

Department of Nursing and Midwifery



BSc Nursing – Frequently Asked Questions (2023-24)

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 (WI – Adult only)
What are the Entry Qualifications?	<p>Three-year degree - Adult or Mental Health Field SQA Higher: BBC</p> <p>GCE A-level: BC or above</p> <p>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 equivalent) + Mathematics/Application of Maths/Lifeskills Maths: National 5 (Grade C), Intermediate 2 (Grade C), Standard Grade (Grade 3), or GCSE (Grade 4 or equivalent)</p> <p>Other accepted qualifications HNC/HND in a Health-related subject (plus minimum English and Maths requirement)</p> <p>Minimum entry: Pass whole programme.</p> <p>Access to Nursing courses: Swap: Pass with CCB in profile 16 units with at least 8 modules at SCQF level 6 higher including communication level 6, maths/numeracy level 5, science level 5 Other Scottish University Courses: considered on an individual basis – check with admissions</p> <p>SVQ3 in a care related subject: with additional 2 Highers at C or above plus minimum English and Maths requirements</p> <p>SQA Health, Social and Child Studies SQCF Level 6 plus 1 Higher at Grade B (UHI Outer Hebrides course)</p>	

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 either face to face or online (all applicants local to Inverness/Stornoway will automatically be sent an invitation for face to face, applicants from further away can also opt for face to face if they prefer). 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 25th January 2023 , you should receive a decision by 18th May 2023 . If you have applied between 26th January – 30th June 2023 you should receive a decision by 12th July 2023 . Applications received from 1st July 2023 onwards will be notified of a decision by mid-August 2023 . <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 25th August 2023 .
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

I have lived overseas; will I require an overseas criminal record check?	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
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	country(ies). More information is on our website - Admission to courses - Overseas Criminal Record Checks for PVG courses (uhi.ac.uk)
When does the programme start?	4th September 2023 – the first week is an induction week (which is mandatory attendance) before you proceed on the programme.
Can I study part-time?	No, it is a full-time programme (equivalent to 37.5 – 40 hours/week) .
Do I get a bursary?	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
Where can I find information on funding available?	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)
What is the Clinical Practice Learning element? (Practice Learning experiences)	Clinical practice modules are between 5 and 14 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 37.5 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.
Can I arrange my own clinical practice learning experiences?	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.
Holidays	Holidays are set within the programme and non-negotiable. 3 weeks over Christmas & New Year 1 week April (time varies slightly each year) 3 weeks end July/beginning Aug. You will have access to an annual flowchart once on the programme.
Can I do paid work whilst training	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, 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>During clinical placements you should not work any more than 10.5 hours per week in any other capacity – this is an EU Directive (the legal limit for total hours worked is 48 hrs per week).</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>NHS Highland Student Accommodation nhsh.raigmoresaccommodation@nhs.scot 01463 704350</p> <p>UHI Accommodation - Considering university? - Accommodation (uhi.ac.uk)</p> <p>For further information: student.accommodation@uhi.ac.uk 01463 225201</p> <p>Western Isles Accommodation:</p> <p>NHS Western Isles Accommodation – please contact Accommodation Team – 01851708136/138</p> <p>marina.maclean@nhs.scot</p> <p>shona.matheson3@nhs.scot</p> <p>margaret.macdonald6@nhs.scot</p> <p>maria.stenhouse@nhs.scot</p> <p>Bayhead Bridge Centre - Accommodation - UHI Outer Hebrides 01851 705808 or email info.bridgecentre@btconnect.com</p>