

Thinking Ahead?

Nursing & Midwifery

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What do Nurses and Midwives do?

There are four main types or 'branches' of **Nursing**, which relate to the four main groups of people they care for, which are Adults, Children, Learning Disabilities and Mental Health

Midwives provide care and support for women and their families whilst pregnant, throughout labour and during the period after a baby's birth.

See - <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles> for more information about their roles and the settings that they work in

What skills and personal qualities do they need?

Excellent organisational and time management skills; good practical skills; the ability to inspire confidence and trust in people; the ability to remain calm under pressure; good teamwork skills and the ability to work on your own initiative; excellent listening and communication skills

If you're applying for a role either directly in the NHS or in an organisation that provides NHS services, you'll be asked to show how you think the NHS values apply in your everyday work. In nursing, these values are defined by the 6Cs:

Care – Compassion – Competence – Communication – Courage - Commitment.

How do I get into Nursing or Midwifery?

In order to gain paid employment as a Nurse or Midwife, you will need to complete a degree course at university. There are four different degree courses for Nursing depending on which area of nursing you would like to work in – Child, Adult, Mental Health or Learning Disability.

Universities generally require a relevant level 3 subject qualification such as an Access to Health Professions, Access to Science or a BTEC National Diploma in a related subject, plus GCSE's at minimum of grade A-C in English, Maths and Science. Some Universities may even require up to 5 GCSE's grade A to C including English, Maths and Science.

Universities also require applicants to have gained a certain level of points or credits on their level 3 qualifications

You will also be required to have some work experience paid or unpaid, where you can demonstrate the skills and qualities required for the role, ideally in a Health or Social Care role, or any other role where you can show you have the transferable skills required.

Entry requirements, especially GCSE requirements, change on a yearly basis, please contact your local university for up to date entry requirements – See 'Where can I study' for more contact details.

Volunteering can be a great way to get hands on experience and gain valuable skills and experience, as well as potential references from staff that you work with. Contact Manchester Volunteer Centre or your local NHS trust for local volunteer opportunities.

Paid work experience can also be gained through a range of Social Care roles where personal skills and qualities are more important than qualifications. See your advisor or local work club for support with job search.

Manchester Volunteer Centre

<https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/volunteer-centre-manchester>

Greater Manchester Hospital Trusts

- University Hospital of South Manchester: Tel: 0161 291 5962
<https://www.uhsm.nhs.uk/jobs/volunteering/>
- The Christie NHS Foundation Trust Tel: 0161 446 3056
<http://www.christie.nhs.uk/professionals/work-with-us/volunteers/> 0161 446 8616
- Stockport NHS Foundation Trust
<https://www.stockport.nhs.uk/44/volunteers>
- Central Manchester Hospital trust: Tel: 0161 276 5190
<http://www.cmft.nhs.uk> or email volunteer.services@cmft.nhs.uk
- Pennine Cote Trust: - not recruiting now until March 2017 Tel: 0161 604 5892
<http://www.pat.nhs.uk>
- Salford Royal Hospital Trust - Tel: 0161 206 8942
www.srft.nhs.uk or email volunteer@srft.nhs.uk
- Tameside NHS Trust - Tel: 0161 922 5335
www.tamesidehospital.nhs.uk or email: karen.eato@tgh.nhs.uk

Where can I study?

University of Salford – Tel: – 0161 295 4545 www.salford.ac.uk

- Offer degree programmes in Midwifery, Adult, Child, Mental Health Nursing and a combined degree in Learning Disability Nursing and Social Work.
- Adult Nursing Entry requirements include Maths & English Functional Skills Level 2

Salford Alternative Entry Scheme (SAES)

Students who do not have the traditional level 3 entry requirements, (they still need the GCSE requirements however) may be able to apply through the [Salford Alternative Entry Scheme](#). See Salford University website for details.

MMU Manchester Metropolitan University - Tel: 0161 247 5920 www.mmu.ac.uk

- Offers a degree in Adult Nursing

University of Manchester - 0161 306 7603 www.manchester.ac.uk

- Offers degrees in Adult, Mental Health and Child Nursing and Midwifery

Bolton University - 01204 900600 – www.bolton.ac.uk

- Offers a degree in Adult Nursing

Local Colleges offering GCSE's and relevant level 3 courses for Degree entry:

- The Manchester College – 0333 322 2444 www.themanchestercollege.ac.uk
- Stockport College – 0161 296 5000 www.stockport.ac.uk
- Trafford College – 0161 886 7000 www.trafford.ac.uk
- Tameside College – 0161 908 6789 www.tameside.ac.uk
- Salford College – 0161 631 5000 www.salford-col.ac.uk
- Oldham College – 0161 785 4000 www.oldham.ac.uk
- Bury College – 0161 280 8280 www.burycollege.ac.uk
- Bolton College - 01204 482000 www.boltoncollege.ac.uk
- Cheadle and Marple College - 0161 486 4600 <http://www.camsfc.ac.uk>

Funding - From August 2017, degree level courses will not be funded by the NHS. All eligible applicants to these courses will be able to apply for student loans in order to pay for course fees and to help pay for living and maintenance costs.

Job vacancies in Nursing and Midwifery

There are 6,000 employers in the Health sector in Greater Manchester, of which 400 are medium-sized or large. This 7% of employers have a minimum of 50 employees. This sector has grown by 32,000 jobs (22.9%) since 2003, and now employs 172,000 people. Between 2013 and 2023, an estimated 1,000 additional jobs are forecast to be created in the Health sector. (Source: <http://careerpoint-gm.co.uk/staff/labour-market-information/sectors/health>)

The largest employer of Nurses and Midwives in Greater Manchester is the NHS. Jobs are advertised on www.jobs.nhs.uk

A list of nursing agencies can be found at: <http://www.nursing-agencies-list.com>

More Information

- www.gov.uk/student-finance for more information about Funding
- <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk>
- www.facebook.com/GMCareersHub - Greater Manchester NHS Careers hub
- **National Careers Service: 0800 100 900**
Website: <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk>
- **National Apprenticeship Service** 08000-150-400
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- **Higher and Degree Apprenticeships**
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-and-degree-apprenticeship-vacancies>

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