



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM



NURSING

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OUR PROGRAMMES

BNurs Adult Nursing

BNurs Child Nursing

BNurs Mental Health Nursing

MNurs Adult Nursing

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MNurs Adult and Mental Health Nursing (Dual Registration)

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Nursing at Birmingham provides you with the experience of nursing and health care in a unique diverse local population. Taught in the University's Medical School, which is based in one of the largest healthcare regions in the UK, you'll benefit from inter-professional learning by training alongside trainee doctors, dentists, pharmacists and biomedical scientists on a regular basis. During your first year you'll benefit from exposure to a variety of fields of practice settings, including Adult, Mental Health, Child and Public Health, before continuing on with your chosen field or fields of nursing.

WHY NURSING AT BIRMINGHAM?

- You'll have an exciting opportunity to undertake an elective placement either abroad or in the UK
- As one of the first universities to teach nursing, we are best placed to develop your skills and knowledge to provide you with the eligibility to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as a Registered Nurse
- You'll be assigned a dedicated wellbeing officer and Personal Academic Tutor within the School of Nursing to support you throughout your nursing degree
- We are ranked 9th in the *Complete University Guide 2021* for Nursing

LUCY

BNurs Adult
Nursing



'I decided to go into nursing because I've been a life-long patient. I wanted to give something back and I wanted to use my experiences to improve patient experience. I chose to study nursing at Birmingham specifically because of the chance to try out child, adult and mental health fields in first year.'



PATHWAYS

Through a thorough grounding in concepts of health, professional studies and communication skills, as well as practical experience, you'll develop the professional knowledge, understanding and skills of your preferred field of practice.

You'll study the biological, psychological and social sciences whilst gaining an appreciation of the physical, psychological and social needs of patients and their families.

If places are available at the end of year one, there may be an opportunity to change your chosen field of practice.

BNurs – Adult, Child or Mental Health

This three-year course in either Adult, Child or Mental Health Nursing will provide you with the academic and clinical skills required to become a safe, compassionate and effective practitioner upon qualifying as a registered nurse.

MNurs – Adult, Child or Mental Health

This four-year course in either Adult, Child or Mental Health Nursing will enable you to become a registered nurse as well as enhancing your development of clinical, research, leadership and quality improvement to become a future leader in nursing. During your final year on the Master of Nursing course, you'll be aligned with one of our research themes.

MNurs – Adult and Mental Health or Child and Mental Health

This four-year dual-registration course in either Adult and Mental Health or Child and Mental Health Nursing will enable you to become a registered nurse as well as enhancing your development of clinical, research, leadership and quality improvement to become a future leader in nursing.

MODULES

Your first year provides you with an introduction to the theory and the practice of nursing across the lifespan and in all fields of nursing practice. Throughout the rest of the course you'll study clinical modules specific to your field of practice and core modules to support your development as a nurse.

Examples of Modules in the first year:

- Essential Nursing Care
- Principles of Nursing
- Health and Wellbeing

RORY

BNurs Graduate



'This has been an unbelievable place to learn nursing. There's so much opportunity to experience so many nursing roles and work with such a diverse range of patients. The university team have all been fantastic, they teach with so much passion and go out of their way to provide us with the best learning experiences possible to prepare us for life as a nurse.'

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must meet in full the GCSE requirements of five GCSEs at grade 4/C or above which must include English, Mathematics and a Science subject.

Mature Access applicants who have two years, full-time paid work experience in health and social care are only required to have three GCSEs at grade C or above in English, Mathematics and a Science subject.

If you already have a degree and experience working in health or social care, why not consider our MSc Nursing course:

www.birmingham.ac.uk/msc-nursing

BNurs

Standard offer: BBB

IB: 5,5,5 at HL with 32 points overall

BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care or Applied Science: DDM

Access to Higher Education (Health or Science): 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at level 3 including 30 at distinction, 15 at merit (including Physiology or Biology) and 15 credits at level 2

MNurs

Standard offer: ABB preferably with Biology, Sociology or Psychology and two others.

IB: 6, 5, 5 with 32 points overall

BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care or Applied Science: DDD

Access to Higher Education (Health or Science): 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at level 3 at distinction (including Physiology or Biology) and 15 credits at level 2

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCE

During the course you'll have the opportunity to undertake an elective experience either abroad or in the UK. UK electives can be arranged in voluntary settings, hospices, care homes and other specialist units. Your elective could also include citizenship experience such as voluntary contribution to an organisation as part of your professional development.

Overseas electives can be organised in healthcare settings in any continent of the world to gain a wider perspective of nursing around the globe.

Arranging your elective experience gives you the opportunity to further develop your self-confidence and organisational skills, with support from staff within the School of Nursing.



PLACEMENTS

You'll have the opportunity to practise nursing in some of the country's leading healthcare trusts, ranging from community care to acute care and also regional and national centres of excellence in the Birmingham and Solihull area.

The majority of our hospital placements are currently within a short distance of the University, often less than five miles. Community placements and some hospital placements can be further afield however these are mostly within ten miles of the University and some slightly further.

You'll undertake a range of diverse and exciting clinical placements throughout the course where you will gain a variety of experiences with a wide range of client groups, under the guidance of skilled clinicians. Your clinical placements will each be between four and 12 weeks long and you'll be supported by Practice Supervisors throughout. Registered Nurse Practice Assessors will also assess you during your placements.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

You'll be given information on how and when you'll be assessed for each particular module. Feedback on each assessment will be provided to help you learn from and build on what you have already achieved.

Learning is assessed in a number of ways, including completion of:

- Clinical placement assessments
- Essays
- Case studies
- Examinations
- Practical assessments/OSCEs
- A dissertation

STUDENT SUPPORT

The Medical School, where you'll be based, houses its own dedicated Student Services Centre and provides you with support to deal with any problems that arise throughout your time at university, as well as helping you to settle in to university life in your first year.

You'll also benefit from the support of the School of Nursing's Wellbeing Officer alongside an Personal Academic Tutor who can help you to work through and academic work problems.

These services are in addition to the wide range of student services delivered through the University's Student Hub, based at the heart of campus.

STUDENT LIFE

Your time at university offers you the chance to discover new interests, meet new people and make lifelong friends. At Birmingham, we offer many ways to help you do just that.

MedSoc is an award winning, student society open to all students studying within the Medical School. Offering a wide variety of sports clubs, charities, social events and trips, it is likely that MedSoc will play an important part of your student life experience.

As a sub-society of MedSoc, Nursesoc is a dedicated student society open to students studying Nursing. They provide peer group support throughout all years and help you to make the most of your nursing experience at Birmingham.

MEHNOOR

BNurs student



'The main thing for me was that with Nursing there are so many different paths you can choose once qualified – you don't have to work in a hospital. There's community, research, school nursing and many more.'

I really enjoy my placements because it's where you learn the most and get hands on experience. At the same time though I enjoy university because I get to catch up with my friends and you realise that you're all in the same boat.'





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This leaflet was written several months in advance of the start of the academic year. It is intended to provide prospective students with a general picture of the programmes and courses offered by the School. Please note that not all programmes or all courses are offered every year. Also, because our research is constantly exploring new areas and directions of study some courses may be discontinued and new ones offered in their place.

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