Return to Practice

Nursing (including Health Visiting)
(Application Code SRD)

Midwifery
(Application Code SRM)

Key details
The aim of this course is to prepare qualified health care professionals, who have previously been on the UKCC/NMC Register, but who currently do not meet the requirements to maintain their registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to return to the appropriate part of the register and enter clinical practice as a safe, competent practitioner who is able to provide a high standard of care and be accountable for that care.

Applications are welcome from both registered and enrolled nurses, midwives and health visitors. However, it is recommended that enrolled nurses check availability of employment in their local area prior to completing the application process.

The Course Team recognise that practitioners returning to work bring with them a variety of professional and life experiences and that they also have individual learning needs. To assist you through the course, you will be provided with opportunities to assess your current strengths and areas for development in a supportive learning environment. The course should be seen as resumption on a pathway of lifelong professional development and learning.

The course comprises one single module, worth 15 CATS Credits at Level 5, which normally runs over one semester.

Module U43722 - Return to Practice
This course is open to previously qualified:
- Adult Nurses
- Children’s Nurses
- Health Visitors
- Learning Disability Nurses
- Mental Health Nurses
- Midwives

For all students: The Course Leader acts as the Academic Adviser and offers group and individual tutorials, as required.

Clinical practice experience is under the leadership and direction of a named NMC sign off mentor in the practice setting. Occasionally, it is possible for students living outside Oxfordshire to complete theoretical training at Oxford Brookes University, whilst undertaking practice requirements in a placement setting closer to home. This is dependent on the placement setting being able to offer the experience required by the Practice Placement Unit at Oxford Brookes University. All enquiries regarding this possibility should be addressed to the Course Lead.

The Link Lecturer for each practice area supports both the mentor and the student for the duration of the student placement.

All Return to Practice (RTP) students enrolled on the course, are asked to attend an Orientation Day. On the day you will have the opportunity to meet with the other students attending the course, and the Course Team.

Knowledge and Skills Framework
The Return to Practice Course prepares nurses, midwives and health visitors who have had a career break of more than three years and who do not meet the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) requirements for pre-registration, having previously been on a live UKCC/NMC Register.
MODULE DESCRIPTION

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15 CATS Credits at Level 5.
Semesters 1 or 2.

Theoretical teaching includes **four** Action Learning Set days.

Additional attendance to field specific lectures is negotiated on an individual basis.

Practice Hours – 2 shifts a week, to a total of between 120-200 hours, in order to complete competencies.

Teaching is delivered in:
- Oxford (ALL strands)
- Swindon (Adult Nursing ONLY)

Experience in the clinical setting is combined with theoretical learning in the form of action learning sets, lectures, seminars and workshops. The Action Learning Sets enable you to generate generic knowledge regarding current health care practice as well as profession specific material as appropriate.

**Practice:**
- **Nursing and Health Visiting:** You will need a field-specific placement.

**Midwifery:** Students are offered practice experience in three practice areas: delivery suite, community and antenatal and postnatal ward.

**Note:** Midwifery students are required to complete the number of practice hours stipulated by the Lead Midwife for Education (LME). The number of hours varies depending on your years out of practice.

**Contact details for the Lead Midwife for Education**
Heather Bower, Lead Midwife for Education (LME),
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Jack Straw’s Lane, Marston,
Oxford, OX3 0FL
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What our students say about this module...

“I was really nervous about coming back, but the lecturers at the university and the mentors in my practice placements were great – I am so glad I did”

“Being back in practice is great. I have learnt so much and my confidence has really grown”

“I have really enjoyed this module. I was really worried about the academic side of things but it wasn’t as hard as I thought it was going to be”

“Being able to relate my learning to practice as I was doing it was really helpful”

Your next step

Access to this course is available to applicants who meet the following criteria. You must:

- Be successful in the selection process for this module/course (interview or other).
- **Nursing and Health Visiting Pre-requisite:**
  - Provide evidence of previous registration on appropriate parts of the UKCC, or Nursing and Midwifery Council Professional Register.

- **Midwifery Pre-requisites:**
  - Provide evidence of registration as a midwife with the UKCC, (formerly Part 10), or the Nursing and Midwifery Council Professional Register.
Have a letter from the Lead Midwife for Education, stating the required amount of practice hours necessary for re-registration. This is determined on an individual basis.

**Course fees**

Course fees will be paid for **funded** students.

The course fee for **self-funded** students for September 2011 will be **£940.00**.

**Note:** For all branches of Nursing and Midwifery, places **may** be available on the course to applicants who have been previously registered in the EU and who have been recommended by the NMC to undertake a Return to Practice Course.

If you meet the Return to Practice entry criteria, your next step is to provide a copy of the letter of recommendation from the NMC. Following receipt of this letter by the Course Lead, you will be advised regarding submission of your application form, with all the necessary documents such as references. All applicants in this category are required to provide documentary proof of ability to study in English at IELTS score of 7.0, or higher. **This evidence is the responsibility of the applicant and should be submitted at the time the application is made.** Shortlisting will take place, followed by interviews, and successful candidates will be asked to attend an Orientation Day, prior to course commencement.

In the event that you accept the offer of a place on the course and subsequently withdraw, you will be liable for any administrative costs incurred, e.g. CRB screening.

If you are ready to apply, then please request an application pack, where you will find a 'Checklist of Required Documents.' Alternatively, please download an application pack from our website: [http://shsc.brookes.ac.uk/courses/cpd](http://shsc.brookes.ac.uk/courses/cpd)

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If you would like further information and/or an application pack, please contact:

**Return to Practice Programme Administrator**
Email: returntopractice@brookes.ac.uk or Tel: 01865-482685

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- 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 a large and dedicated building in Oxford (Marston Road) and a campus in Swindon (Ferndale), Wiltshire equipped with state-of-the-art classroom and clinical skills simulation suites and resources. To view our online picture gallery, go to: http://shsc.brookes.ac.uk/picture-gallery
- 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 mixed mode options (including opportunities for e-learning, blended and distance learning).
- 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 maintain excellent practice links with those areas locally or across the region.
- 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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