Nursing

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Undergraduate guide 2020
I really enjoy the placement opportunities that we are able to access. Being based in one of the UK’s biggest mental health trusts means there are opportunities that are not available anywhere else.

Philippa Oddi, BSc Nursing (Mental Health)
Where could nursing take you?

This is an incredibly exciting time to become a nurse. The Nursing and Midwifery Council have introduced ambitious new standards that set out a modern and innovative approach to nurse education, with nurses taking on greater responsibilities and enjoying more opportunities than ever to progress in a range of fascinating specialist areas.

Our innovative nursing degrees blend novel teaching methods, exciting clinical experiences and rigorous academic knowledge, all designed to prepare you for a professional nursing career.

As one of the world’s leading universities and one of the largest nursing schools in the UK, we have a hard-earned reputation for teaching and research excellence. The Research Excellence Framework (2014) ranked us 5th in terms of research power in our unit of assessment.

We welcome people from a diverse range of backgrounds, whether you’re a school leaver, mature student, or looking for a more rewarding career.

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

Professor Judith Tanner
Head of the Division of Nursing
School of Health Sciences

Studying nursing at Nottingham

Our Future Nurse programmes are designed to give you the skills and knowledge needed for a modern nursing career, while providing clinical experience in a supportive environment.

The Division of Nursing sits within the School of Health Sciences, which is a research active school. All our teaching staff are experts in the field, having published key nursing textbooks.

Awards
Both the school and our students are consistently represented in national awards. At the Student Nursing Times Awards (SNTA) 2018, we won Student Nurse of the Year in the Learning Disabilities category.

In the SNTA 2019, we have been nominated in the following categories:

- Student Nurse of the Year (adult and child)
- Learner of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution to Student Affairs
- Outstanding Contribution to Diversity and Inclusion for our School of Health Sciences BME Student Network
- Nurse Education Provider of the Year (Pre-registration) for Graduate Entry Nursing
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* Please visit [nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/nursing](https://nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/nursing) for specific entry requirements.

Applicants require a first degree at 2:2 or above (or international equivalent). Full details of Graduate Entry Nursing entry requirements can be found on individual programme pages. Please visit [nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy](https://nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy).

**International applicants**

International applicants can apply for both the BSc and Graduate Entry Nursing. Please note that our international course fees include uniforms and placements.

**University of Nottingham International College**

The University of Nottingham International College (TUNIC) opened in January 2017, offering international students foundation courses including a science foundation certificate and assistance to meet the entry requirements in English provided by Kaplan International Colleges. This will include courses specifically tailored for undergraduate nurse entry.

You will need to satisfy both the Kaplan and University entry requirements to obtain a place on one of the pre-registration BSc Nursing courses.

Successful completion of the foundation course, with the necessary progression requirements including maths and English, will be accepted as equivalent qualifications for entry.

**English language requirements**

IELTS 7.5 (no less than 7.0 in any element). For details of other English language tests and qualifications we accept, please see [nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements](https://nottingham.ac.uk/go/alternativerequirements).

**Academic English preparation**

If the above grades are not met, English preparatory courses are available. Find out more at [nottingham.ac.uk/cele](https://nottingham.ac.uk/cele).

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**Example timetables**

Below are example first-year timetables for BSc Nursing and MSc Graduate Entry Nursing. This gives an indication of how your time will be spent, although these are liable to change*.

**BSc Nursing:**

A sample first-year timetable

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**MSc Graduate Entry Nursing:**

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* Please note that the university day officially ends at 6pm and occasionally formal course content ends at this time.

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BSc Nursing

This course is designed to build the skills and knowledge required of a graduate registered nurse in your chosen specialism (adult, child or mental health). We offer a person-centred approach, providing holistic care for the individual and their family.

What will I learn?
Nursing is a people-centred service and is practiced in partnership with individuals, families and communities locally, nationally and globally. You will learn how to improve people’s lives, working to expand capacity for self-care by responding to physical, biological, spiritual, emotional and psychological need.

The BSc Nursing programme at Nottingham has been designed to develop the real skills and knowledge you will need to become the professional leader of tomorrow in an ever-changing healthcare environment.

Year one
The ‘Fabulous First Year’ offers you a shorter first year than the majority of nursing programmes and you have Wednesday afternoons off to participate in sporting activities, providing opportunities to play a full role in University life. You will be introduced to clinical learning to integrate professional nursing knowledge, biological science theory and clinical practice to develop clinical skills in a safe environment alongside a formative first year placement. We will help develop your knowledge, resilience and confidence to prepare you for clinical practice.

Years two and three
In years two and three, you will continue to develop your knowledge of biological sciences and principles of pharmacology, prescribing law and accountability to prepare you for prescribing education once graduated.

An elective placement is available at the end of year two of the BSc when you are given the opportunity to undertake a home or overseas placement for you to experience healthcare in other settings. You are offered placement exchanges and final placement choices to give you some flexibility and the option to focus your career.

There are short optional modules available in the third year to help you focus your career, examples of options are:

- High Dependency (Adult and Child Field)
- Child and Young Peoples’ Mental Health
- Addressing Sexuality in Healthcare
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Nurses
- Sport, Exercise and Mental Health

Research in nursing is vital and we will develop your understanding of research practice informing evidence-based approaches to excellent care.

When and where will I study?
The course starts in September and your first year follows the dates of most university undergraduate courses. Years two and three are slightly longer than the University’s calendar year.

The majority of study takes place at the School of Health Sciences within the Queen’s Medical Centre, Nottingham. You will benefit from learning in a simulated environment in our Clinical Skills Centre to develop your confidence in caring for people. This learning will take place alongside service users and carers groups, expert nurses from practice, and University lecturers.

Getting to our Nottingham campus is easy, with a wide range of transport links available, from the tram – with stops at both Queen’s Medical Centre and University Park Campus – to public bus services.

You will have a variety of placements throughout the course, working in hospitals, general practices and the community. See page 13 for more information on placements.

Campus community
We are proud to have one of the most active students’ unions at any UK university, with over 300 societies and sports clubs where you can have fun, gain new skills and meet like-minded people. Students can also join the Nursing and Midwifery Association (NMA), who aid interprofessional collaboration as well as hosting social activities, organising sporting events and providing welfare support.

We also have a School of Health Sciences BME Student Network that creates an inclusive and supportive environment for patients, students and staff.

Selection and interview
Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview. For more details about what will be involved in the selection process, please visit nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/selectionday

I chose Nottingham because of the opportunities it provides to learn at world-renowned healthcare facilities, alongside staff that are specialists in their field. I have also participated in a number of extracurricular activities that underpin and enable me to use the skills and knowledge I have gained through my training.

Jodi Shaw, BSc Nursing

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MSc Graduate Entry Nursing (GEN)

This course is aimed at those who already have a degree and some prior healthcare or voluntary experience, and are committed to providing excellence in care, becoming a registered nurse in just two years.

What will I learn?
The course offers an enquiry-based, person-centred approach, building on your existing skills for learning. It also encompasses shared learning with other disciplines and professions, developing your clinical leadership skills and preparing you for practice.

Year one
In the first year, you will explore the foundations of health and illness and develop the knowledge, skills and values that place the individual at the centre of care delivery. You will also consider factors in infection prevention and control, self-management and communication. You will learn about caring for people from the perspective of the individual and those supporting them.

Modules provide opportunities to apply and evaluate relevant nursing care and contributes to an understanding of health detriments, health inequalities and the development of skills in health promotion. You will start preparing for your research dissertation, choosing your topic and critically evaluating literature to support your studies.

Complementing your theory, you will undertake a range of placements and practice in a variety of settings. This will enable you to apply theoretical knowledge to people you are caring for, under the supervision of your mentor.

Year two
The second year follows a similar structure to the first year, with the modular theoretical learning covering complex scenarios.

Advanced skills will be used to complement the planning and decision making needed to deliver care effectively. You will have a higher degree of responsibility, with extended nursing skills and preparing to prescribe being integral to your studies.

You will complete your research dissertation during your second year, demonstrating your ability to work at masters level. The empirical or literature-based research will give in-depth critical analysis of relevant literature and you will discuss the implications of your findings and offer recommendations for nursing practice. You will have the support of a research-active academic who will be your supervisor. Past students have also been successful in having their research published.

Again, you will have a variety of placements over the year, allowing you to apply the theory you have learned.

When and where will I study?
There are two cohorts in 2020; January and September. From 2021 onwards there will only be a September intake. The course will last for two years in total with an equal balance between theory and placement.

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My placements have been both diverse and positive. I’ve been on orthopedic trauma wards, watching surgery in theatre, and working in the community. You get a good insight into the kind of nurse you want to become.

Marie Staunton,
MSc Graduate Entry Nursing
The nursing fields of practice

Each specialism is associated with a unique skillset, bringing its own communication, knowledge and leadership challenges.

Caring for adults (BSc and GEN)
You will provide care that is completely focused on the needs of the patient and will help people manage an acute episode, injury or long-term illness, regardless of their disease or disability.

The role of an adult nurse is diverse and there are many career opportunities within the NHS and private sector, such as:
- community nurses
- hospital-based services
- advanced clinical practitioner
- nurse consultants

Working with people who have a learning disability and their families (GEN only)
People who live with a learning disability represent over 10% of our population, yet they still face discrimination and exclusion from services and opportunities designed to not only meet needs but promote independence.

As a learning disability nurse you will meet people in environments where they live, work, learn and have fun. You will be introduced to the knowledge and essential skill base of a Registered Nurse, ensuring you are fit for purpose to effectively facilitate the desired lifestyle choice for that person.

Caring for children and their families (BSc and GEN)
Working with children of all ages (up to 19 years old), with a variety of conditions, brings a unique set of challenges. Not only will you care for the child, you will also provide a high-level of support for concerned families.

The child field also explores the pivotal roles and interactions between yourself as a nurse and the child and their family, building your knowledge of professional and ethical practice.

As a registered child nurse you may work in a variety of locations, such as:
- hospitals
- a child's home
- child health clinics
- day care centre

Working with people with mental health problems (BSc and GEN)
Poor mental health of the population is a substantial contemporary global health challenge. Mental health nurses have the opportunity to make a difference to people’s recovery at this challenging time of their life.

As a mental health nurse you will have the opportunity to progress your career in a number of settings and specialist areas, such as:
- working with children, young people and families
- older people
- people with drug and alcohol dependencies
- acute mental health wards

The practice learning experience

We think it is important you experience care in different settings so you can:

- see how different trusts operate, giving you a wider perspective of the healthcare sector
- broaden your practice experience and clinical skills
- better prepare yourself for a nursing career, understanding the challenges that both patients and healthcare professionals face at various stages
- make connections for future job opportunities and learn which role is suitable for you

You will typically be allocated to community, private, voluntary and independent, and acute placement settings.

During placements, you will be supported by experienced clinical assessors and participate in student forums. Placement locations can vary depending on your field of practice and whether you are a BSc or MSc student.

However, the majority of placements are in the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire regions.

If you are on placement in Derby, there is a free hopper bus for students that runs from the Royal Derby Hospital to University Park Campus.

International opportunities
BSc Nursing students undertake a four-week elective placement whilst GEN students undertake a two-week elective placement. You will arrange this placement yourself and there is the potential to go anywhere in the world, provided the country is deemed safe to travel to and you are able to fund the trip.

Elective students have worked in over 30 different countries including Australia, Barbados, Germany, Hong Kong, USA, South Africa, Ghana, Kenya and other sub-Saharan developing countries.

We also offer the Erasmus+ scheme which allows you to study in a European country for up to 12 weeks at one of our EU partner universities.

I chose to study overseas in Indiana, USA. This was an amazing experience that built my cultural competence, which I can apply to my work in the UK. It was really interesting to broaden my experience of nursing.

Rachel Dakin,
BSc Nursing
Engaging study, incredible results

Your learning will be inspiring, engaging and always applied to your practice of nursing. We employ a variety of learning methods and work with the latest technologies to create a vibrant study environment.

Teaching methods
Teaching and learning occurs across theory, clinical learning and clinical practice. Each element aims to create an inclusive, challenging and transformational learning experience in order to enable you to become the best nurse you can be. We have a student focused approach that supports your development as an independent learner. Clinical learning takes place in a simulated environment with service users, expert simulated patients, practising nurses, and University lecturers.

Most theoretical modules will use a combination of teaching methods. Depending on the topic you are studying, you will take part in:
- lectures
- demonstrations
- small-group projects
- digital learning
- debates
- workshops
- seminars

Your digital learning is supported by our international award-winning Health E-Learning and Media Team (HELM). You can take advantage of HELM’s open database, offering over 200 quality, peer reviewed online learning and teaching resources.

Assessment
Assessment will vary depending on the module being studied. Our assessment methods include:
- case studies
- clinical exams (OSCEs)
- final extended literature review
- research dissertation
- essays
- presentations
- written exams

Your aptitude, values and knowledge, alongside demonstration of clinical skills on your placements, will be assessed continually in the practice environment.

Support
Resilience is a core theme across the Future Nurse programmes. You will participate in resilience-based clinical supervision to help you understand emotional intelligence, how to clarify values, the influences on identity and the varied presentation of self. This aims to develop skills in the areas of self-care, critical reflection, values based practice and initiating networks of support though peer group personal tutoring.

The tutorial system at Nottingham is an important part of your development, and you will be put into tutor groups to provide personal support and professional development. We promote a peer mentoring scheme which will match you with a more experienced student on the programme to provide support and handy hints and tips to make the most of the experience.

Additionally, the school has two dedicated welfare officers who can help you with any problems and direct you to the wider University support services.

Key Information Sets
Key Information Sets (KIS) are comparable sets of information about full or part-time undergraduate courses and are designed to meet the information needs of prospective students. All KIS data is published on the Unistats website: unistats.co.uk

For Nottingham’s KIS data, please see individual course entries at nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy

nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences/nursingteaching
Outstanding careers support

Nursing graduates enjoy careers in a diverse range of settings, including the NHS and the private, voluntary and independent sector. Nurses are the largest group of staff in the NHS and you may choose to pursue a career across a range of specialities and in areas that include clinical care, teaching and research or management.

98.6% of undergraduates from the School of Health Sciences had secured work or further study within six months of graduation*

£24,214–£30,112 is the NHS Band 5 salary range that newly qualified nurses can expect to earn in 2019/20**

What can I earn as a nurse?
As a newly qualified nurse in the NHS, you can expect to be employed at Band 5 with a salary ranging from £24,214-£30,112**. With career progression and development there is the prospect of applying for senior clinical posts, for example:

- Band 6 Ward Manager/Band 6 District Nurse (salary range £30,401-£37,267)
- Band 7 Specialist Nurse (salary range £37,570-£43,772)
- Band 8 as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner or Modern Matron (salary range £44,606-£50,819)

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Amplify your potential
Whether you already have a plan or need some inspiration, your Careers and Employability Service is here to help.

Academic excellence and employability go hand in hand at Nottingham. Your course, and the diverse student experiences we offer, will enable you to develop the skills and professional competencies required to thrive in the job market of the future.

We will help you explore your options, so you feel confident making choices about what you want to achieve. Our team will support you as you build your CV, search for jobs, prepare applications, practise your interview technique, and much more.

Get the Advantage
The career-enhancing Nottingham Advantage Award recognises and rewards your extracurricular activities. With a choice of over 200 modules, you can hone the key skills employers are looking for. From developing your leadership skills and learning a language to public speaking and volunteering, you will leave university with demonstrable experience that sets you apart from other graduates. For further information, visit nottingham.ac.uk/careers/advantage

Postgraduate study
You may decide to stay at Nottingham and join our lively community of postgraduate students within the department. We offer a range of masters and PhD courses. For more information, please see nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy

* Known destinations of full-time home undergraduates who were available for work 2016/17. Salaries are calculated based on the median of those in full-time paid employment within the UK.
** Correct as of April 2019 according to www.nhsemployers.org
How to apply

All applications for BSc Nursing are made through UCAS. Applications for MSc Graduate Entry Nursing are made directly to the University, online.

See ucas.com or nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy

Your personal statement
This is the section of your application that tells us the most about you, and you should make the best use of it. Be as specific and detailed as you can – we would like to see that you are a student who can work hard, be self-motivated and make the best possible use of the opportunities that our courses offer you. We would also like to hear about any skills you have gained through extracurricular activities.

Minimum entry requirements
Unless otherwise stated in individual course profiles, all UK applicants should have GCSE English grade 4 (C) as a minimum.

Alternative qualifications
In this brochure you will find our A level and International Baccalaureate entry requirements but we accept a much broader range of qualifications. For more details, visit nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

DBS clearance
All offers are subject to being successful at the selection day, satisfactory health screening, and disclosure and barring service (DBS) clearance.

Flexible admissions policy
In recognition of our applicants’ varied experience and educational pathways, we employ a flexible admissions policy. If we judge that your situation has adversely affected your achievement, then we will consider this when assessing your academic potential. Some courses may make a slightly lower offer.

For more information about this policy, see nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy/applying

Mature applicants
We encourage applications from mature students, who are defined as 21 years old and over. You should apply through UCAS. Find out more at nottingham.ac.uk/mature

International applicants
The University provides a range of information and advice for international applicants. If you are unable to attend an open day, we can meet you in your country at one of our overseas events or arrange an individual visit to the University. For further information please visit nottingham.ac.uk/international

Deferred entry
Applicants who wish to defer their entry by a year will not be at a disadvantage. Please tell us something about your plans for your gap year in your UCAS personal statement.

Equal opportunities policy
The University aims to create the conditions whereby students and staff are treated solely on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential, regardless of gender, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, age, socio-economic background, disability, religious or political beliefs, trade union membership, family circumstances, sexual orientation or other irrelevant distinction.

If you wish to declare a disability, please ensure that you have ticked the appropriate box on your UCAS application form. Disclosure of this information will not affect your application.

In 2019-20 the UK Core Bursary will offer up to £2,000 for each year of undergraduate study. For details see nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport
This brochure has been drafted in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this brochure is accurate at the time of publishing, but changes (for example to course content) are likely to occur given the interval between publication and commencement of the course. It is therefore very important to check our website for any updates before you apply for the course by following nottingham.ac.uk/ugstudy. Where there is a difference between the contents of this brochure and our website, the contents of the website take precedence.