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PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

PRE REGISTRATION PROGRAMMES

Pre-registration programmes in Higher Education, leading to a Diploma or a Degree, in Nursing and Registration on the Professional Register as:

Registered Nurse - Adult
or
Registered Nurse - Mental Health
or
Registered Nurse - Learning Disabilities
or
Registered Nurse - Children

Pre-registration programmes in Higher Education, leading to a Diploma or a Degree, in Midwifery and Registration on the Professional Register as:

Registered Midwife

SHORTENED PATHWAY FOR GRADUATES

ACCELERATED PROGRAMME FOR CANDIDATES WITH PRIOR LEARNING (advanced standing given in Year 1)

CONVERSION COURSES (for already registered nurses)

- Graduates (only available for those applying for Adult Nursing acceptable degree content Biology/Life Science or Psychology/Sociology/Behavioural Science)
- Prior experiential learning through work experience including vocational courses
- Previously registered nurses and midwives (1st and 2nd level)

PRE-REGISTRATION MIDWIFERY PROGRAMME (SHORTENED)

Pre-registration programmes in Higher Education, leading to a Degree, in Midwifery and Registration on the Professional Register as:

Registered Midwife

COMMENCEMENT DATES

PRE-REGISTRATION PROGRAMMES

All 3 year programmes will commence in October and there will be a second intake in February for Adult Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Child Nursing. The Shortened Course for Graduates intake is in October and February.

SHORTENED MIDWIFERY COURSE

One intake each year (October)

MINIMUM UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates under 21 years of age will be expected to have gained at least 5 Standard grade qualifications at grade 1, 2 or 3 (or equivalent) and 2 SQA Highers or their equivalent by the beginning of the Nursing or Midwifery programme for which they have applied. Preference will be given to those with Higher English and or Higher Biology/Human Biology/Psychology or their equivalent.

Candidates over 21 years of age will be expected to have gained at least 5 Standard grade qualifications at grade 1, 2 or 3 (or equivalent) and show evidence of learning beyond that stated minimum.

All candidates must have attained a Standard grade qualification (grade 1, 2 or 3) or its equivalent in English.

A science standard grade bands 1, 2 or 3 or equivalent is desirable.

Applicants for the direct entry 3 year Midwifery programme must offer a pass in a science subject.

All candidates should note that numeracy and IT skills are essential for those wishing to undertake either the Nursing or Midwifery programmes

Candidates for the Shortened Course for Graduates must hold a degree awarded by an institution within the European Union and include subjects relevant to nursing, including studies in either Biology or Social Science.

All applicants who wish to be considered for accelerated courses (Conversion courses) and who are previously registered nurses or midwives must be registered on the appropriate part of the Professional Register.

All applicants to the shortened midwifery course must be registered on the Professional Register as a Registered Nurse - Adult.

AGE LIMITS

The minimum age for the Pre-registration Programmes is 17 years on day of commencement of courses. No upper age limit applies.

HEALTH INFORMATION

Good physical and mental health with reasonable fitness. The University aims to promote an inclusive learning environment and welcomes enquiries from the widest possible range of applicants.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

All applicants are given serious consideration on an individual basis. Most applicants are called to an information/selection day. This day gives the opportunity to provide candidates with a wide range of information about the programme for which they have applied as well as addressing matters relating to being a student in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences.

COURSE STRUCTURE

PRE-REGISTRATION PROGRAMMES IN NURSING

FULL-TIME

The programme takes 3 years to complete, delivered over a 45 week year which consists of 3 trimesters. Each one of these lasts for 15 weeks. The programme is designed on a modular basis, each module attracting CATS framework points. Students undertake 3 or 4 modules each trimester. Modules during the Summer trimesters are designed to enable the student to study flexibly and the time required to attend University is less than the Autumn and Spring Trimesters. Each module is assessed independently and throughout the programme a variety of methods are used to do this.

The first year is common for all students undertaking nursing programmes although emphasis is placed on ensuring that both theory and practice learning are relevant to the students chosen branch. All students are offered sessions which will enhance their study skills and these are further developed in years two and three. Students commence their practice placements in the second trimester. At the end of the first year a student may choose to leave with a Certificate in Health Studies.

During the second and third years students will focus on their chosen branch and become prepared to practice safely and effectively at the point of registration within a variety of settings. There are extended periods of supervised practice and students also undertake elective modules in which they can develop their skills in an area of their choice.

FLEXIBLE OPTION

The modular approach enables a variety of flexible options to be offered. This ensures that we are more likely to meet your needs.

PRE-REGISTRATION PROGRAMMES IN MIDWIFERY

Three year Programme - this programme takes 3 years to complete on a full-time basis and is delivered over a 45 week year. The programme is designed on a modular basis, each module attracting CATS framework points. The module learning is designed to prepare the student to practice safely and effectively at the point of registration. The programme is competency based and is grounded in the principle that the education of student midwives will demonstrate a women-centred approach to care based on partnership, which respects the individuality of the women and her family.

Shortened Programme - this is an 18 month modular programme for Registered Adult Nurses, based on the same principles and philosophy as the three year programme.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Nursing students have clinical practice experience in Health and Social Care settings throughout Lothian and the Borders.

Midwifery students have practice experience in Maternity Units in St John's Hospital - Howden; The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh and Borders General Hospital Maternity Unit and also in Community settings throughout the region.

Residents in the Scottish Borders area may be able to undertake some practice experience in the Borders.

CRITERIA FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

A variety of methods are used to assess students throughout the course. Criteria include:

- assessment of practical skills and knowledge of theory for each module
- regular high levels of attendance in order to gain the required hours of experience
- a range of written assignments and examinations during the programme
- demonstration of good character and professional conduct throughout the course

To be recommended to the Nursing and Midwifery Council for registration as a nurse or as a midwife on the Professional Register, and to gain the appropriate academic award in Nursing or Midwifery the student must:

- meet all the requirements of the programme regulations,
- conform to the University's Code of Conduct/Policies,
- meet requirements prescribed by E.U. Directives where relevant.

THE UNIVERSITY, THE FACULTY OF HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES AND ITS PHILOSOPHY

The Faculty is committed to encouraging applications from a wide range of people with varied academic and work orientated backgrounds who wish to achieve their maximum potential. The climate is one of trust with a high degree of openness. As a result it is believed that students should gain the expertise to practice as nurses and midwives, promoting or restoring wellness, preventing illness and alleviating suffering.

RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Details of available accommodation can be obtained from Napier University Accommodations Office (Tel: 0131 455 4545)

SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Festival City of Edinburgh caters for a wide range of pursuits. High quality city centre shopping is complemented by a number of out-of-town shopping malls. Museums, galleries, theatres and cinemas cater for those with an interest in the arts. A lively social life is possible through numerous clubs, restaurants and other eating places. Sport and recreational activities are well catered for in venues throughout Lothian. Public transport enables easy movement within the region. External links are made easy by Intercity Rail services and Edinburgh International Airport. Further details are included in the Napier University Prospectus.

The Borders is an area of considerable scenic beauty. It is a largely rural area with good bus services to Edinburgh, Carlisle and Newcastle. There are some lively clubs and discos. A number of thriving interest groups and societies give new members a warm welcome, for example rugby, riding, cricket and other sports, drama, opera, photography, literary and film clubs. There is much of historic interest, including early Christian and Roman periods. Students can join the local community in celebrating the Common Ridings and festivals in the Border Towns.