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# MSc Nursing

Programme information for  
full-time international students

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<b>Entry criteria:</b>	<p>You should normally hold an undergraduate degree (or equivalent qualification) and hold nursing registration with an appropriate professional body. Post-registration experience is desirable but not essential.</p> <p>All candidates should have an overall IELTS score of at least 6.0 with no component less than 5.5 or have an equivalent English Language equivalent qualification recognised by the UKVI.</p> <p><b>Please Note:</b> For those wishing to engage in the optional 8 week UK Nursing Competence Development course (in Term 3) with the view of applying for registration with the Nursing &amp; Midwifery Council (NMC) to practise as a nurse in the UK then you must also satisfy the following NMC English Language requirements: an overall IELTS score of at least 7.0 with 6.5 in the writing section and 7.0 in the reading, listening and speaking section or an Occupational English Test (OET) with at least Grade B in all writing, reading, listening and speaking sections to meet NMC English Language requirements. .</p> <p>Applications should be submitted no later than the end of October to support processing and visa arrangements in time to commence in January for induction. Consideration should be given to the university and UK Government offices closure over the festive break and the potential for delay in processing applications. Early submission of applications is encouraged.</p>
<b>Intake:</b>	January
<b>Duration:</b>	PgDip one year full-time; MSc 16 months full-time. Dissertation can be studied part-time in country.
<b>Campus:</b>	Lanarkshire Campus, Scotland, UK

## Why choose MSc Nursing at UWS?

UWS is a truly international university with its origins dating back to 1897. We pride ourselves on our international work and collaboration across the world with over 17,000 students studying with us from more than 70 countries across the world. Our MSc Nursing is a full-time programme for registered nurses wishing to study at Masters level. Our programme is delivered by dynamic, experienced nurses who are research active and maintain close relationships with clinical practice.

Our full-time programme is theory based however, we will also provide applicants with the option to undertake an eight-week course designed to develop the competencies they require to work as a Registered Nurse in the UK. This course offers students the opportunity to undertake a wide range of simulated learning experiences relevant to nursing in the UK, all of which are expertly facilitated within our cutting-edge clinical skills environments.

If you are a qualified nurse outside the European Economic Area and intend to seek UK registration by engaging in the Nursing and Midwifery Council (UK) Test of Competence, please visit: - <https://www.nmc.org.uk/registration/joining-the-register/register-nurse-midwife/trained-outside-the-eueea/>

## 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 patients worldwide. Nurses are responsible for the health care of their patients through illness, treatment and recovery, assessing and developing health care plans. Our programme reflects a range of national and international perspectives on delivering safe, person-centred and effective care. We believe that nurses are central to achieving this ambition and this course will enable students to advance their knowledge and experience as a nurse by specifically examining contemporary issues such as improving the quality of care provided, advancing nursing roles, leadership and nursing research.

## 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.

The PgDip Nursing programme is taught on a full-time basis over a period of one year at the UWS Lanarkshire Campus in Scotland, UK. Three modules will be undertaken in Term 2 and Term 1. Between these terms (Term 3) there will be the summer term which consists of an optional eight-week UK Nursing Competency Development course.

Those progressing to MSc Nursing will then go on to undertake a dissertation which involves designing a research protocol on an area of interest. This will mean that students will require an additional academic term when applying for their visa. A detailed overview of the programme content is presented below.

## Programme content

There are two exit points with this Postgraduate programme 1) PgDip Nursing and 2) MSc Nursing.

### **Term 2 (January - May) Level 11 SCQF**

- Leadership for Effectiveness (20 credits)
- Research for Health & Social Care (20 credits)
- Clinical Teaching (20 credits)

### **Term 3 (May - August) (Summer Term)**

- Optional UK Nursing Competency Development course – 8 weeks
- Students who choose not to opt for the 8 week course will have no classes during the summer break.

### **Term 1 (September - December)**

- Quality Improvement in Healthcare (20 credits)
- Role Development in Nursing (20 credits)
- Independent Study (Health, Social Care or Education) (20 credits)

NB: Students have the option to exit with the PgDip in Nursing after completion of these modules.

**For those choosing to continue to MSc Nursing, they would also undertake (on completion of PgDip modules):**

### **Term 2 (January - May)**

- MSc Dissertation module – (60 credits)

## International student support

Our international office provides useful information and guidance on living in the UK and settling into your surroundings at UWS. Our team of International Student Advisers (ISAs) are authorised by Immigration Services Commission to provide level 1 immigration advice and can help with:

- Applying for a student visa including eligibility and financial requirements
- Protecting Tier 4 student status
- Bringing dependents to the UK or family visiting during your studies
- Working during your studies

In addition, our international office can provide practical support for issues such as:

- Keeping you safe and well
- Registering with a doctor
- Registering for a bank account
- Finding a place of worship

As an international student you will be provided with a personal tutor and you can take up the UWS buddy service to help you settle into your new surroundings.

## Accommodation

Student residences are located in the centre of Hamilton, a short bus trip from the campus. The residences are staffed 24 hours, 7 days per week providing residents with a safe environment to live, learn and relax. The residence accommodates 156 students in single study bedrooms within shared flats. Each flat has an open-plan kitchen and lounge area and shared bathroom/shower facilities. There is also a wash area in each bedroom. Some flats are adapted for residents with disabilities. There are laundry facilities onsite.

To see our latest prices for UWS accommodation visit [www.uws.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.uws.ac.uk/accommodation)

## Research

UWS is the largest provider of nurse education in Scotland and our staff make an immense contribution to increasing the health of the nation as well as improving health and wellbeing internationally. UWS works jointly with a range of partners, both nationally and internationally, on joint research interests, and this directly informs the health, nursing and midwifery teaching at UWS. 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, both nationally and internationally, with high quality and sustainable evidence generation. 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 national and international 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

We've invested £110m in our Lanarkshire Campus to create a truly innovative, dynamic and collaborative new university campus. Hosting inspiring and flexible learning and teaching spaces packed with rich technology to give staff and students access to some of the most modern university facilities in the UK. The campus has been designed to immerse students and staff in the educational experience, students at the campus will enjoy a significantly enriched learning journey.

Our nurse teaching areas and clinical simulation suites are equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and products designed to prepare nurses to work in a variety of clinical settings such as intensive care/ward based environments, primary care settings with our ACORN (A Community Orientated Resource for Nursing) suite, mental health, midwifery/neonatal and home care with our DOMUS suite (a highly adapted domestic environment). Our 8-week summer module will take place in these simulation environments and nurse teaching areas.

Our Student Hub is our front-line team who can 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.

We acknowledge that being a student at UWS isn't just about your studies but the social aspect as well. The University, School and your Student Association (SAUWS) run several events and societies for you to get involved in.

## 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, nationally and internationally, for example supporting roles in health education and research. 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 Continuous Professional Development 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 location

### **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





## APPLY

For info on how to apply visit [www.uws.ac.uk/pg](http://www.uws.ac.uk/pg)

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