About your course

Courses covered

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You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.  

Important points

- All applicants must undergo an interview with representatives of the sponsoring organisation, conducted in collaboration with the University.

- Prior to commencing the programme applicants must demonstrate that they have good health and good character, sufficient for safe and effective practice as a Specialist Community Nurse. A satisfactory Occupational Health Clearance and Disclosure and Barring Service enhanced check will also be required. For students on the part-time pathway this will be carried out again at the end of the first year.

- Access to an appropriate specialist community practice placement with a designated practice supervisor and practice assessor whilst enrolled on the programme. This is normally provided through the sponsoring organisation.

- Applicants are usually sponsored by a Community NHS Trust and will exit with a Post Graduate Diploma. Should applicants wish to continue to complete the Masters (60 credits) this would be self-funded by the applicant.

- All modules are compulsory for the award of Post Graduate Diploma Specialist Community Nursing, however applicants will have the option of completing either an Nurse Independent Prescribing award or V100 Nurse Prescribing award.

- The programme fulfils the professional standards for the education and preparation of Specialist Community Nurses (SCN) (UKCC 2001) and is endorsed by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), leading to professional recognition as District Nurses, Community Children’s Nurses and General Practice Nurses. The programme prepares applicants to effectively contribute to current health policy agenda through the provision of quality specialist community nursing interventions that promote health and well-being of individuals, families, groups and communities. The programme has two exit points:
  - Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Community Nursing
  - MSc in Specialist Community Nursing

- Effective registration on the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) professional register at Postgraduate Diploma level.
• We will use every reasonable effort to provide your educational and other related services in the manner and to the standards set out in our prospectuses, on our website, and in our other published materials. At times there may be circumstances outside our reasonable control which have a detrimental effect on how we provide our services to you. If circumstances such as these arise, we cannot make an absolute commitment that your studies will not be disrupted, but we will use every reasonable effort to minimise any disruption to you.

• Due to the nature of certain programmes of study, we advise applicants who will be under 18 years of age on or after the date of registration that this may mean there are financial implications and/or an impact on the structure, timing and trajectory of their studies, since the legislative requirements for safeguarding students under the age of 18 may present challenges in securing an appropriate range and scope of practice placements. If you have any concerns, we would be pleased to discuss the issues outlined above with any potential applicants.

**Academic Year**

**Academic Year 2020 – 2021**

The University’s academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. Normally most undergraduate programmes use Semesters A and B, additionally postgraduate programmes and specific undergraduate programmes use Semester C. Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- Semester A runs from Monday 27 September 2021 to Friday 21 January 2022
- Semester B runs from Monday 24 January 2022 to Friday 13 May 2022
- Semester C runs from Monday 16 May 2022 to Friday 09 September 2022

**Additional expenses**

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