

FUTURE NURSE CAREER PATHWAYS

Fields of practice: Adult Nursing, Children's Nursing, Learning Disability Nursing, Mental Health Nursing.



FUTURE NURSE

NURSING DEGREE ROUTE

APPLICANTS:

Anyone with the relevant qualifications can apply, including school pupils, college students, mature student career changers and assistant practitioners.
Time: 3 to 4 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Entry requirements vary but you are likely to need 3 SQA Highers at grade C or SCQF Level 6 equivalent plus supporting National 5 Qualifications in English and Maths or SCQF Level 5 equivalent.

12 universities provide nursing degrees across Scotland.

Bursaries are available and course fees are paid by Scottish Government.

www.careers.nhs.scot/nursing

HNC HEALTHCARE PRACTICE ROUTE

APPLICANTS:

Healthcare support workers and individuals who do not have the required qualifications for direct entry into university programmes.
Time: 3 to 4 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

2 SQA Highers or SCQF Level 6 equivalent.

Successful learners may go directly into 2nd year university studies.

Many colleges in Scotland provide HNC Healthcare Practice qualification.

Course funding available depending on application.

<https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47715.html>

SCOTTISH WIDER ACCESS PROGRAMME (SWAP) ROUTE

APPLICANTS:

Adult learners who have been out of education for 3 or more years.
Time: 4 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

None.

Tuition fees and a bursary may be available.

www.scottishwideraccess.org

RETURN TO NURSING PRACTICE

APPLICANTS:

Former qualified nurses.
Time: Up to 6 months

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Statement of Entry confirming previous registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

This is a practice based course.
Funding for course fees may be available.

bit.ly/nursingRTP

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ROUTE

APPLICANTS:

Healthcare support workers.
Time: 4 years part-time

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

SCQF level 5 numeracy and literacy or OU 'Access to Nursing' - no formal qualifications required.

Remain employed in existing post while studying nursing degree.

Online learning with placements locally.

Scottish Government pay course fees.

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