



MSc/PG Dip Advanced Nursing

This course is aimed at experienced nurses who are seeking to develop their practice to an advanced level. The course attracts a rich mix of home and international students from a variety of nursing backgrounds and roles, embracing both clinical practice and education.

The aim of the programme is to enable students to:

- explore and evaluate the status and potential of advanced nursing in national and international contexts
- consolidate and extend theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the delivery of nursing care
- achieve mastery in the critical analysis of research, policy and scholarship relevant to advancing nursing
- engage in a research project aimed at advancing nursing within the student's specialist field





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School of Health Sciences

The University has an impressive worldwide reputation for academic excellence and is part of the Russell Group of 20 leading UK universities. The School is ranked fifth in the UK in terms of its research power for nursing and midwifery.

Duration

PG Dip: 9 months full-time, 24 months part-time
MSc: 12 months full-time, 24-48 months part-time

Location

Nottingham centre.

Introduction

The MSc/Postgraduate Diploma Advanced Nursing has been designed in partnership with health service colleagues to ensure the course is grounded in the realities of contemporary nursing practice. Course participants value being part of a cohort of enthusiastic nurses from a variety of professional and geographical contexts. Ample opportunity is provided for formal and informal reflection with other course participants, tutors and clinical supervisors. The course offers an opportunity to develop advanced skills in relation to nursing practice, research, education and leadership.

Career opportunities

A recent survey of graduates shows that the majority have progressed in their careers following graduation. Our graduates tend to work in a range of senior nursing roles, for example: nurse consultant, clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, practice development nurse and lecturer- practitioner.

Course structure

The course follows a modular structure. Students undertaking the MSc complete 180 credits, and students undertaking the Postgraduate Diploma complete 120 credits, not including the dissertation project.

Core modules	Credits
Evidence for Health and Social Care	30
Theory and Practice of Advanced Nursing	30
Dissertation	60

Students undertaking the MSc in Advanced Nursing can follow a generic pathway that allows free choice of further modules (60 credits). Our optional modules focus on advanced skills related to clinical practice, leadership and teaching.

Alternatively, students may elect to follow a specialist pathway by completing the specified modules. The specialist pathways available are:

- Adult Critical Care
- Critical and High Dependency Care of Neonates, Infants and Children
- Palliative and End of Life Care
- Trauma Care
- Psychological Therapies for Psychosis

Part-time students attend classes on one day a week. Full-time students attend classes on two days a week, with additional time spent undertaking practice visits and developing project work.

Each module is assessed independently, with modules designed to complement each other and to build sequentially upon earlier course content. All assignments require students to integrate theoretical and research-based knowledge with critical reflection upon nursing practice.

Clinical practice visits

Students are offered the opportunity to participate in visits to a specialist clinical area of their choice. We work in partnership with Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, one of the largest providers of healthcare services in the UK. There is an option for a further clinical practicum at the end of the course (additional costs apply).

Funding and scholarships

Most UK students are funded through their employers and NHS training monies. Some students have also been successful in obtaining scholarships from national funding bodies. Further information about funding opportunities is available on our website in the Postgraduate Study area.

Entry requirements

All applicants must be qualified nurses. UK participants must be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), and will usually have at least two years professional nursing experience, including one year in their chosen area of specialist practice. Applications from international students are most welcome and will be assessed on an individual basis.

International students must meet the University's minimum English language requirements:

IELTS: 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element)

TOEFL IBT: 87 (minimum 20 in speaking and 19 in all other elements)

Applicants will usually hold a first degree. However, it is possible to access the course on a part-time basis without a degree if the applicant can demonstrate 'equivalence' in their professional and educational profile.

How to apply

Visit the school website at www.nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences and select this course from the Postgraduate Study area. You can apply electronically within the course entry using the 'Apply for this course' button.

Find out more

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