

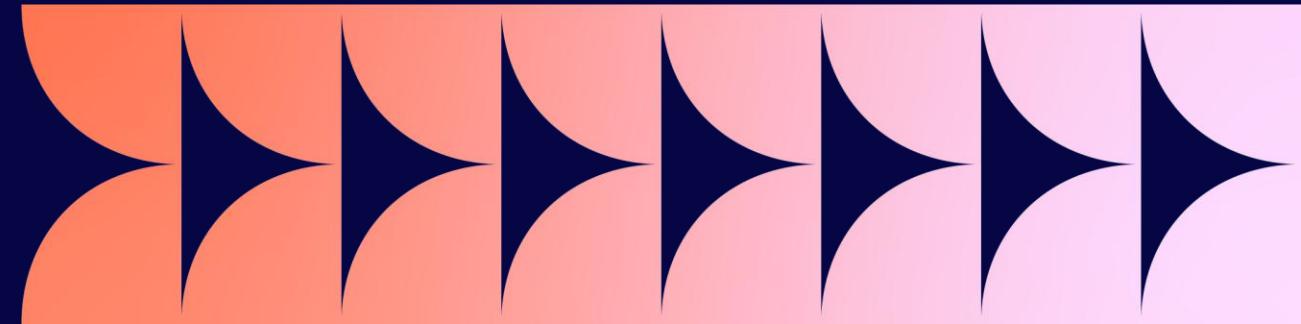
# BSc (Hons) Nursing

Pre-registration Nursing  
Programme

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# Outline of Session



## Part 1

Open University  
Nursing Degree



## Part 2

Entry requirements  
and application  
process

# About The Open University

## **Our mission is...**

To be open to people, places, methods and ideas

## **Our vision is...**

To provide life-changing learning that enriches society

## **Our values...**

Inclusive, innovative and responsive.

- Through learning we aim to transform lives and communities, opening a world of possibilities for everyone



Collaborative



Inclusive



Innovative



Responsive

# Nursing degrees

- Part time programme delivered in partnership with your employer
- Prepare students for entry to the NMC register
  - Adult
  - Children and Young People
  - Learning Disability
  - Mental Health
- Provides students with knowledge, skills and contemporary clinical practice experiences for their future careers
  - 50% theory, 50% practice
- Student remains employed in HCSW role
  - Must be substantive post
  - Must be minimum of 26 hrs per week
  - Supernumerary status as student nurse
- One intake per year – October

# Our BSc (Hons) Nursing Students

- Work in a healthcare support role and **have the support of their employer**
- Have the potential and **values** to succeed as a nurse
- Meet the **NMC requirements for entry** to nurse education
- Have a **strong personal commitment** to their development of knowledge, skills and attributes
- Study with students from a **diverse range of backgrounds**



# BSc (Hons) Nursing Degree Overview (45 Months)

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Introduction to health and social care</b> K102 (60 credits)  600 hrs of theory	<b>Understanding nursing: knowledge and theory</b> K210 (60 credits)  685 hrs of theory	<b>Assimilating nursing: knowledge and theory</b> K325 (60 credits)  685 hrs of theory
<b>Introduction to healthcare practice</b> K104 (60 credits)  <b>170</b> hrs of theory <b>770</b> hrs of practice <b>3 x</b> practice placements	<b>Developing nursing practice</b> K211 (60 credits)  <b>85</b> hrs of theory <b>770</b> hrs of practice - <b>3 x</b> practice placements	<b>Becoming an autonomous practitioner</b> (60 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• K326 Adult</li><li>• K329 Children and Young People</li><li>• K328 Learning Disability</li><li>• K327 Mental Health</li></ul> <b>85</b> hrs of theory <b>770</b> hrs of practice - <b>3 x</b> practice placements

# Programme delivery and assessment

## Theory:

### Tutor supported, online learning:

- Books and eBooks
- Interactive and reflective activities
- Rich media (videos/animations)
- Online tutorials
- Forum discussions/activities
- OU Anywhere App

## Practice:

### Practice tutor supported placement

- Placement experiences arranged:
  - ✓ practice learning pathways
  - ✓ link theory to practice
- Enquiry based learning:
  - ✓ competent, reflective, autonomous practitioners
  - ✓ group-based teaching approach

## Ongoing Assessments

### Theory

- TMA (Tutor Marked Assessment)
- iCMA (Interactive Computer Marked Assessment)
- EMA (End of Module Assessment)

### Practice

- Ongoing assessment using PAD (Practice Assessment Document)
- PAI (Practice Assessment Interview)

# Practice Learning Pathways (PLPs)

Learning **for** practice and learning **in** practice integrated throughout the programme

Provide **three** practice learning experiences in each level:

- two complimentary (outside of own work area)

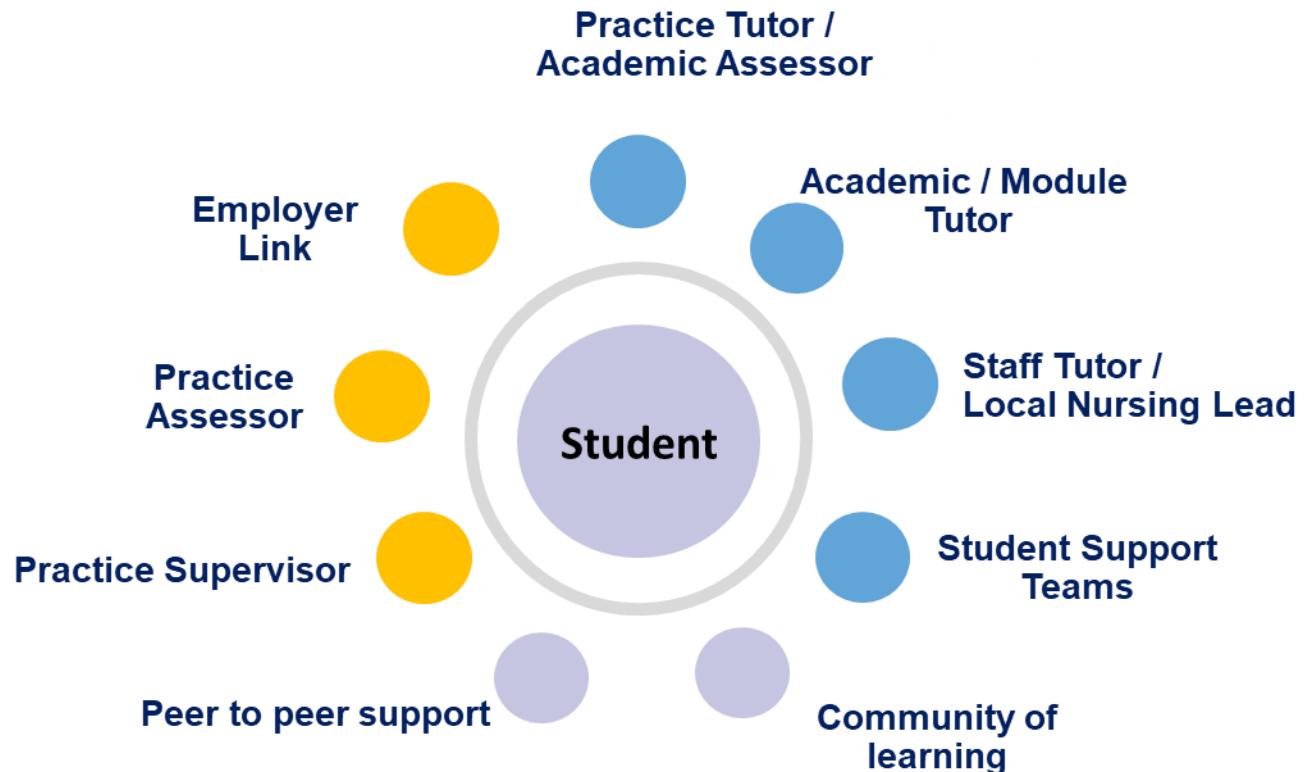
- one base placement

Base placement will be at the end of each level

Ensure students meet NMC requirements

770 practice hours completed at each level

# Supporting student success



## Further support

- Library
- IT Helpdesk
- Student Home
- Module Teams

# Entry requirements for BSc (Hons) Nursing

Requirement	Demonstrated by:
<b>Numeracy</b>	Core skills in Numeracy at SCQF level 5 <b>or</b> Standard Grade Mathematics or Arithmetic (pass at credit level) <b>or</b> N5 in Mathematics or Arithmetic or the equivalent
<b>Literacy</b>	Core skills in Communication at SCQF level 5 <b>or</b> Standard Grade English (pass at credit level) <b>or</b> National 5 in English or the equivalent Students who have achieved K101 or K102 will meet required literacy
<b>IT Literacy</b>	Computer skills
Meet OU requirements to enable <b>declaration of health and character</b> on registration with NMC	Satisfactory References, Occupational Health review and PVG
Candidates <b>must provide evidence of completed qualifications with their application</b> – SQA or other relevant Certificate(s)	

# SCQF Level 5 Information: See [SCQF – SQA](#)

- **SCQF Level 5**
  - Nat 5 (A-C)
  - Intermediate 2 (A-C)
  - Credit Standard Grade (Grade 1 or 2)
  - 'O' Grade A-C
- You will need to include a **scanned copy or photograph of your original certificate** with your application for the degree programme
- If unable to find this, check your qualifications by **setting up an online account with MYSQA** (1995 onwards)
- If unable to access your qualifications (pre-1995) contact SQA for advice

# Studied in England, Ireland or Wales?

Follow the link to check if your RUK qualifications meet requirements:

**[Qualifications can Cross Boundaries: A guide to comparing qualifications in the UK and Ireland \(qaa.ac.uk\)](https://www.qaa.ac.uk/qualifications-can-cross-boundaries)**

If you studied outside of the UK, you will need to obtain a **“Statement Of Comparability”**

- Available on the “ENIC” website: **[Statement of Comparability \(enic.org.uk\)](https://www.enic.org.uk/)**
- Provides evidence of the level of your overseas qualification

# If you don't meet the Numeracy requirements

Achieved by studying an SQA accredited N5 Numeracy course at college:

- ✓ Code F3G F11\* or H225 75
- ✓ Approx. 40 hours to complete
- ✓ Cost £110–£175, Part Time Fee Grant may apply (Earnings under £25K)
- ✓ Fixed or flexible start dates, must complete by OU application deadline
- The following colleges currently offer online numeracy\*:
  - Dumfries & Galloway [Numeracy @ SCQF Level 5 | Dumfries & Galloway College](#)  
[\(dumgal.ac.uk\)](#)
  - Fife College: [Core Skills: Numeracy SCQF Level 5 | Fife](#)
  - Dundee & Angus [Mathematics and Numeracy \(Distance Learning\)](#)  
[\(dundeeandangus.ac.uk\)](#) (Not Healthcare Numeracy)
  - **Other colleges may offer free courses for local residents – check!**

# If you don't meet the Literacy requirements

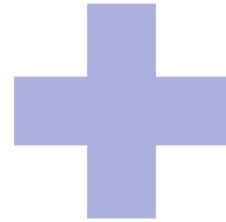
**K102**  
**Introduction**  
**to Health &**  
**Social Care**

**OR**

**Literature 1 (scQF L6)**

Literature 1 @ SCQF  
Level 6 | Dumfries &  
Galloway College  
(dumgal.ac.uk)

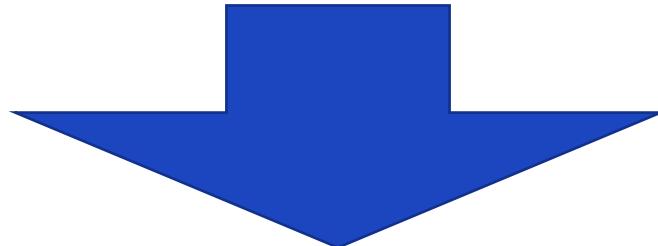
**(£210 at**  
**24.12.24)**



**Numeracy**  
**SCQF level**  
**5**



**Eligible to**  
**apply to**  
**BSc (Hons)**  
**Nursing**



Eligible to apply to stage 1 of BSc (Hons) Nursing. If successful application process, students only study the practice-based module in stage 1 (K104) as they will have already studied K102

# Credit migration and credit transfer

**Subject to successful application**, students who complete:

<p><b>K101 <u>or</u> K102 as a standalone module:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- register in Oct 2026</li><li>- start the practice module (K104) in March 2027</li></ul>	<p><b><u>"Credit migration":</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- applied if the qualification is included in your application and meets the timescale to be valid (10 years)</li></ul>
<p><b>K102 <u>and</u> K104 as part of the <b>Certificate in Healthcare Practice</b>, articulate directly into level 2</b></p>	
<p>Students with previous <u>relevant</u> learning delivered by another provider (min. SCQF L7)</p>	<p><b><u>"Credit Transfer" (CT):</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- initially indicate on the application form</li><li>- complete mapping exercise*</li></ul>
<p>HNC Healthcare practice* (96 credits)</p> <p>HNC Healthcare practice** (120 credits)</p>	<p>*CT awarded for K102 if included in your application</p> <p>**CT awarded for K102 &amp; K104</p> <p><i>(no need to map the HNC HCP Qualification)</i></p>

# Next steps

## Find out more about the OU nursing programme:

- Explore the OU nursing website – [\*\*Nursing | Open University in Scotland\*\*](#)
- Talk to current OU nursing degree students
- Speak to your line manager to get their support for your application. Budget holder authorisation will be required
- Notify the employer link of your application
- Register your interest via [\*\*Scotland Nursing Enquiry Form\*\*](#) and automatically receive an application pack when available (*check your junk/spam folders*)
- Applications open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 and close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

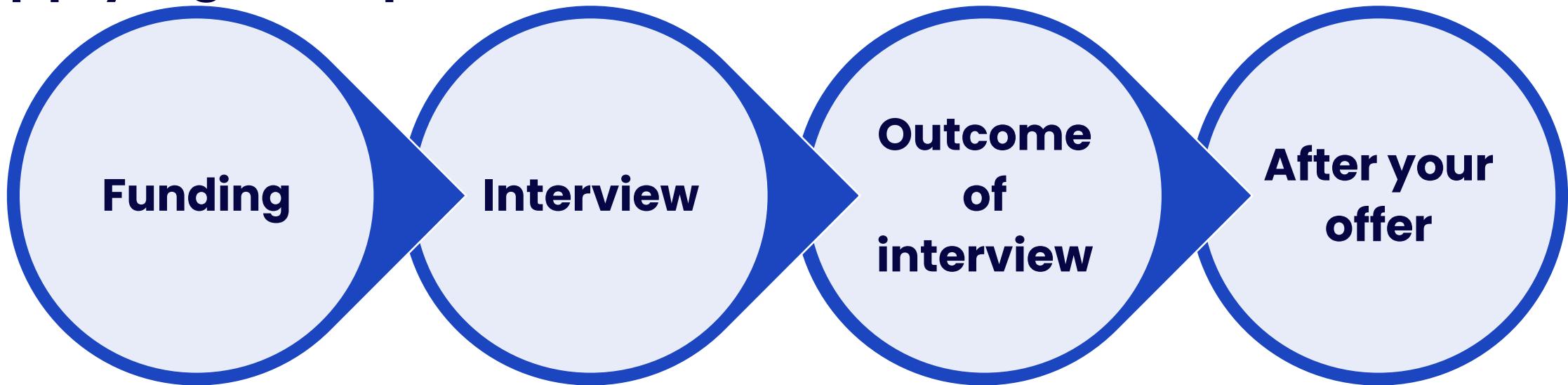
# Applying for a place



## Tips for a smooth application process:

- Take your time and follow the guidance carefully
- Highlight (or note) areas to go back to if missed
- Do a final check before submitting – apply early, avoid waiting until the closing date
- If anything *is* missed, applicants will be contacted once by the Recruitment Team/Scotland Nursing Team - respond by the deadline to avoid your application being rejected

# Applying for a place – Shortlisted



- Scottish Government funded

- Prepare for and attend interview  
**(Likely to take place between Mon 8th June – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026)**

- Conditional offer
- Waiting list
- Unsuccessful

- Complete **all** post-offer checks ***promptly***:
  - Good health and character:
    - PVG
    - Occupational Health
  - Right to work

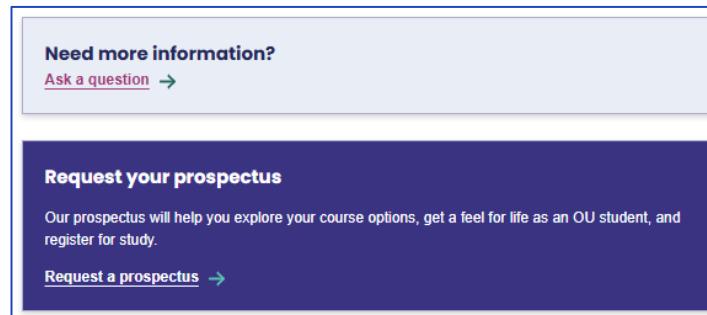
# Information and Queries

## Course information:

- General – [Nursing | Open University in Scotland](#)
- Programme Information booklet
  - [Scotland Nursing Programme – information for 2026 entry .pdf](#)

Please check your qualifications and if any queries, please go to:

- [R39 | BSc \(Honours\) Nursing | Open University](#) and use the “ask a question” button (near the bottom of the page)



# Reminder

- Request an application pack by completing the **Scotland Nursing Enquiry Form**
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**Thank you and good luck!**



