

Overseas Nursing Programme

The programme has been designed in accordance with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) requirements and to meet the needs of Overseas Nurses who wish to gain registration with NMC. The course provides through a combination of study days and clinical practice for the compulsory 20 day period of protected learning required by those nurses trained outside the European Economic Area (EEA).

The aim of the programme is to work in collaboration with the NHS Trusts and the independent sector employers.

It is our goal to ensure that the student will develop the appropriate competencies to enable them to work safely and effectively within the UK health system.

Part-time study

The study time will be divided between Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies and the remainder in a practice setting. (All 20 days can be provided if necessary within Cardiff University). The length of clinical placement will have been previously determined by the NMC, and is in addition to the 20 days.

MPhil/PhD

There are facilities, for suitable candidates, to register for the degrees of MPhil or PhD. These higher research degrees enable students who have the appropriate qualifications to study a particular topic in-depth. These programmes offer knowledge and expertise for a career in research, or to pursue advanced opportunities in the field of nursing.

Research Areas

Research at Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies takes place across an exciting range of topics. The School welcomes applications from students interested in pursuing a research degree in the areas listed below:

- health and social care delivery and organisation
- evidence appraisal, synthesis and utilisation
- clinical decision making in real world contexts
- wound healing
- genetics
- mental health
- paediatric diabetes
- patient safety
- culture and communication in nursing

Current research projects include:

- The transition from paediatric to adult diabetes services.

- Mental health services in transition.
- Delivering Early Care In Diabetes Evaluation.
- Health, medicines and health-care choices made by children, young people and their carers.
- Development and evaluation of a psychosocial intervention for children and teenagers experiencing diabetes.
- Preventing disease through opportunistic rapid engagement by primary care teams using behaviour change counselling.
- Activity Increase Despite Arthritis (AIDA): Developing and evaluating an active management booklet for hip and knee pain.
- Clinical trial on the impact of the use of distraction in women undergoing cancer genetic risk assessment.
- Evidence into practice: evaluating a child-centred intervention for diabetes medicine management.

The School offers opportunities for both full-time and part-time research leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Master of Philosophy (MPhil).

The MPhil can be studied full-time over one year or part-time over two years; the PhD can be studied full-time over three years or part-time over five years.

Doctorate in Nursing

The Professional Doctorate in Nursing is a new addition to the innovative Combined Professional Doctorate Programme based in social and health sciences offered by Cardiff University since 2003. It provides an integrated approach in which education, health and social work professionals work together for at least 50% of the study modules. This unique inter-professional learning allows students to reflect on both what is shared across professional boundaries and what is distinctive to their own practice traditions.

The nursing pathway seeks to equip nurses with the practical research skills and the critical thinking ability demanded of those practitioners working at the forefront of their profession. The award is geared to nurses working in a range of fields and aims to aid the dissemination, development and management of a range of professional practices and policy developments.

English Language Courses

For International students there is an English Language qualification requirement. Various courses satisfy the latter requirement and these include both TOEFL and IELTS. Examples of minimum grades in English Language qualifications that would be required are as set out below. Exemption may be considered if



you completed your first degree entirely through the medium of English.

- TOEFL (paper based test) 570
- TOEFL (computer based test) 230
- IELTS Grade 6.5

However, other equivalent qualifications will be recognised and competence can be demonstrated by successful completion of the pre-sessional English language courses run by the International Division.

For international students educated through the medium of English, high school qualifications in English language may also be accepted.

An intensive Summer Programme in English designed for students holding offers (conditional and unconditional) from Cardiff University at either undergraduate or postgraduate level. Courses range from 3 to 12 weeks.

Cardiff University runs several courses specifically designed to support international students. Ongoing support for English is continued whilst on the programme.

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Programmes for International Students





Introduction

Cardiff University has a long tradition of welcoming international students. With over 3000 international students currently studying at Cardiff, representing over 100 countries, the University has a unique multi-cultural environment.

Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies caters for all academic levels and has an extensive portfolio of awards for nurses, midwives and related healthcare professionals and for those wishing to prepare for a career in nursing and midwifery. With a twenty year history of offering undergraduate and postgraduate programmes to international students it has developed expertise in supporting students. The School welcomes applications from international candidates at all levels.

Why study at Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies?

Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies is part of Cardiff University, a member of the Russell Group of Britain's leading research universities – ranked 7th out of more than 100 UK universities.

Excellent Teaching

The School has an international reputation for its teaching activities and offers a range of degree programmes at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. You will be taught in a research environment and benefit from interaction with researchers and clinicians who are working at the frontiers of knowledge in their areas of expertise. This allied with modern study facilities and the latest IT and clinical skills facilities combine to make Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies a stimulating place in which to study. The quality of teaching on most of our Nursing and Midwifery courses has been independently assessed as "Excellent" by the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales.

Outstanding Research

The School is one of the leading nursing research departments in the UK. Following the most recent independent assessment of research quality in the UK, the School received a grade 4 rating, indicating that it is undertaking work of national excellence. The research of the staff and postgraduate students leads to the publication of high quality articles

and books, and informs the development of clinical and educational practice.

Research-led Teaching

With more than 152 teaching and research staff, including six professors, students can be sure that they will benefit from the wide range of expertise and experience that exists within the School. The School's dynamic range of research interests serves to complement each degree programme with the latest knowledge of theory and practice from around the world. The creation of the Wales Centre for Evidence-Based Care (WCEBC), a Collaborating Centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute which is one of only four such centres in the UK is located within the Centre for Nursing, Health and Social Care Research, part of the School of Nursing & Midwifery. Officially launched in September 2006, the WCEBC places Cardiff University at the leading edge of UK health care education. It will also provide an exciting opportunity for clinicians and postgraduate research students to work collaboratively with academics on review projects in order to promote the acquisition of research utilisation skills and foster an understanding of the relationship between evidence, guidelines and decision making in practice.

Excellent Career Prospects

Our graduates already occupy key positions in the nursing, midwifery and

healthcare arena. The excellence of our degree programmes provides a firm foundation for employment within the rapidly changing nursing and midwifery profession.

Outstanding Study Facilities

Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies is based at the University's Heath Park Campus, although teaching also takes place at EastGate House in Cardiff and Caerleon. The School has excellent study facilities - the ethos is to provide high quality education in an environment which is conducive to learning, while also allowing students to enjoy their time in Cardiff.

First Choice

Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies is a culturally distinct, diverse and friendly environment in which to study. Our reputation draws students from throughout Wales and the rest of the UK as well as around the globe. The vast majority of our students are at their first choice university.

Student Support

At the start of your studies you will be assigned a Personal Tutor who will be a member of the academic staff. This direct link with a member of staff enables you to seek advice on a whole range of pastoral and academic issues.

BSc (Hons) in Nursing Studies

This programme has been specifically designed for nurses who qualified with a diploma in nursing the opportunity to study and obtain a degree in nursing from Cardiff University.

The programme draws upon current nursing policy and frameworks within the United Kingdom therefore offering a model of practice, which students can critically examine against nursing policy and frameworks within the context of their own experiences. It is recognised that resources and cultural differences may affect practical application; therefore students will be encouraged to provide examples from practice and these experiences will be used to facilitate learning, explore challenges and consider ways in which patient care and nursing services can be developed.

The BSc (Hons) in Nursing Studies is made up of 120 credits at level 3. Students will be required to undertake the following modules:

- Evidence-based Nursing Practice - 20 credits
- Critical Reflections on Advances in Nursing - 30 credits
- Public Health - 30 credits
- Developing Clinical Leadership in Nursing Practice (Dissertation) - 40 credits

Length of Study: Full-time: 1 year (36 weeks); Part-time: 2 years (72 weeks)

MSc in Nursing Studies (Germany Outreach programme)

The MSc in Nursing Studies has been outreached to the Bildungswerk des Verbandes der bayerischen Bezirke in Irsee, Bavaria since 2003. The programme is suitable for any qualified nurse who is interested in developing their skills and knowledge in nursing science and research, management, public health, leadership and education.

This modular programme provides opportunities to study the theory and practice, which underpins quality nursing care, and to advance the professionalism of nursing.

Modules

The programme is divided into modules that are credit rated. Each taught module offers 30 credits, with an optional dissertation for those who wish to move to Masters level. Students must complete four modules in the taught component of the programme; one of these is a compulsory module and the remaining three modules are of the student's choice.

Compulsory Modules

- Clinical Research Skills

Optional Student Choice Modules include

- Exploring the Science, Art and Philosophy of Nursing Knowledge
- Leading Professional Practice
- Counselling Skills
- Contemporary Practices in Mental Health Care
- Global Public Health
- Advanced Nursing Practice
- Patient Safety and Clinical Risk
- Professional and Educational Development

MSc in Advanced Practice

Designed to offer a flexible, innovative and individualised education opportunity to meet the requirements of health, social care and relevant professionals. It is open to all health care professionals across the primary, secondary and tertiary care spectrum facilitating the development of advanced clinical decision making and leadership skills to professionally deliver evidence based care.

The programme offers generic and specialist pathways providing students with the opportunity to explore their specialist areas of practice and obtain a relevant named degree within the MSc in Advanced Practice scheme.

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The programme offers generic and specialist pathways providing students with the opportunity to explore their specialist areas of practice and obtain a relevant named degree within the MSc in Advanced Practice scheme e.g. MSc in Advanced Practice (Chronic Conditions).

- MSc in Advanced Practice (Chronic Conditions)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Acute Conditions)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Midwifery)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Independent Prescribing)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Mental Health)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Child Health)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Leadership and Management)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Nursing)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Education)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Palliative and End of Life Care)
- MSc in Advanced Practice (Safeguarding Children) *Subject to approval.

There will be compulsory modules from the optional menu if you opt for a specialist pathway.

The modules that students can take for

the MSc in Advanced Practice are listed below:

Compulsory Module

- Clinical Research Skills

Optional Modules

- Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning in Acute Conditions
- Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning in Child Health
- Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning in Chronic Conditions
- Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning in Mental Health
- Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning in Midwifery
- Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning in Palliative and End of Life Care
- Advanced Communication Practice in Organisations
- Cardio-Respiratory Physiology and Pathophysiology
- Complexities of Care Management in Acute Conditions
- Complexities of Care Management in Child Health
- Complexities of Care Management in Chronic Conditions
- Complexities of Care Management in Mental Health
- Complexities of Care Management in Midwifery
- Complexities of Care Management at the End of Life
- Contemporary Issues in Children and Young People's Health
- Contemporary Issues in Safeguarding Children
- Contemporary Practice in Mental Health Care
- Exploring Advanced Practice
- Exploring The Science, Art and Philosophy of Nursing Knowledge
- Global Public Health
- Health Policy and Funding
- Independent Prescribing 1
- Independent Prescribing 2
- Innovating In Professional Practice (Student Led)
- Inter-professional working in Safeguarding Children
- Leading Professional Practice
- Neuromuscular Plasticity
- The Neuroscience of Human Movement and Function
- Patient Safety and Clinical Risk
- Practice Education
- Promoting Normality in Midwifery

All modules are delivered once a year.

Dissertation Modules

Choose one module from the following menu:

- Dissertation Module: Empirical Research
- Dissertation Module: Work Based Project
- Dissertation Module: Systematic Review of the Literature

Programme Summary

Programmes offered for international students include:

BSc (Hons) in Nursing Studies	Overseas Nursing Programme
MSc in Advanced Practice – offering a range of pathways	MSc in Nursing Studies (Germany Outreach programme)
MPhil/PhD	Doctorate in Nursing

