

Thinking Ahead?

Nursing and Midwifery

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Learner Services

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What do they 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. You'll work in hospitals, nursing homes, health centres, clinics or prisons.

In an NHS hospital you could work in accident and emergency, cardiac rehabilitation, outpatients, neonatal nursing or an operating theatre.

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

Skills required:

- 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

How to become a Nurse or Midwife

To get into this job you'll need a degree in adult nursing. To register with the [Nursing and Midwifery Council](#) (NMC). Clearance from the [Disclosure and Barring Service](#)

Nursing degree apprenticeships are being developed in 2017. [Health Careers](#) have information about all nurse training, including nursing degree apprenticeships.

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.

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.

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.

Local Contact for Volunteering

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 3056/0161 446 8616
<http://www.christie.nhs.uk/professionals/work-with-us/volunteers/>
- Stockport NHS Foundation Trust: Tel: 0161 419 5400
<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 Cude Trust: 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

Local Universities that offer degree courses

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

The following colleges in Greater Manchester offer relevant Access courses for Adults and also GCSE's

- Manchester College 03333 222 444 www.themanchestercollege.ac.uk
- Trafford College - Tel: 0161 886 7070 www.trafford.ac.uk
- Salford College – Tel: 0161 631 5000 www.salford.ac.uk
- Oldham College – Tel: 0161 785 4000 www.oldhamcollege.ac.uk
- Stockport College - Tel: 0161 296 5000 www.stockport.ac.uk
- Tameside College – Tel: 0161 908 6600 www.tameside.ac.uk

You can also do GCSE English and Maths at:

- Manchester Adult Education – www.manchester.gov.uk/adulteducation

Other Sources of useful information

[The Nursing and Midwifery Council](#) have information on how to become a nurse.

National Careers Service: 0800 100 900
nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

Information on financial help www.gov.uk/further-education-courses/financial-help

NHS careers – Nursing
www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing

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