

Department of Nursing and Midwifery



BSc Nursing – Frequently Asked Questions (2024-25)

Online Information:

Nursing: <https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/courses/bsc-nursing/>

Dept Nursing: <https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/studying-at-uhi/nursing/>

What is the University UCAS code?

H49

Additional UCAS Codes

Programme Code

Campus Code

Adult Nursing: B740
Mental Health Nursing: B760

Inverness: Y
Western Isles: W

What are the Entry Qualifications?

Three-year degree - Adult or Mental Health Field

- 3 Scottish Highers at grades BBC or above OR
- 2 A levels at grade BC or above OR
- Access to Nursing with a pass and BBC in the profile OR
- HNCs: Healthcare Practice preferred, although any health/science-related HNC will be considered, plus SQA National 5 English and Maths (grade C) / Intermediate 2 (grade C) / Standard (grade 3) / GCSE (grade 4), or equivalent OR
- SVQ Level 3 pass in a care-related subject (or equivalent) plus 2 Scottish Highers at grade C or above OR
- SCQF Level 6 Health and Social Care pass with BBC grade profile OR
- Completion of a Foundation Apprenticeship in Social Services and Healthcare plus one Higher at grade B or above

Additional requirements

English/ESOL: Either National 5 (Grade 3), Intermediate 2 (Grade 3), Standard Grade (Grade 2), GCSE English Literature or English Language (Grade 4) or OU Everyday English 2

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Mathematics/Application of Maths/Lifeskills Maths: National 5 (Grade C), Intermediate 2 (Grade C), Standard Grade (Grade 3), or GCSE (Grade 4) or OU Everyday Maths 2

Other University Courses may be considered – check with admissions

admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk

More information can be found on the course web-page: [BSc Nursing \(uhi.ac.uk\)](https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/courses/bsc-nursing/)

Can I visit the campus?	Yes, please do attend one of our Open Days (Open Days - UHI), or contact us to arrange a visit to one of our Campuses – admissions.nursing@uhi.ac.uk
How do I apply?	All applications are online via UCAS - UCAS At the heart of connecting people to higher education Considering university? - Admission to courses (uhi.ac.uk)
What is the best email address to use?	It is advised to use a personal email address rather than a school/college email address as we will be sending information prior to commencing the programme in September (and this is sent by email). This may be after you have completed your school/college studies (you may not have access to this email if you have completed your studies).
What happens after I apply?	After you have applied, your application will be considered and if further supporting information is required an email will be sent asking for the additional information. Considering university? - Already applied? (uhi.ac.uk)
Is there an interview?	There is a compulsory Group Applicant Selection Interview. You will be sent an invitation via email to attend (all applicants local to Inverness/Stornoway will automatically be sent an invitation for face-to-face, applicants from further away can request online if they cannot attend face-to-face). Additional information on interviews will be attached with the interview invitation email.
What happens after interview?	After interview and within UCAS deadlines, you will receive either an Unconditional offer (no academic conditions, but you will still have to meet PVG and Occupational Health checks prior to entry onto the programme) or a Conditional offer (academic conditions, PVG and Occupational Health checks to meet prior to entry onto the programme). If you have applied by 31st January 2024 , you should receive a decision by 16th May 2024 . If you have applied between 1st February – 30th June 2024 you should receive a decision by 17th July 2024 . Applications received from 1st July 2024 onwards will be notified of a decision by mid-August 2024 . <u>For Conditional Offers Only:</u> Your offer will be conditional if you still have examinations to take, we need verification of your qualifications, or if you must meet other non-academic entry requirements. Your offer will state the examinations you must pass and the results you must achieve, plus any non-academic requirements. Unless an earlier date is specified in your offer, all academic conditions must be met in full by 23rd August 2024 .
Where can I get information on the PVG scheme?	Further information on the PVG scheme is on our website - Admission to courses - Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme (uhi.ac.uk) and also on the Disclosure Scotland website - Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) scheme - mygov.scot

<p>I have lived overseas; will I require an overseas criminal record check?</p>	<p>If you have lived overseas or have spent 6 continuous months or more outside the UK, we will require an overseas criminal record check for the relevant country(ies). More information is on our website - Admission to courses - Overseas Criminal Record Checks for PVG courses (uhi.ac.uk)</p>
<p>When does the programme start?</p>	<p>2nd September 2024 – the first week is an induction week (which is mandatory attendance) before you proceed on the programme.</p>
<p>Can I study part-time?</p>	<p>No, it is a full-time programme (equivalent to 40 hours/week).</p>
<p>Do I get a bursary?</p>	<p>If you meet Scottish residency conditions you will be entitled to a non-means tested SAAS bursary – which is currently £10,000 https://www.saas.gov.uk/full-time/funding-paramedic-nursing-midwifery https://www.saas.gov.uk/files/471/saas-nursing-midwifery-quick-guide.pdf</p>
<p>Where can I find information on funding available?</p>	<p>Additional information on funding can be found on our website – see links below: How much will it cost? - Funding (uhi.ac.uk) Funding - Nursing students (uhi.ac.uk) Funding - Funding FAQs (uhi.ac.uk) Funding - RUK bursary (uhi.ac.uk)</p>
<p>What is the Clinical Practice Learning element? (Practice Learning experiences)</p>	<p>Clinical practice modules are between 5 and 13 weeks long, and you undertake 8 clinical modules throughout the 3-year programme. These could be located anywhere within the NHS Board areas of Highland and Western Isles. You must be available to undertake 40 hours per week covering shifts providing care over 24 hours. Some of your placements will likely be outwith daily travelling distance and will require overnight accommodation whilst undertaking your required hours. SAAS provide assistance with travel and accommodation expenses for placement and claims can be made on a weekly basis.</p>
<p>Can I arrange my own clinical practice learning experiences?</p>	<p>No. Placements are arranged in agreement with the clinical area by the Department of Nursing to ensure you meet all requirements of the NMC. You may not be able to get all these experiences in certain areas so should expect to travel or stay away at times.</p>
<p>Holidays</p>	<p>Holidays are set within the programme and non-negotiable. You will have access to an annual flowchart once on the programme and can request this in advance if it is useful.</p>
<p>Can I do paid work whilst training</p>	<p>It is possible to fit some paid work on days off or on your annual leave, but it is important to remember that the course is a full-time course which is demanding and challenging, and you will be required to work a range of day, night, and weekend shifts as part of your clinical practice experiences, which may take you away from your local area for periods of time. Students often find that NHS nursing bank work as a Healthcare Support Worker works well with the programme.</p>

	<p>During clinical placements you should not work any more than 10 hours per week in any other capacity – this is an EU Directive (the legal limit for total hours worked is 48 hrs per week averaged over a period of weeks).</p>
Student Uniform	<p>You will be issued with several uniform sets (usually 4 tunics and 4 trousers). Any additional/ replacement uniforms require to be paid for by you.</p>
Student Accommodation	<p>Inverness Accommodation:</p> <p>UHI Accommodation - University accommodation - Inverness (uhi.ac.uk)</p> <p>Western Isles Accommodation:</p> <p>Bayhead Bridge Centre - Accommodation - UHI Outer Hebrides</p>