

POST-GRADUATE

School of Healthcare

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

MSc Nursing with Registration

(adult), (child), (mental health),
*Subject to minimum student numbers.



Fully funded places for NHS Employees

These programmes are currently **fully funded** for **NHS Employees** and are very popular and often oversubscribed. We advise you to plan your training as early as possible with your manager.

Deadline is 29 June.

Who is the programme for?

This programme is for ALL graduates from every academic discipline ranging from Accounting to Zoology who would like the opportunity to train to become a qualified adult, child, or mental health nurse and at the same time gain higher level academic credits at Master's level.

This is normally a three year full-time programme but for students who have a degree in a health-related subject the course length can be reduced to two years six months subject to approval by the School Individualised Programmes Panel.

Programme outline

This is a stimulating and challenging three year/two and a half year programme of study which takes as its focus the active use and integration of theory and practice into the discipline of nursing. Clinical nursing practice is a fundamental component of the programme and is achieved in a variety of settings in an around the Leeds area, including many regional healthcare specialities including renal, liver, neurology and cardiac.

The first year of the course is the Common Foundation Programme (CFP) and is designed to introduce you to knowledge, skills and attitudes required for clinical practice. Underpinning subjects such as biology, sociology, psychology, communication, and the theory and practice of nursing are taught via two level 3 modules. You will also develop a number of nursing skills during these modules.

The next two years are the Branch programme where you will further develop your knowledge and skills gained in CFP but in respect of your chosen branch of nursing. The branch

programme is made up of 4 compulsory nursing theory and practice modules and three theory modules relating to health needs assessment, research and a dissertation.

Objectives of the programme

Upon completion of the programme you will:

- Have met the outcomes of the Nursing and Midwifery Council's standards of proficiency for pre-registration nursing education and will be eligible to enter Part 1 of the professional register.
- Be able to evaluate and critically analyse the evidence base for contemporary nursing practice to facilitate the delivery of high quality nursing care.
- Critically analyse factors that contribute to health and disease.
- Demonstrate mastery of techniques relevant to the chosen branch of nursing.
- Demonstrate professional judgement and problem solving skills that are underpinned by a sound nursing knowledge base.
- Deliver safe, skilled and responsive care to the family, significant others and service users and carers in a range of health care settings.
- Demonstrate an understanding and the ability to learn and work within an inter-professional, inter-disciplinary environment.
- Develop, reflect upon and independently evaluate strategies to meet the students own learning needs.

When and where do I study?

Intake for the three year programme is in September of each academic year. Students eligible for the shortened programme will join the course in the following March of each academic year.

Study is at the University of Leeds and through use of the institution's Virtual Learning environment (VLE) Blackboard® with clinical placements in and around the Leeds area. Clinical placements are wide and varied and branch specific. They will include acute and long-term settings as well as caring for people in hospital and community. You will be required to attend the University one or two days per week and will be in clinical placement for the remainder of the week.

Clinical experience during the programme will include some weekend and night duty shifts in order to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Council recommendations.

Time is also given in the programme for independent/private study and assessment preparation.

Holidays are allocated for the whole three years to meet University and NMC regulations and cannot be negotiated. Every effort is made to link these to school holidays at Christmas, Easter and during August.

Timeframe for completion of the awards:

Minimum 2.5 / 3 years
Maximum 5 years

What qualifications are gained?

This programme leads to a Master of Science in Nursing (180 credits) from the University of Leeds with professional registration on Part 1 of the register (adult), (child), (mental health).

Assessment

An assortment of assessment strategies are employed to allow students to demonstrate the required range of appropriate experience, development and achievement of nursing knowledge, clinical skills and competence. Throughout the course, assessment tasks may include traditional unseen examinations, written assignments (essays / case studies / research proposal/dissertation), case discussions and presentations.

Entry requirements

Applicants must be graduates who normally hold a 2:1 or above degree in any subject which has been completed ideally within the last 5 years. It is a professional requirement that applicants have qualifications in English Language and Maths at GCSE grade C or above.

In the absence of English Language an IELTS score of 7.0 will be accepted. Graduates with a health-related degree in behavioural or life sciences will be considered for the shortened programme on an individual basis together with a transcript of their degree. We would be happy to discuss the entry requirements with you.

Students from the EU will be required to meet the above criteria and have been resident in the UK or EU for a minimum of three years. Overseas students will be required to meet the above criteria and have been resident in the UK or EU for a minimum of three years.

Student selection

All candidates will be required to submit a completed application form and if successfully shortlisted will be invited to partake in an individual or group selection event held at the University of Leeds.

Selection will be led by the programme manager in conjunction with members of the programme team who represent the different branches of nursing.

All potential students need to apply for the September intake.

Students for whom the programme is suitable and have a **health-care related** degree will then be invited to provide information regarding the relevance of their previous study to be **exempted for the first six months of the course**. The evidence will be considered by the School of Healthcare Individualised Programme Panel prior to the commencement of the course in September of each year. If they are successful, they will join the programme six months later, in the following **March**.

Programme Content

The Msc Nursing with registration is a full time programme comprising of 180 credits and is normally completed within three years.

Students will spend 1 – 2 days per week in

University and the remaining 3 – 4 days will be in clinical practice. This attendance pattern occurs throughout the three year programme.

The course is made up of two, level three common foundation modules

- Learning and working together as graduates
- Introduction to nursing theory and practice for graduates

Following completion of the common foundation modules students will study the following Masters level branch modules, the first three of which are theory and practice modules:

- Introducing Fields of Practice
- Developing Fields of Practice
- Preparing for Registration
- Health Needs Assessment
- Research Methods
- A branch specific module
- Dissertation module

Submission of Applications

This programme starts in September of each year and applications should normally be received by **the end of April**.

Fees

For non-NHS staff, the fee for this programme is £10,000 per year.

For application information please contact:

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