School of Health & Life Sciences

MSc Nursing

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Entry criteria: You should normally hold an ordinary bachelor’s degree (or equivalent qualification at SCQF Level 9) and hold nursing registration with an appropriate professional body. Post-registration experience is desirable but not essential.

Intake: September and January

Duration: 3 years part-time

Campus: Online

Why choose MSc Nursing at UWS?

Our MSc Nursing programme is designed to provide a progressive pathway of Masters level study for all registered nurses. From a national and international perspective there is a recognised shift towards delivering safe, person centred and effective care. Nurses are central to achieving this ambition and this course will enable you to advance your knowledge and experience as a nurse by specifically examining contemporary issues such as quality improvement, advancing roles and leadership. Our programme will therefore be of interest to local and international students (including the armed forces). Please note that this is a theory based programme and no placement or study abroad opportunities are involved.
What is Nursing?

Nurses play a crucial role, as part of a multi-disciplinary team, in delivering a service to meet the challenging and complex needs of modern health and social care system. Nurses are responsible for the health care of their patient through illness, treatment and recovery, assessing and developing health care plans. As a nurse it’s important that you undertake continuing professional development to ensure you maintain an updated knowledge and skills set so that you are able to care for your patients safely and competently.

Overview of programme

The focus of our programme is on examining contemporary nursing issues, quality improvement and leadership allowing you to make a significant contribution to improving nursing practice.

You will be able to tailor the programme to your specific needs/interest from a wide variety of option modules.

The programme is taught on a part-time, fully online basis with the majority of students picking up one module per term which equates to three modules within an academic year. In your final year you’ll have the choice of dissertation as either a research based dissertation, protocol or practice improvement; and this again enables you to tailor the programme to best suit your needs.
Programme content

- Quality Improvement in Healthcare
- Role Development in Nursing
- Research for Health & Social Care
- Leadership for Effectiveness
- MSc Dissertation (HLS)

You will also choose two option modules. Option modules may include: Clinical Teaching; Delivering Compassionate Care; Contemporary Cancer & Palliative Care; Independent Study (HSCE); Introduction to eHealth; Leadership for Effectiveness; and Psychosocial Concerns.

For further information on our modules please visit: [www.uws.ac.uk/pg](http://www.uws.ac.uk/pg)

Research

The School of Health & Life Sciences is involved in cutting edge research and working with our students we aim to place research based practice into the right context with desired and defined outcome(s) to inform and influence policy and practice. Patient and people centred outcome measures are a critical component of this. Health and social care research undertaken at UWS aims to be applied and focused research excellence that can demonstrate that its work is advancing and influencing health and social care policy and practice with high quality and sustainable evidence generation. Our strategic priority and research focus is to provide better evidence for improved outcomes in health and social care with the triple aims of; improving the health of the population, improving people’s experience of health and social care and reducing per capita cost of providing health and social care. In addition, the academic team involved in the MSc Nursing are research active and support a wide variety of learners undertaking MSc, MRes and PhD study. Studying on this programme will enable you to develop your critical thinking and research skills. Examples of this include writing for publication and support to present work at conferences/events. These activities are not mandatory but may be attractive to those wishing to develop these skills and or pursue a career in research.

Facilities

As a student of UWS you’ll be able to access all the facilities at your local campus, the same as a campus-based student. This includes using our IT suites, printing facilities or library and with extended opening hours, including weekends and 24-hour facilities on some campuses, you’ll be able to come on campus at a time suited to you. If you can’t make it to our on campus facilities then we have our Student Hub which is our front line team to offer support in relation to a number of non-academic services such as student administration queries; careers and skills; disability services; counselling; funding and advice and international student support.

Being a student a UWS isn't just about your studies but the social aspect as well. The University, School and your Student Association (SAUWS) run a number of events and societies for you to get involved in.
Student support

Student support and guidance is very important to us. In addition to support provided by Programme Leaders, there are three key roles within the School’s student support network: the Personal Tutor (each student is allocated one); the School Enhancement Developer and the Education Guidance Adviser. They will be able to provide guidance and advice on a range of key matters such as but not exclusively: health and wellbeing; funding; exams and assessment; study skills; attendance and engagement; and careers. Students may also be referred for specialist advice, to the central student support teams based on each campus at the Student Hub/Link.

Career prospects

Our aim is to provide an enjoyable and intellectually stimulating course of study that will prepare you for a successful career in nursing. Gaining a postgraduate qualification can lead to a variety of career opportunities and destinations. The course will enable you to build confidence and develop your professional and academic skills in critical thinking, reflection, decision making and leadership. These are essential elements of all nursing roles and will ultimately enhance your employability prospects. This course will also help you develop the skills to make a significant contribution to improving practice and providing quality care. Further study options exist in terms of CPD and or advanced level studies such as undertaking a PhD or Professional Doctorate.
What do our students say?

**Natalie Hood**, MSc Nursing student and Advanced Nurse Practitioner

“...This MSc programme has worked in partnership with my career progression. I feel that distance learning was the only way I could commit to studying whilst coping with the demands of working full-time and my personal life. I could not get through the course without the encouragement and support from the lecturers who are amazing at providing reassurance and guidance when needed.”
Campus locations

This course is studied fully online, however you will have access to all of our campuses if required.

AYR CAMPUS
Our state-of-the-art £81 million campus by the River Ayr opened in 2011 and is a 10-minute walk from the town centre. Inspired by the area’s woodland surroundings, the campus is an exceptional space for study.

Travel:
• Glasgow is just under one hour away by train or car
• Cycle paths from Ayr town centre direct to campus
• Excellent road and rail links to Ayr
• Frequent bus and rail services operate from Glasgow and the south-west and further afield to Ayr
• Glasgow Prestwick International Airport is roughly five miles from campus with a direct train link to Ayr town centre and Glasgow International Airport is an hour’s rail or car travel from the campus

DUMFRIES CAMPUS
Combining historic buildings with modern facilities, Dumfries is a shared campus (UWS, University of Glasgow and Dumfries & Galloway College) and is situated in a historic 85-acre parkland estate with views of the Galloway Hills.

Travel:
• Regular bus and rail services operate to Dumfries from the nearby city of Carlisle and from both Edinburgh to the north-east and Glasgow to the north-west

LANARKSHIRE CAMPUS
Located at Hamilton International Park (G72 0LH) which is approximately two miles from Hamilton town centre, the Park provides excellent access to central Scotland’s motorway network – M74, M8 and M77.

Travel:
• UWS-Link bus services, with free wifi and charging points, run on a regular basis from Hamilton West train station and from East Kilbride bus station to the campus
• Regular public bus and rail services operate from Glasgow and the south-west as well as further afield, to Hamilton
• 20 miles from Glasgow International Airport
• 30 minutes by train/bus from Glasgow city centre
• Centrally located and providing excellent access to Scotland’s transport network

PAISLEY CAMPUS
Located in the centre of Paisley, the campus is just 10 minutes by train to Glasgow, one of Europe’s most exciting and dynamic cities.

Travel:
• Paisley Gilmour Street train station is only a few minutes’ walk from campus. Trains run to Glasgow Central Station on a regular basis.
• The M8 motorway provides a fast, direct route to the centre of Glasgow and offers easy access to Paisley from the rest of Scotland and the south. The M8 links with the M74, A77/M77 and M80
• Regular bus services operate from Glasgow and the south-west as well as further afield, to Paisley town centre
• The campus is less than three miles from Glasgow International Airport
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