment at home. Such support is invaluable.

Technological advancements, the modernisation of the NHS and changes in public expectations mean you will be expected to acquire a variety of skills and the flexibility to care for children with ever more complex needs in constantly evolving settings. As with other fields of modern nursing, care is becoming more community-based, so alongside hospital care, nursing also takes place in daycare centres, child health clinics and patients' homes.

For more details on child nursing and career opportunities, visit www.nhscareers.nhs.uk/nursing

“For my first placement I was with a health visitor and that included going into peoples homes, particularly women who had just had a child or were building up to their due date.”



Jodie Elliott
Student Nurse: Child

Caring for people with learning disabilities

It's widely believed that around two per cent of the UK population has some form of learning disability, ranging from people who need a lot of assistance, to those who may require occasional support to help them get through the challenges of daily life.

Working with people with learning disabilities can be very rewarding but nurses must be able to engender trust and have a good understanding of the people they work with. In particular you will need to have a genuine interest in individuals' development and be committed to ensuring people with learning disabilities feel included in society.

Some people with various conditions may not have had the opportunity to develop the skills of independence to access the services they need. Similarly, a family may need help and support to make sense of the situation they face and the services that are available to them. Therefore, a great deal of empathy and understanding is needed to work with a wide range of people, their families and carers, and a complex range of care packages may be required.

For nurses working in this fascinating field of care, there are many opportunities to work with individuals and their families at all stages of life. You will also discover

many routes, not limited to healthcare, in which you can develop your career further. The skills and knowledge you acquire and develop during your time at Nottingham will open up avenues in specialist social care services, education and the private and voluntary sectors, alongside more mainstream health services.

You can also specialise in particular areas, such as forensic nursing, specialist health promotion work, challenging behaviour services, family therapy and other psychotherapeutic interventions. Alternatively, you could see yourself involved in the management of services or even contributing to cutting-edge research.

For more details on learning disabilities nursing and career opportunities, visit www.nhs.uk/careers/nursing

"I really enjoy doing learning disability nursing. It's very different and you meet lots of people with different conditions. The thing I like the most is that they don't take life for granted and they enjoy it to the full."



Hannah Wilkins
Student Nurse: Learning Disabilities

Caring for people with mental health problems

Mental health problems affect one in three of the UK population and so presents major challenges not only for the individual but also their friends, families and the health services supporting them.

Despite such prevalence there remains a lot of prejudice, with many people struggling to find employment, being viewed with fear and even feeling completely excluded from society. The majority of people with mental health problems are more likely to harm themselves than other people and need professional help if they are to recover and have an improved quality of life.

Mental health services provide care for people who experience common problems such as depression, anxiety and dementia and other, rarer problems such as schizophrenia.

As a mental health nurse you will have the rich and rewarding opportunity to progress your career in a number of settings and specialist areas. Although the majority of services are delivered in the community, you could work in a hospital ward, special unit, charitable trust or private-sector care home. You could even find yourself working in accident and emergency, part of teams assessing patients' mental health.

Alongside the different settings, there are various specialist areas open to you, such as working with children and adolescents, families, women with postnatal depression, older people, people with

drug and alcohol issues, or forensic services. Some choose to go on to specialise in particular therapeutic interventions such as cognitive behavioural therapy, counselling or one of the other many and varied psychosocial approaches.

The course you choose at Nottingham will develop your clinical skills and give you invaluable experience, but you will also need to develop a broad range of personal qualities in order to be a mental health nurse. You will need an interest in working with people, good listening and communication skills, a compassionate nature and a willingness to help people develop the skills they need to live their lives. Sometimes, people who experience mental distress lose some of the simple abilities many of us take for granted such as getting on a bus, doing the shopping or cooking a meal. Helping someone regain such skills and live independently can be highly rewarding.

Mental health nurses work in close partnership with many other healthcare professionals. Social workers, occupational therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, physiotherapists and many others contribute to the team approach in facilitating the recovery, social inclusion and comfort of the person in mental distress.

For more details on mental health nursing and career opportunities, visit www.nhs.uk/careers/nursing

"I choose Nottingham because of the reputation for mental health services in the city and the range of practical placement experiences offered."



Emily Hawes
Student Nurse: Mental Health

The courses

This year we are pleased to announce the launch of our newly revamped **BSc (Hons) Nursing** course (page 17). Carefully designed to meet the needs of a new generation of nurses for a changing healthcare landscape, it will give you everything you need to launch an amazing, rewarding career.

Alongside this innovative degree, we also offer a unique undergraduate **Master of Nursing Science** course (page 21) that not only gives you the practical skills you need, but will also allow you to research an aspect of nursing in depth to develop a better nursing world.

For those who already have a degree and are looking for a fast way into nursing, our **Graduate Entry Nursing** (page 19) is a popular choice.

All three of our dynamic courses are pathways to becoming a qualified, registered nurse. Find out more about each one over the next few pages...

Nursing students in the Greenfield Medical Library

BSc (Hons) Nursing

UCAS codes: B740 Adult, B730 Child, B768 Learning Disabilities and B767 Mental Health

Our innovative three-year full-time degree course is carefully designed to create highly skilled nurses who are ready to make a real difference to people's lives.

Why choose this course?

In today's healthcare environment, nurses have a pivotal role to play as part of a multi-professional team, caring for a diverse range of patients and working in a wide range of specialist areas.

This course has been specially developed to give you the wide-ranging, high-level skills you need: not just in terms of the physical work you will do, but also by sharpening your creativity, critical judgement and ability to lead. Nursing is, and always will be, about caring for people – it's just that now nurses will be operating at a much higher level.

What will I learn?

The course is an integrated blend of modules reflecting the field of practice you would like to work in, whether that's caring for adults, children, people with mental health problems or those with learning disabilities (see nursing fields on page 9).

Each module is informed by the latest academic thinking and has been designed to develop the real skills and knowledge you will need to become a registered nurse. Half of the course is dedicated to working in practice, giving you broad experience in a variety of healthcare settings at each stage of a patient's journey (see page 8 for more on placements).

Over the three years, you will study in a challenging yet incredibly supportive environment. Alongside the huge range of University support services that all students enjoy, great time and care has been given to developing a course that supports you as you become more confident and independent. In the first year, you will take part in personal tutorial groups, while getting more clinical supervision in years two and three. You will also have plenty of guidance during your placement.

When and where will I study?

The course starts in September and follows similar dates as the majority of University undergraduate courses, with extra time required in the summer.

You can study at our Nottingham or Derby centres where you will enjoy the same high levels of teaching facilities and support. At Derby you can only study for the adult field of nursing. If you choose Nottingham, lessons take place at the Queen's Medical Centre next to the University Park campus. If you choose Derby, lessons take place at a new purpose-built facility at the Royal Derby Hospital.

You will also have the exciting opportunity to work in nursing practice in another country for four weeks, broadening your perspectives on how healthcare delivery varies internationally.

Ready for the challenges ahead

At the end of the course you will be a highly qualified, registered nurse ready to work in your chosen field. Not only will you have developed confidence and competency in areas such as delivering and managing care, but also in communication and leadership.

Financial support*

Your tuition fees will be paid for by the Department of Health. All eligible students will get a non-means tested grant, a means tested bursary and a non-means tested Reduced Rate student loan.

* See note for Fees/Financial support on page 22.

Entry requirements

We accept the following qualifications:

- Three A levels at grades BCC for learning disabilities, BBC for adult or mental health and BBB for child; plus five GCSEs at A-C including English, maths and a science.

- Access to HE Diploma with 45 credits at level 3 (including 21 credits at merit, with minimum of 15 from science, social science or psychology units). If you don't have the above GCSEs you must attain 12 credits at level 2 or above in English, maths and a science.
- BTEC Extended Diploma: Overall DDM-DMM plus above GCSEs.
- BTEC Diploma: Overall DD-DM plus one A level at grade C plus above GCSEs.
- CACHE Diploma: overall B plus the above GCSEs.
- International Baccalaureate Diploma: minimum score of 26-30 with three subjects at HL and English, maths and science at SL.

We also warmly welcome mature applicants who have experience and qualifications equivalent to the ones listed above. Please get in touch if you have any queries.

Additional requirements such as age on entry and English language requirements are on our website.

How to apply

Please apply online at www.ucas.ac.uk. The UCAS codes for this course are B740 adult, B730 child, B768 learning disabilities and B767 mental health and social care. For B740 adult you must select either the main site (Nottingham) or Derby campus code.

Selection and interview

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a selection day, where you will be able to find out more about the course, chat to lecturers and also take part in a group problem exercise and group interview. We will be looking for you to demonstrate your potential for academic progression and fundamentally sound communication and interpersonal skills that are so important to nursing.

More information?

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about the course, please contact us on 0115 823 0839, email nursing-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk or visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing

“I came to an open day and as soon as I came in I know it was somewhere where I wanted to be. I think it was just the feeling that I got.”



Liz Capron
BSc Nursing student

Graduate Entry Nursing (GEN): MSc in Nursing

UCAS code 3010 Adult, 3310 Child or 3110 Mental Health

This is a three year full-time course for those who already have an honours degree and are looking to become qualified, registered nurses. Studies can be completed in two years, taking previous learning into account.

Why choose this course?

The course is an excellent way for graduates to acquire the skills, knowledge and experience needed to become a registered nurse in just two years. It's also ideal if you're looking to retrain for a more rewarding career in nursing.

What will I learn?

All students study their chosen field, selected from adult, child or mental health care. Our dynamic curriculum is underpinned by enquiry-based learning, developing your clinical leadership skills and preparing you for practice.

Practice-based learning is key part of the course and you will experience a comprehensive range of placements, working with healthcare professionals in a variety of areas (see placement details on page 8). You will spend 50 per cent of your time in a clinical practice setting.

You will also work closely with those on our Graduate Entry Medicine course and take part in an engaging virtual exchange project, broadening your perspective on global healthcare.

As with all our courses, you can expect to experience a stimulating blend of learning activities, from lectures and clinical skills workshops through to innovative web-based activities.

When and where will I study?

This intense course is delivered at our Derby Centre, where you will enjoy a high standard of teaching, facilities and support. The course will start in January.

Ready for the challenges ahead

By the end of the course you will have the essential practical skills and theoretical knowledge to join a new generation of nurses delivering outstanding healthcare.

Financial support*

Your tuition fees will be paid for by the Department of Health. All eligible students will get a non-means tested grant and a means tested bursary, but not the Reduced Rate student loan.

* See note for Fees/Financial support on page 22.

Entry requirements

You should have an honours degree (2:2 or higher) in a subject relevant to nursing, and a minimum of five GCSEs including maths, English and a science at grade C or above. Relevant subjects are biological sciences, social sciences, psychology, behavioural sciences and health studies.

You will also need to have some paid or voluntary experience in a healthcare related environment.

If you don't have a biological sciences background, we will ask you to carry out some pre-course preparation work.

How to apply

Please apply online at www.ucas.ac.uk
The UCAS codes for the course are 3010 adult, 3310 child 3110 mental health.



Selection and interview

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed and selection made based on academic qualifications and personal attributes suitable for nursing. Relevant work experience will be taken into consideration and viewed favourably.

More information?

If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please contact us on 0115 823 0839, email nursing-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk or visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing
You can also get in touch with course staff on 01332 724 949, email derbynurseeducation@nottingham.ac.uk

Student nurse preparing an intravenous drip in the clinical skills simulation suite

Master of Nursing Science (MNursSci Hons)

UCAS code B700

This is a pioneering four-year full-time undergraduate course that is currently the only one of its kind in the UK.

Why choose this course?

This unique, innovative course gives you the opportunity to develop practical skills and competencies to become a qualified nurse.

Specially designed to offer a greater academic challenge than a traditional undergraduate degree, this masters invites you to study aspects of nursing in depth while receiving research development support and training from internationally renowned lecturers, practitioners and researchers. From this, you'll carry out a piece of independent research and consider how your work can enhance nursing in practice.

Your masters qualification and the expertise it brings will help you to stand out from the crowd, and can lead to great success and rapid career progression. Our alumni are a great credit to us, working in practice as leading nurses; caring at the bedside and in our communities; sought after by many health trusts; leading cutting-edge research programmes and working as policy leaders and educators.

What will I learn?

Students choose from specialist fields of nursing practice: adult, child or mental health (see page 9 for details).

Regardless of the route you take, you will explore the relationship between the latest theory and cutting-edge clinical practice, developing your analytical skills and giving you vital, practical experience in a healthcare setting. You will spend 50 per cent of your time in a clinical practice setting (see page 8).

In the third year, you can opt for a four-week, overseas clinical placement. This is a tremendous opportunity to experience life and work in a different culture, broadening your perspectives on how healthcare delivery varies. Recent students have worked as far afield as Canada, Uganda, Tanzania, Australia and the West Indies. The fourth year sees you concentrating on mastering

the principles underlying nursing and a dissertation. This is a major research study exploring a subject in great depth.

When and where will I study?

The course starts in September and follows the same dates as university undergraduate courses, giving you full university holidays. Lessons take place at the University's Medical School campus, part of the largest teaching hospital in Europe and right next door to University Park campus.

Ready for the challenges ahead

Once you have successfully completed this course you will become a qualified, registered nurse. This qualification will show potential employers your high level of commitment and academic achievement, demonstrating your ability to become a future leader in nursing, promoting the best in nursing care knowledge and practice.

Financial support*

Your tuition fees will be paid for by the Department of Health. All eligible students will get a non-means tested grant, a means tested bursary and a non-means tested Reduced Rate student loan.

* See note for Fees/Financial support on page 22.

Entry requirements

We will accept the following qualifications:

- Three A levels at grades ABB, which must include a science or a subject relevant to your chosen field of practice. Subjects considered are biology, chemistry, physics, psychology or a social science for mental health*. Plus five GCSEs at A-C including English and maths.
- International Baccalaureate Diploma: minimum score 32 with three subjects with a score of 6 or above at HL including a science or social science for mental health*
- BTEC Extended Diploma: overall DDM including a science or social science for mental health* and the above GCSEs.

Fees/Financial support

Fees will be paid directly by the NHS. From September 2012 eligible students will receive a non-means tested grant of £1,000, a means tested bursary of up to £4,395 and a non-means tested Reduced Rate student loan of £2,324 per year. In the

final year of study the maintenance loan is reduced. Additional allowances are available for students with disabilities and dependents. Further information is available at: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

How to apply

Please apply online at www.ucas.ac.uk. The UCAS code for this course is B700. Please indicate in section 3F of the UCAS form which field of nursing you wish to follow.

Selection and interview

If you meet the criteria, you'll be invited to attend our applicants' day, where you will have the chance to find out more about the course and speak to current students, clinicians and staff.

More information?

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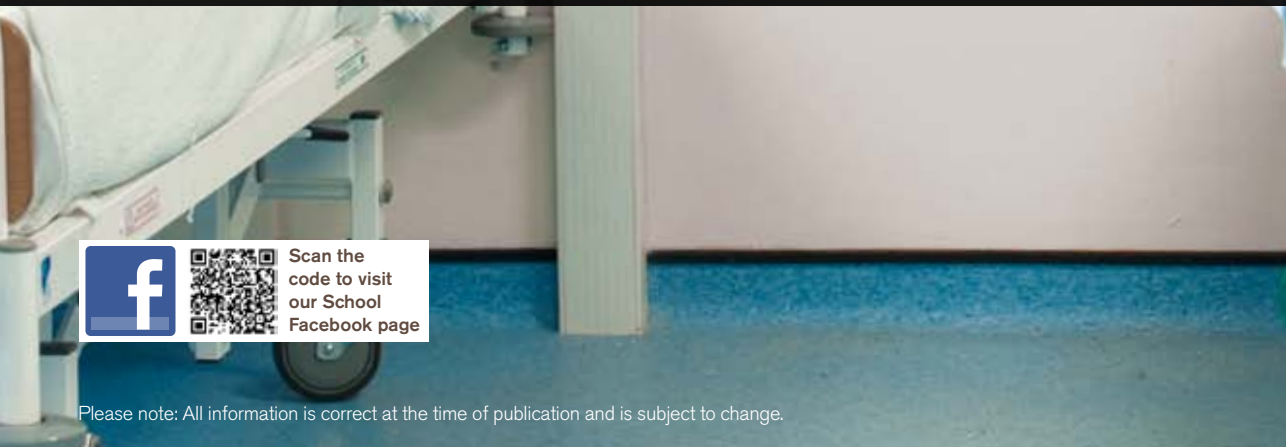
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