Nursing Studies

- Nursing Studies
  BSc (Hons)
  Taught by distance learning

- Nursing Studies (Leadership in Clinical Practice)
  MSc / PGDip / PGCert
  Taught by distance learning or on campus.

Our courses are open to UK, EU and International nursing professionals who wish to either top-up to a degree or study at postgraduate level to develop a deeper understanding of the contribution nursing can make to health care provision.
Courses overview

We are pleased to offer nursing professionals the opportunity to continue with their studies at either post-qualifying level or postgraduate level by offering various entry and exit points to suit your requirements. The level of study you choose will depend on how you meet the entry requirements criteria for each of the courses.

The aim of the course is to provide you with a learning environment, which enables you to increase your knowledge of nursing practice and to gain an insight into issues that impact on nursing locally, nationally and globally.

The teaching team has a wide range of skills, professional and academic experience. A number of team members have international experience through our collaboration in Hong Kong, where we deliver this course overseas.

We adopt a student centred approach to teaching and learning that encourages you to attain your full potential as a lifelong learner. To facilitate this, a variety of teaching methods are used.

We offer a very friendly and supportive environment in which to learn and consistently receive very high satisfaction ratings for our student support and learning resources in national and university student surveys.

As a university, we believe that participating in online learning will help you to gain some of the digital literacies required for professional and competent nursing in the 21st century. We have designed the curriculum with this specific global and professional objective in mind.

For eLearning, new technologies, especially the internet are used to make your learning more effective, flexible and exciting. All course material and activities are provided online via the Brookes Virtual Learning Environment.

Key facts...

Both courses start in either September (Semester 1) or January (Semester 2).
Full-time: 12 months.
Part-time: up to 3 years.
The application code for both courses is HC92.

BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies
Teaching is delivered via distance learning.

This course comprises eight modules (seven single modules, including two alternative compulsory modules and one double dissertation module), which are studied at Advanced Level. Single modules are worth 15 CATS credits and require 150 hours of student effort. The double module (dissertation) is worth 30 CATS credits and requires 300 hours of student effort.

MSc Nursing Studies (Leadership in Clinical Practice)
Teaching is delivered by distance learning or on campus.

The Postgraduate Certificate comprises three single modules. Single modules are worth 60 CATS credits at M Level and require 200 hours of student effort. The Postgraduate Diploma comprises six modules worth 120 CATS credits.
A full master’s comprises nine modules including a triple dissertation module worth 180 CATS credits.
A triple dissertation module is worth 60 CATS credits at M Level and requires 600 hours of student effort.

Note: You may be eligible for transferred certificated credit, if you can produce transcripts of equivalent study in one or more modular areas. If you wish to transfer credit, you will be required to produce transcripts. You are advised to make initial enquiries through the Course Leader, Marion Waite.
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If you choose to enrol on the distance learning course, all your modules will be delivered electronically using the Brookes Virtual Learning Environment. If you choose to enrol on campus, five modules will be delivered using a blended learning approach involving attendance at our Marston Road site in Oxford and two modules will be delivered via online distance learning.
BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies
Taught by distance learning

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) indicated in its review of pre-registration nursing education that nursing will become an all graduate profession. This Oxford Brookes course is designed specifically for UK, EU and International nurses who hold a diploma in nursing qualification, and who wish to develop their professional practice and top-up to degree level through distance learning.

Distance learning is an ideal option if you are unable to attend university to study. As an alternative, you can study in a stimulating and dynamic online environment, which combines the convenience of study at home with the opportunity for interaction with course tutors and other students. Using digital technologies will enable you to develop skills that will be essential for your future practice.

The application of theory to your day-to-day practice experience will help you to understand the changes within your working environment and how to manage its complexities and challenges. Assessment is focused on coursework.

Course content

The course content focuses on issues such as:
- leadership and management
- clinical governance
- health promotion
- infection prevention and control
- research.

Specific entry requirements

Access to the course is open to those who meet the following criteria. You must:
- have 240 CATS credits on entry to the course,
- have reliable access to the internet, preferably through a broadband connection,
- be a registered nurse in your own country.
- Applicants whose home language is not English must demonstrate that their level of English is appropriate for study at post-qualifying level with fluent writing skills. The English language requirements are IELTS level 6.5 or above, TOEFL 600/250 or above, or equivalent.

For details please contact the Programme Administrator. Our admission processes are guided by the university’s admission and equal opportunities policies.

Note for International applicants. This course does not:
- lead to registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in the UK,
- have a practice based component,
- lead to employment within the UK while studying or after you have completed the course.

There may be opportunities for you to use APEL (Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning) as part of your application. If you are uncertain about your eligibility, please do contact us. We will be happy to discuss this with you and to clarify your position with regard to your application.
MSc Nursing Studies
(Leadership in Clinical Practice)
Taught by distance learning or on campus

As a nurse, you may work in any area of the world as part of the largest single health care profession. You are therefore ideally placed to improve the quality and delivery of health care to patients and their families. There is considerable and compelling evidence to show that nurses make a difference to the health and wellbeing of individuals, families and populations (Spilsbury and Meyer 2001, Cunningham 2004). One example from Corner et al (2003) is the impact that specialist nurses have in cancer care, where they have been identified to improve outcomes for patients with cancer.

This exciting MSc in Nursing Studies (Leadership in Clinical Practice) from Oxford Brookes University is offered as an online distance learning course or you can choose to study on campus. It is open to UK, EU and international nurses who wish to undertake advanced postgraduate study with a premier academic institution that has close links with nationally and internationally recognised clinical settings and expert practitioners. This course is delivered with a team of lecturers and researchers with a wealth of practice and research experience and a rich track record of research publications in areas of relevance to nursing.

The course is designed to progress your practice to an advanced level, enabling you to develop as a senior practitioner, educator, researcher or manager. This course will help you to develop your practice, with confidence that it is based on the best available evidence to make effective nursing interventions.

Specific entry requirements

Access to this course is open to qualified nurses who hold up-to-date and current registration within their country of origin, who meet the following criteria:

- Normally hold a UK honours degree or equivalent overseas degree from a recognised institution.
- Students who do not hold a first degree or equivalent will be required to submit an assignment which will be taken into account as part of their application.
- Applicants whose home language is not English must demonstrate that their level of English is appropriate for study at post-qualifying level with fluent writing skills. The English language requirements are IELTS level 6.5 or above, TOEFL 600/250 or above, or equivalent. For details please contact the Programme Administrator. Our admission processes are guided by the university’s admission and equal opportunities policies.
- Applicants must hold current nursing registration within their home country and be employed within current clinical nursing practice
- Due to the nature of this course, each student will need reliable access to the internet, preferably through a broadband connection. You will need to have good IT skills and be proficient in the use of internet and online communication. For minimum computer specifications required for study, please contact the Programme Administrator for advice (see How to apply).
- Be successful in the selection process for this course (interview or other).

Note for international applicants. This course does not:

- lead to registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in the UK,
- have a practice based component,
- lead to employment within the UK while studying or after you have completed the course.

Course content

The content of the course will include the following:

- infection prevention and control
- health promotion
- leadership
- evidenced-based practice
- research.

References


Course fees

Funding arrangements vary across the UK. Oxford Brookes University has a contract with the South Central Strategic Health Authority (covering the geographical areas of Oxfordshire, Berkshire (East and West) and Buckinghamshire). In these areas it may, therefore, be possible to receive funding for this course from your NHS employer.

All applicants (UK, EU and International) will be required to provide details of their funding arrangements prior to enrolment on the course. Self-funding students are also welcome to apply.

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Note: The MSc Nursing Studies (Leadership in Clinical Practice) mixed mode course is included within the scholarship schemes offered by Oxford Brookes. For more details, visit our website: http://shsc.brookes.ac.uk/courses/scholarships or email: shscpgscholarship@brookes.ac.uk

Continuing professional development

There are many opportunities for you to continue studying after you complete the course. We have a range of single modules, short and long award bearing courses. For more information about all our course provision, go to our website: http://shsc.brookes.ac.uk/courses/cpd
How to apply

If you would like more information about the course, please contact the Programme Administrator. If you meet the criteria detailed in the specific entry requirements section, and you are ready to apply, your next step is to complete an application form.

Applications to study for the MSc Nursing Studies (Leadership in Clinical Practice) course is made online through UKPASS at www.ukpass.ac.uk (course code P038228). Applications received electronically through UKPASS will be forwarded directly to the Programme Administrator. Supporting documentation should be forwarded using the email addresses indicated on the UKPASS application form.

Applications to study for the BSc Nursing Studies course is made by contacting the Programme Administrator or by downloading the application form from our website.

Applications are dealt with on a first come, first served basis, so please act early to avoid disappointment.

International applicants will:
• will need to apply early to allow enough time for obtaining visas if offered a place
• be asked to pay a deposit of £1,000 to secure a place on the course.

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Why study at Oxford Brookes?

• Oxford Brookes University has been named the UK’s best modern university for the tenth year in a row due to its strong teaching and research profile in the modern university sector (The Sunday Times’ University Guide 2011).
• Oxford Brookes has been named one of the greenest universities in the country – according to the student campaigning group, People & Planet.
• We have our own osteopathic clinics: Mill Court in Headington, Oxford and at Ferndale Campus in Swindon offering a full range of osteopathic treatments to students, staff, NHS staff and the general public. http://shsc.brookes.ac.uk/osteoclinics
• Our courses are open to a wide range of health and social care professionals providing highly flexible continuing professional development (CPD) study opportunities with part-time, full-time and a variety of course delivery options (including opportunities for e-learning, blended and distance learning).
• Use a range of technologies such as the Brookes Virtual Learning Environment online real-time video and audio communication tools. This means that students can feel supported by a variety of staff, including the librarians and learning technologists.
• We support multi and interprofessional learning and teaching, and many of our courses are either fully multiprofessional or offer excellent opportunities for shared learning.
• Our lecturers are experienced in their specialist practice area and integrate their expertise within the course curriculum.
• Many of our lecturers have reputations for excellence and have established links with colleagues, organisations and institutions at national and international level.
• We have a strong research profile, with experienced researchers working in established areas of cancer care, children and families, drug and alcohol, physical rehabilitation and enablement and interprofessional education & collaborative practice.
• Oxford Brookes is rated internationally excellent across a broad range of subjects in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). 70% of our research in Allied Health Professions and Studies was rated as being of international significance, and of this, 10% was rated as world-leading.
• Oxford Brookes is a student centred institution that is fully committed to each individual achieving their potential. To support this, we offer a broad range of student support schemes to facilitate learning and development: www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/life/wellbeing
• We have been awarded the highest commendation possible, for all its health and social care programmes and courses, by the Quality Assurance Agency, following their Major Review of our educational provision in 2005.
• We have an excellent track record of high levels of student satisfaction, low student attrition rates and high employability.

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