

BSC (HONS) NURSING STUDIES

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AWARDS

Bachelor of Science Nursing Studies

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STUDY MODE

Full-time, on campus

STUDY OPTIONS

1 year, Degree 2 years, Honours Degree

START DATE

September 2017

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COURSE OVERVIEW

The BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies course provides international nursing students, who are registered nurses, with two entry route options to an academic qualification in Nursing. Students can obtain a BSc Degree in 1 year OR a BSc Honours Degree in 2 years. Students will study on campus, in Aberdeen, where they will integrate with United Kingdom (UK) students and experience life as a student in the UK and, importantly, UK nurse education.

COURSE BENEFITS

- International students will share modules with undergraduate nursing students and attend lectures and tutorials with home students to provide a rich cross cultural learning experience. Students on this course will be joining the existing cohort of undergraduate adult nursing students who will be in Stage 3 of their BNursing (Hons) course.

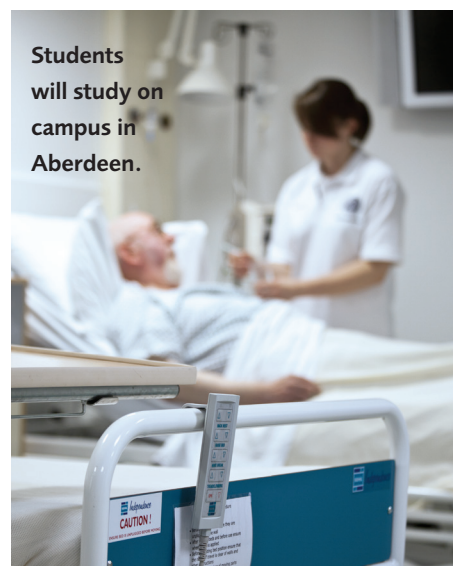
- Students will have the opportunity to undertake **clinical placements** in a range of clinical environments for example, acute surgical and medical and community areas.

This aims to enrich the cultural experience for the international student and provide valuable insight into a different healthcare system when the students undertake clinical placements and deliver direct patient care during the Practice Experience module.

- **Leadership** is a key theme within the course and students will also have the opportunity whilst on placement to observe local clinical practice in relation to leading and managing staff as well as patient care. Students will be able to develop their existing clinical skills both in the University and in clinical practice. The skills based modules will use the University's state of the art clinical skills centre to develop their clinical skills using simulation including the use of volunteer patients.

The key themes of the course are detailed below:

- Science
- Therapeutic Practice
- Person and Family – Centred Care
- Skills for Safe Practice
- Practice Experience



Students will study on campus in Aberdeen.



BSc NURSING STUDIES MODULES

- Sciences for Advancing Adult Nursing
- Complex Therapeutic Interventions in Adult Nursing
- Leading, Managing and Researching Quality Nursing Care
- Nursing Practice Experience 2
- Contemporary Unscheduled Care

BSc (HONS) NURSING STUDIES MODULES

- Extended Study-Dissertation
- Integrated Health and Social Care
- Leadership in Health
- Nursing Practice Experience 3
- Option modules – select one from the following; Minor Illness, Minor Injury, Wound Care, Renal Nursing Theory

The University regularly reviews its courses. Course content and structure may change over time. For more information, visit **www.rgu.ac.uk/course-disclaimer**

ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed by a variety of methods including written exam, essays, Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE's) and a portfolio for clinical practice.

STUDENT SUPPORT

It is acknowledged that international students will be adapting to a difference county and culture here in the UK and will require specific support and guidance to enable the student to settle into both UK and University life. There is a bespoke induction week at the start of the

course to ensure that students have time to settle into the University before their module classes start. Throughout the course there is a framework of assistance and guidance provided to students e.g. by module tutors and personal tutors, through which the student develops initiative, motivation and resourcefulness. Online resources will be available before the course starts.

RGU has a strong track record of supporting international (non EU) students with currently over 1000 international students studying full time, on campus representing 65 nationalities.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy the University's general admission requirements for undergraduate and postgraduate courses as contained in Academic Regulation A2: Admission, including proficiency to a minimum standard in the English language. Specific entry requirements for this course are detailed below.

Bachelor of Science Nursing students must hold a nursing registration in their own home country and an academic qualification equivalent of 240 credits at SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) level 8. They should also typically have a minimum of 2 years current post registration nursing experience.

Applicants whose first language is not English are required to have an IELTS (International English Language Testing System) score of 6.0 overall, with no less than 6.0 in all components, or an equivalent.

Students must also provide a 5 year address history and if this shows that they have been out of their home country for 13 weeks or more they will be required to obtain overseas criminal record clearance from the country they have been in.

All applicants who accept a place on the course are subject to an occupational health assessment. Applicants who declare a health condition or a disability will be assessed as appropriate, through the occupational health provider and/or the University disability advisor in relation to the compatibility of the applicant's condition to nursing practice, with a view to reasonable adjustments being made where feasible.

An offer of a place on the course is conditional on the applicant's carrier immune status for specific infectious diseases being acceptable e.g. Hepatitis B and TB.

TUITION FEE:

The cost of the course is £12,900 per annum.

Additional costs:

- Uniforms for Clinical Placements: approximately £50
- Health Clearance: £260 and may be more if immunisations are required.
- Disclosure Scotland PVG Scheme: £50 (only for students doing the Pre-sessional English Language Course).

PRE-SESSIONAL ENGLISH PROGRAMME (PSP)

Applicants who have not met the required English language level or wish to improve their language competency, may choose to take the PSP at the University.

For further information, please visit www.rgu.ac.uk/international/pre-sessional-english



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