



BSc CHILDREN'S NURSING



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IN THE LATEST RESEARCH EXCELLENCE
FRAMEWORK, 92 PER CENT OF OUR OVERALL
RESEARCH IN ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND
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LEADING' OR 'INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT'
RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK, 2014 (REF 2014)

Developing good communication skills is key for a children's nurse, as they care for infants, children and young people. It is very rewarding, but also challenging. You will play a key role in supporting children, young people and their families to help maintain their optimum health and well-being. It is a much broader career than people may think.

THE COURSE

- **Integrated theory and practice:** the clinical experience you gain from your placements is backed up by seminars, lectures and small group work, as well as the use of simulation in teaching and virtual learning tools.
- **Leading the way in Nurse education:** learning in practice is a vital component of student nursing at UEA. Our Collaborative Learning in Practice (CLiP)[®] project is one example of our innovative and supportive coaching philosophy that has been endorsed nationally.
- **Superb teaching and facilities:** our school has excellent facilities and teachers with a reputation for excellence.
- **Clinical partner collaboration:** this course has been developed in collaboration with our clinical partners and prepares you for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

KEY ATTRIBUTES

To excel as a Children's Nurse you will be a caring and compassionate individual who is intuitive and immensely reassuring. Excellent communication skills are required to be able to communicate often difficult, complex information to both children, young people and their parents – as well as being able to engage sensitively and age appropriately with children and young people. You will work as a key member of the team with other healthcare professionals across settings to provide care and support to patients and families.

YOUR CAREER

You could be based in a variety of settings not just including the traditional hospital environment, such as the community, hospice care, health clinics, child's home environment, or within education. You will be part of a wide multidisciplinary team that could include doctors, specialist nurses, hospital play staff and allied health professionals. You will be supporting the patient's journey and working with lots of professionals in different settings to meet the child and family's needs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE NHS CONSTITUTION?

All students who join our School must be able to identify with the NHS Constitution, which is embedded into all of our programmes. As part of our recruitment process, the values of the NHS Constitution will be explored at interview, alongside the '6 C's', with successful candidates demonstrating how these are reflected in their own beliefs.

www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/about/Pages/nhscoreprinciples.aspx

WHAT ARE THE INTERVIEWS LIKE?

The interview lasts approximately 30 minutes and follows a multi-mini-interview format. The selection process will consist of a subject talk and interview. We will also check the documents you are asked to bring with you on the day.

Children's Nursing applicants will also be interviewed by a small group of primary school children and asked questions developed by the children themselves.

www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/visit/interview-days

WHAT IS AN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND DBS CHECK?

All successful applicants will be required to complete a satisfactory Occupational Health and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

Once you have been made an offer we will forward further information to you to let you know what you need to do.

www.uea.ac.uk/disclosure

www.umsuea.co.uk

WHAT ARE GOOD EXAMPLES OF WORK EXPERIENCE?

Work experience is a great way of seeing what it's like working in the health service and showing your commitment to your future nursing career. If you are able to get some work experience relevant to nursing it would give you a very good insight into possible careers – however we do also look at other types of work experience that demonstrates you have some of the key attributes that nursing employers look for in their staff.

www.nhs Careers.nhs.uk/explore-by-who-you-are/teachers-and-careers-advisers/work-experience

www.stepintothens.nhs.uk/work-experience.aspx

www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/childrens-nurse

ARE THERE ANY USEFUL RESOURCES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND?

The NHS is a valuable source of information when you're researching what career you would like to follow: www.healthcareers.nhs.uk

You might also like to look at:

Nursing and Midwifery Council: www.nmc.org.uk

Wales Online: <http://bit.ly/1G7uq4R>

HOW IS THE COURSE TAUGHT?

You will receive a high level of education drawn from the latest research, theories, practice and techniques. In addition, our state of the art, purpose built facilities will provide you with an excellent learning environment. The course uses a blended learning approach which includes lectures, seminars, student-led learning, simulated practice and Enquiry Based Learning (EBL). The majority of learning will take place in small tutorial groups. EBL often explores different real life scenarios in packages of learning. For example, in Enquiry Based Learning packages you will identify issues raised for an individual and those close to them, gather relevant information to address the issues and agree an action plan to meet any unmet needs.

The course involves approximately 50% theory and 50% practice. During the taught sessions, the timetable involves full time attendance, whilst placement shifts are up to 12 hours in duration. These follow a 24/7 pattern including weekends and nights.

All programmes share a common structure of two modules a year for the three year period. For each module you will work together with other nursing students, no matter what field you have joined, for a significant proportion of your School-based learning.

In Year 1, you have a high level of contact time with lecturers which gradually decreases over the 3 year period as you become a more independent learner. You are required by the NMC to achieve a total of 4,600 hours learning; 2,300 hours in theory and 2,300 hours in practice.

WHO WILL I BE TAUGHT BY?

You will be taught by a group of supportive, dedicated lecturers who are all experts in their chosen area. The university also actively encourages research and excellence, and the school has a great reputation for delivering world-class research and teaching.

WHAT IS INTERPROFESSIONAL LEARNING?

Interprofessional learning will enable you to practice and develop the skills required to work as part of an effective interprofessional team by encouraging collaborative learning opportunities.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM MY PLACEMENTS?

We offer a diverse range of placements to give you a real insight into the areas you might go into when you graduate. You will spend time in a variety of settings, interacting with patients, clients and families, where you will apply and develop your practice skills under the supervision of highly-skilled and experienced professionals. By the end of your course, the placement experiences will have allowed you to build an individual placement profile demonstrating you have undertaken the necessary time in practice required by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to allow professional registration as a Children's Nurse. Please note: You will be required to travel both to and from your placement area, which may be located anywhere within the region. At the end of the second year you may also have the opportunity to organise an elective experience spending up to three weeks observing healthcare practice locally, nationally or internationally. This is an opportunity to pursue a particular interest related to your programme that you would not normally cover during your course. Read about our student's experiences:

www.uea.ac.uk/brilliant/going-the-extra-miles

Children's Field nurses practice in a variety of hospital and community settings with children, young people and families who are in need of emergency care as well as those whose needs are just as important but less urgent and longer-term. The aim of the programme is to enable you to play your part in the provision of effective, evidence-based nursing practice of the highest quality

ARE THERE ANY OTHER OPTIONS TO STUDY?

Yes. There are many other strands of nursing you may wish to consider. We also run courses in Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Adult Nursing.

HOW MUCH DOES THE COURSE COST?

From September 2017, students will pay course fees and be able to apply for maintenance and tuition loans in the same way as most other degree programmes. Tuition fees are £9,250 for courses starting in 2018.

www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/finance/fees-loans-grants

www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree/detail/bsc-childrens-nursing

HOW DO I APPLY?

Apply online at www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply

Visit: <http://search.ucas.com/course/summary/726026/nursing-children>

If you have any questions about your application:

Email: admissions@uea.ac.uk / Telephone: 01603 591515