



Healthcare
Education Centre

Undergraduate studies in

Nursing

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Important information

The programme information published in this brochure was correct at time of going to print (June 2024) and may be subject to change. Prospective students are advised to check the definitive programme information, including entry requirements, that is available on our website before making an application, to ensure that the programme meets their needs.

Welcome



Here at Aberystwyth, we pride ourselves on delivering a learning experience which helps you understand what it takes to deliver excellent nursing care.

Nursing at Aberystwyth University offers a bespoke and intimate learning experience. The local community and environment have helped us shape the curriculum. Our Healthcare Education Centre is newly established and houses the Clinical Skills Unit, a state-of-the-art simulation suite where students can learn clinical skills in a safe and supportive environment.

The Aberystwyth University nurse celebrates diversity, engages proactively with their learning journey and is flexible and confident to lead and deliver healthcare across both rural and urban settings. They understand the Nursing and Midwifery Council's professional code of practice and how this guides their everyday approach to professional nursing practice.

As a nurse your skills will be in demand, and your learning experiences during your course will allow you to enhance your self-awareness, develop confidence, and clinical expertise. Nursing is a versatile

profession, with employment opportunities available within primary, secondary and tertiary care, community services, education, research, management, tourism, industry, public and private sectors, voluntary and charitable organisations. Once qualified, lots of opportunities are available to help you progress your career including roles in management, advanced and specialist clinical practice, and research.

You can study part of your course through the medium of Welsh, and if you are a non-Welsh speaker and wish to learn Welsh, there are conversational health-related Welsh lessons via a 'cornel coffi a chlonc' (coffee and chat corner).

A warm welcome awaits all.

Amanda Jones
Principal in Healthcare Education



Nursing (Adult)

BSc (Hons) | B740 | 3 years

Our Adult Nursing degree programme at Aberystwyth University, accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council, will give you the skills and experience to meet society's evolving health needs in a diverse and rewarding profession.

Adult Nursing at Aberystwyth develops nursing professionals who can deliver excellent care in a range of settings and who place the patient at the centre of decision-making. Over your three years, you will develop the ability to assess, plan, implement, evaluate and monitor care safely and effectively, and to promote dignity, care and compassion.

Your clinical and academic skills are developed within a strong and established system of support, through personal tutors in the Healthcare Education Centre, and Clinical Practice Supervisors and Practice Assessors in placements, which are embedded into the programme. You will develop your clinical skills during practice placements that may require you to travel out of the local area.

The nursing programme has adopted a student-centred blended learning approach using a combination of self-directed, online and face-to-face teaching, which will be delivered through lead lectures, seminars, group work, presentations, workshops, simulation, case studies, action learning sets and clinical supervision. This is complemented by skills-based learning in the Centre's Clinical Skills Units.

The study places on this programme are commissioned by Health Education and Improvement Wales, and funding to cover tuition fees will be in accordance with the NHS Wales Bursary Scheme or the usual Student Finance route. Further financial support is available from the NHS Wales Bursary Scheme. Please note that you will have to commit to working in Wales for two years after qualifying and registering as a nurse with the NMC if you receive the NHS Wales Bursary. This process is managed centrally by NHS Wales Shared Service Partnership, and the Student Streamlining Scheme will ensure that you will be matched to a suitable position of your choice in your identified locality.

Employability

Upon graduation, you will be eligible to apply for Registered Nurse (Adult) status with the Nursing and Midwifery Council, and to register as a nurse for work in the EU and EEA. You can expect a starting salary of £25,655 rising to £53,219 for a highly experienced staff nurse. Specialist nurses and practice managers can earn £45,000.

Key Facts

Typical offer:
UCAS tariff points: 104 - 96
IB: 28-26 points overall.

Interview: In line with the Once for Wales approach, those meeting the admissions criteria will be invited to attend a Student Selection Event.

Additional Requirements:
Good Health and Good Character assessment which includes:

- Occupational Health Screening
- Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Screening

(once you've been offered a place to study with us).



Module list

Below is an indicative list of modules that you will study on this course.

First year:

- Introduction to Professional Practice
- Developing Professional Practice
- Understanding the Human Body
- Demonstrating Professional Practice *

Second year:

- Introduction to Field Specific Nursing
- Complex Field Specific Nursing
- Pathophysiology of Common Conditions
- Enhancing Professional Practice *

Final year:

- Compassionate Leadership and Management
- Innovating Practice
- Transition to Autonomous Practitioner
- Leading Professional Practice *

* also available partially or entirely through the medium of Welsh.



Nursing (Mental Health)

BSc (Hons) | B760 | 3 years

Our Mental Health Nursing degree programme at Aberystwyth University, accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council, will give you the skills and experience to meet society's evolving health needs in a diverse and rewarding profession.

As mental health awareness becomes increasingly prevalent in society, we prepare students to work with individuals of all ages, with a range of mental health experiences, in diverse settings. As a mental health nurse, you'll play your part in improving access to healthcare, wellbeing, social inclusion and quality of life.

Your clinical and academic skills are developed within a strong and established system of support through personal tutors in the Healthcare Education Centre, and Clinical Practice Supervisors and Practice Assessors in placements, which are embedded into the programme. You will develop your clinical skills during practice placements that may require you to travel out of the local area.

The nursing programme has adopted a student-centred blended learning approach using a combination of self-directed, online and face-to-face teaching, which will be delivered through lead lectures, seminars, group work, presentations, workshops, simulation, case studies, action learning sets and clinical supervision. This is complemented by skills-based learning in the Centre's Clinical Skills Units.

Learning in the Healthcare Education Centre at Aberystwyth is enhanced by our newly established Clinical Skills Unit, a simulation suite where you can learn and practice clinical skills in a safe and supportive environment. Our facilities will allow you to put your theoretical knowledge into practice in an environment that reflects as closely as possible the actual conditions that you will experience when you go on placement in a hospital or community setting.

Employability

Upon graduation, you will be eligible to apply for Registered Nurse (Mental Health) status with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and to register as a nurse for work in the EU and EEA. You can expect a starting salary of £25,655 rising to £53,219 for a highly experienced staff nurse.

Key Facts



Typical offer:
UCAS tariff points: 104 - 96
IB: 28-26 points overall.



Interview: In line with the Once for Wales approach, those meeting the admissions criteria will be invited to attend a Student Selection Event.



Additional Requirements:
Good Health and Good Character assessment which includes:

- Occupational Health Screening
- Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Screening

(once you've been offered a place to study with us).



Module list

Below is an indicative list of modules that you will study on this course.

First year:

- Introduction to Professional Practice
- Developing Professional Practice
- Understanding the Human Body
- Demonstrating Professional Practice *

Second year:

- Introduction to Field Specific Nursing
- Complex Field Specific Nursing
- Pathophysiology of Common Conditions
- Enhancing Professional Practice *

Final year:

- Compassionate Leadership and Management
- Innovating Practice
- Transition to Autonomous Practitioner
- Leading Professional Practice *

* also available partially or entirely through the medium of Welsh.



Cert HE: Healthcare Education

2 years, part-time

The Certificate in Healthcare Education at Aberystwyth University aims to provide an inclusive learning experience which meets the Nursing and Midwifery Council's [NMC] Education standards for Part 1 nurse-training. This means that our Cert HE students will undertake studies equivalent to the first year of our pre-registration BSc nurse training programme over a two-year period. The programme will be delivered and assessed in partnership with local Practice Learning Partners, and will enable students to deliver person-centred, holistic care to the people they encounter in clinical practice.

Throughout the Cert HE programme, we will introduce you to nursing theory and principles which are complemented by working in professional practice. Our theory modules will focus on providing holistic, person-centred care and will develop understanding of human development, factors influencing health and well-being, service delivery, professional nursing practice, human anatomy, physiology and integrated pharmacology.

Theory modules are 7 weeks in duration and will be delivered in semester 1 and 2 of the University calendar for year 1, and semester 1 only in year 2. You will be released for 15 hours per week from your substantive post to attend theory modules. Self-directed learning hours will also be a requirement of the programme.

Key Facts



Due to funding arrangements, students must be employed in a healthcare role, within a health or social care setting within the Mid Wales region, to be eligible for the programme.



See www.aber.ac.uk/nursing for details on how to apply.

Module list

Below is an indicative list of modules that you may study on this course.

First year:

- Introduction to Nursing Practice
- Developing Nursing Practice
- Demonstrating Nursing Practice.

Final year:

- Developing Knowledge of the Human Body
- Demonstrating Nursing Practice.

Return to Practice



(Adult Nursing)

The part-time Return to Practice (Adult Nursing) programme at Aberystwyth University provides you with an inclusive learning experience which meets the Nursing and Midwifery Council's [NMC] Return to Practice Standards (2019). This course will enable you to apply for re-admission to the professional register as an autonomous registered healthcare practitioner, confident in your ability to meet the person-centred, holistic care needs of the wonderfully diverse people you encounter in practice.

The programme is also suitable for nurses who are unable to meet the NMC's practice hours requirements for revalidation in order to remain on the professional register.

This 60-credit level 6, part-time module aims to provide you with the knowledge, practice hours and competencies to meet the Return to Practice Standards (NMC 2019), and be eligible for readmission to the NMC register. This module will enable you to regain confidence and update your skills and knowledge in a safe and effective way.

The programme is 20 weeks in total, consisting of 22.5 hours per week. The first two weeks will be theory based, to ensure that you have completed the necessary foundational training required for clinical practice. The following 18 weeks will consist of one blended learning day and two practice placement days per week. Your clinical shifts will be negotiated locally with your placement provider. Some flexibility will be needed to meet shift patterns, student needs and personal circumstances. All practice hours will be logged and verified.



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The UCAS application process

Students wishing to apply for Nursing (Adult) or Nursing (Mental Health) should follow the below process. Students interested in the Cert HE: Healthcare Education or Return to Practice courses should see aber.ac.uk/nursing for information about how to apply.

1 Apply through UCAS.com

Check the UCAS deadline on UCAS.com. Aberystwyth University institution code: A40.

TOP TIP: You'll be given a 10-digit UCAS ID number. Keep this to hand as you'll be asked for it many times.

2 The University will consider your application

TOP TIP: Use UCAS Hub to keep an eye on your application. At Aberystwyth we aim to make a decision within seven days.

3 The offer will show on UCAS Hub

The University's decision will show on UCAS Hub - if you've been made an offer, it will tell you what grades you need to achieve to secure your place.

4 Decide where to go

Once you've received all your offers, you'll need to decide which university you want to go to, within a set time. This is when you'll need to note which universities will be your Firm and Insurance choices.

5 Accommodation

Once you've chosen your Firm/Insurance choice you'll be invited to apply for accommodation.

6 Results day

UCAS Hub will tell you whether your place is confirmed at your Firm choice. If you don't get the grades you'd hoped for, you may want to consider entering Clearing.

7 Start packing!

Remember to keep an eye on your emails for information about arrival and welcome activities.





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