

INFORMATION WEBINAR

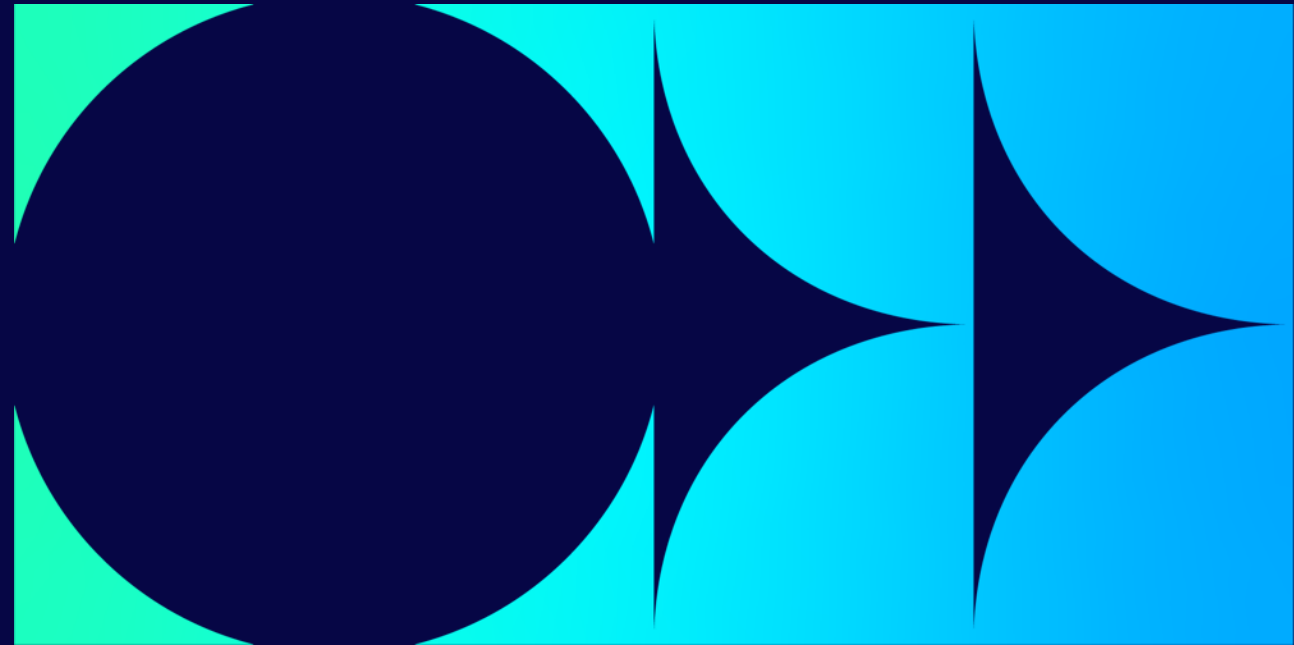
The Open University BSc Nursing Degree Programme

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Welcome to OU Nursing Programme Webinar 2024

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Introduction

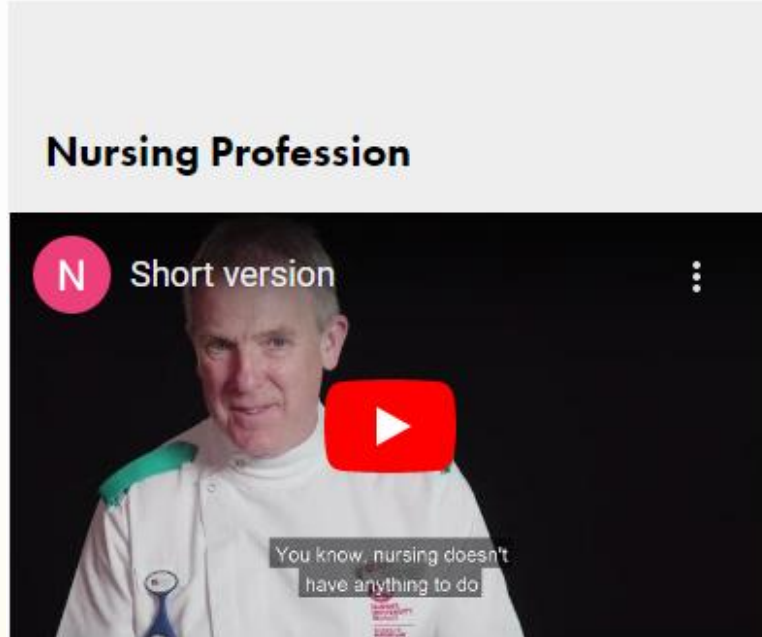
The Pre-Registration Nursing Degree BSc Programme

The Open University has offered a pre-registration nursing programme since 2004 in Northern Ireland, working in partnership with all five Health and Social Care Trusts and the Independent Sector.

The Programme offers the following pathways:

- Adult
- Mental Health
- Learning Disabilities
- Children and Young People

Setting the scene



Nursing: a career for all

[Nursing in Northern Ireland \(nursingni.com\)](http://nursingni.com)

- ▶ You will be sent a link in the next two weeks which will give you access to a recording of the webinar, a copy of this presentation and an FAQ document.

Who we are

Key links and contacts

The Open University in Ireland – Nursing Team

Professional Lead Nursing (N. Ireland): Maurice Devine

Nation Manager (N. Ireland): Dr. Amanda Shields

Staff Tutors

- ▶ Maurice Devine, NHSCT
- ▶ Paul Carlin, SEHSCT
- ▶ Una St Ledger, BHSCT & IS
- ▶ Monica Johnston, SHSCT
- ▶ Siobhan Johnston, WHSCT/NHSCT
- ▶ Stephanie Foster, SHSCT and T01
- ▶ Meg Hughes, BHSCT

Faculty Team

- ▶ Toni Kingsberry, Faculty Coordinator, NHSCT
- ▶ Alice Byrne, Faculty Coordinator SHSCT
- ▶ Keri Finlay, Faculty Coordinator BHSCT, WHSCT & SEHSCT
- ▶ Carissa McDowell, Faculty Assistant
- ▶ Emma-Kate Woodside, Practice Based Learning Assistant

Practice Education Coordinators/ Education Leads

BHSCT

Carol Chambers

SHSCT

Gillian Henry

SEHSCT

Sonya McVeigh

NHSCT

Carly Thompson

WHSCT

Tracy McGilligan

Structure

Open University BSc Nursing
Programme

Programme Structure

	Theory	Practice
Part 1	K102 Introduction to health and social care (60 credits)	K104 Introduction to healthcare practice (60 credits)
Part 2	K210 Understanding Nursing: knowledge and theory (60 credits)	K211 developing nursing practice (60 credits)
Part 3	K325 Assimilating nursing: knowledge and theory (60 credits)	Becoming an autonomous practitioner: K326 Adult K327 Mental Health K328 Learning Disability K329 Children and Young People (60 credits)



Programme Structure

Year of study	Part 1				Part 2			Part 3			
Calendar Year	2024	2025	2025	2026		2026	2027	2027	2027	2027	2028
	K102	K102	K104	K104	K210	K211	K211	K325	K326-9	K325	K326-9
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Student Timetables

You will receive a student timetable at the start of each 'Part' (i.e: Part 1/Part 2/Part 3) of your study.

Timetables illustrate what weeks and how many hours you will:

- ▶ Work in your base
- ▶ Complete in your placement area
- ▶ Be entitled to take time-off to study

Part 1:

Consists of 2 modules

K102: Introduction to health and social care (starts Oct 2024). Theory module.

K104: Introduction to healthcare practice (starts Feb 2025). Practice based module.

K102 Introduction to health and social care

- ▶ Part 1 of the programme
- ▶ 60 credit module
- ▶ 8 month duration
- ▶ Four nations approach to content
- ▶ Online delivery
- ▶ Strong focus on theory that underpins care delivery
- ▶ Nursing and social work activities to reflect integrated care delivery



K102 Assessment

- › **Five tutor-marked assignments (TMA's)**
- › **One end-of-module assessment (EMA)**

K104: Introduction to healthcare practice

- ▶ 60 credit module
- ▶ Practice-based module
- ▶ 16 learning guides alongside placement
- ▶ Supported by and work closely with your Practice Tutor (employer by OU)
- ▶ Be supported in practice by Practice Supervisors (PS)
- ▶ Be assessed in practice by Practice Assessor (PA)



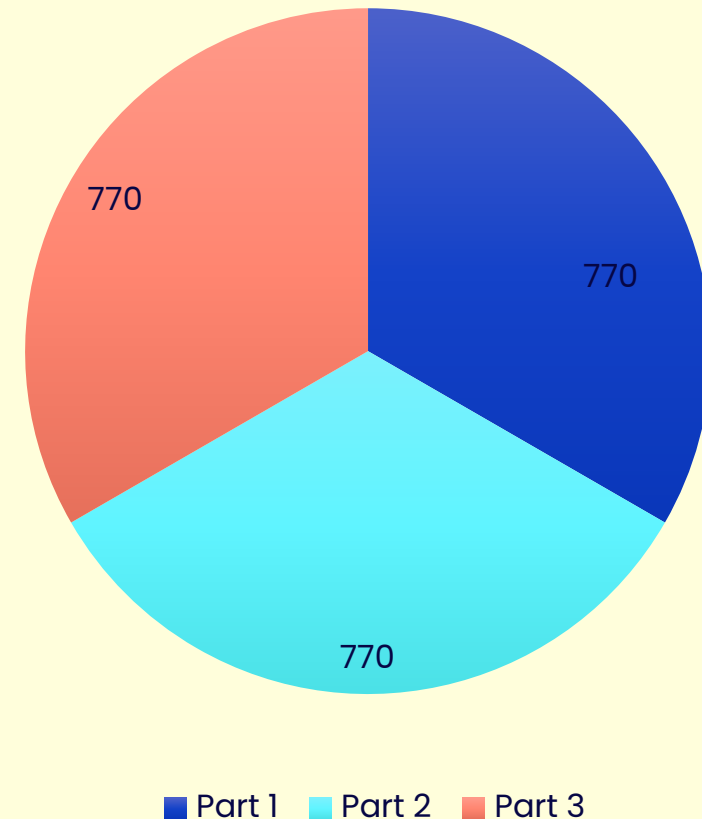
K104 Assessment

- 2 tutor-marked assignments (TMAs)
- A practice assessment interview (PAI)
- An interactive computer-marked quiz (iCMA 43)
- An end-of-module assessment (EMA)
- Successful completion of the electronic Northern Ireland practice assessment document (eNIPAD) of your practice learning.

Learning in practice

- ▶ **2300** hours of practice experience must be achieved across the entire qualification
- ▶ **770** hours to complete in each Part over 3 placements (per part)
- ▶ 9 placements across **4** years (3 Parts)

Hours



Practice Learning Experiences (Placements)

- ▶ Placements are predominantly within the boundaries of your employing Trust and when allocated, will not be changed (only in exceptional circumstances)
- ▶ Placement allocations are limited and students will have to travel to placements across their respective trust sites
- ▶ Required commitment to travel to placements
- ▶ Annual leave is **not permitted** during placement weeks (only in very exceptional circumstances)

2024 Recruitment

Application key dates, processes and eligibility

Alice Byrne: Faculty Co-ordinator

When do I apply?

To obtain an application pack, send your name and email address to:

Ireland-nursing-applications@open.ac.uk

Applications will be released **19 January 2024**

Deadline for applications **29 February 2024 (5pm)**

Interviews will take place between March and April **2024**

Am I eligible to apply?

- ▶ You must be working in one of the five HSC Trusts in Northern Ireland.
- ▶ You must be hold a permanent contract in the Trust with no less than 26 hours guaranteed.
 - **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you are on leave during 'term times', you will not be able to fulfil your placement requirements. You will need to discuss this further with your line manager if applying.

Am I eligible to apply: English/Maths criteria

- ▶ You **must have English and Maths** G.C.S.E. grade C (or equivalent) and be able to evidence your qualification with certificates (or Unique Learner Number – ULN) **when submitting your application.**
 - The OU must ensure that the entry criteria set by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Standards, are met at the point of application to the programme. The **minimum English and mathematics standards** for entry to the Pre-registration Nursing Programme are either • GCSE Grades A – C or equivalent. For example, Essential Skills, Level 2 in mathematics and English / Key Skills Level 2 in adult literacy and application of number.
 - K102 (if completed and passed before the application deadline) will be accepted as an equivalent qualification for G.C.S.E. English.
 - If you have international qualifications that you believe are equivalent to English or Maths G.C.S.E grade C in the UK, **you must supply a certificate from UK ENIC (previously NARIC) to support your application.**

Am I eligible to apply?

- ▶ You must have support from your line manager and budget holder when submitting your application (signatures will be required).
- ▶ Good character, evidenced through self-declaration, an enhanced criminal record disclosure.
- ▶ Good health, evidenced through self-declaration of health status, occupational health screening, review of previous sickness and absence record.
- ▶ One reference – must be from your current line manager/employer

Important changes from previous years

- ▶ Once you start the programme you cannot switch to another field of practice (AD / MH / LD / CYP) at any stage during the programme.
- ▶ Commissioned numbers for each field of practice are agreed with the Department of Health. It is important that you make a well-informed decision, talking with your line manager, before applying to the programme.
- ▶ The application form for the 2024 intake will be **online** and guidance will be issued to help you navigate the new online form.

The **Online** Application Form

PLEASE CONSULT ALL GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE STARTING THE ONLINE APPLICATION

The online application process is divided into 2 parts:

1. Online Form to be completed in full and electronically submitted.
2. Supporting documents to be completed in full and sent in one email to Ireland-Nursing-Applications@open.ac.uk

The **Online** Application Form

PART 1

- ▶ **Part 1 is online** and has 9 sections; (1) personal details; (2) education history; (3) qualifications; (4) credit transfer; (5) current employment; (6) employment history; (7) additional information; (8/9) declaration of character.
- ▶ It is important you gather all information required in Part 1 of the application before you start the form. The form must be completed in one sitting and cannot be saved as you go along. Do not leave your application open and come back to it at different times as it may not complete correctly and at the end of the form it may not submit.

The **Online** Application Form

PART 1

- ▶ **Information to prepare before submitting online application:**
 - Have a complete overview of your employment history after since leaving full time education (including months and years). If there is a gap (even a month) please state why ie: I was seeking employment or I was a carer etc. Failing to explain gaps may affect the progress of your application
 - Have a complete overview of your education history, including dates (primary, secondary and higher education if applicable)

The **Online** Application Form

PLEASE CONSULT THE GUIDANCE NOTES FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DOCUMENTS BELOW AND HOW TO SAVE AND SEND THESE DOCUMENTS TO THE OU

▶ **Part 2** requires that you submit the following documents to ireland-nursing-applications@open.ac.uk **before the closing date deadline;**

- Personal statement
- Part 2 (Manager/Senior Manager/Budget Holder Support)
- Line Manager Reference
- Maths/Numeracy Certificate
- English/Literacy Certificate
- Applicant Photograph

The Application: **Important points**

- ▶ Where there are gaps in your education or employment history, please make a note in your application of why that is
- ▶ There must be **NO** unexplained gaps in your education
- ▶ There must be **NO** unexplained gaps in your employment history

A complete application form must include:

- ▶ Application Part 1 (COMPLETED ONLINE)
- ▶ Personal statement (EMAILED)
- ▶ Application Part 2 (EMAILED)
- ▶ Maths Certificate (EMAILED)
- ▶ English Certificate (EMAILED)
- ▶ Line Manager Reference (EMAILED)
- ▶ Applicant photograph (EMAILED)

A student perspective

Lucy Campbell (10th January 2024): Completed OU PRNP programme, 2023. Winner of NIPEC Student Excellence Award, 2023.

Now Newly Registered Staff Nurse: employed in SHSCT.

A Trust perspective

Carol Chambers

- ▶ Lead Nurse and Practice Education Co-ordinator in Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (BHSCT) (10th January)

Support with additional needs

If you are successful and receive an offer to join the programme, please be advised of the following:

- ▶ A wealth of support for study-related needs is readily available for all students, such as support from a tutor with assignments and accessible module materials.
- ▶ All learners are entitled to additional specialist services from us but you will need to provide supporting evidence of your disability.
- ▶ You're entitled to support and adjustments to teaching, assessments and study materials and activities if you have: a physical or sensory disability; an ongoing health condition; an ongoing mental health difficulty; a specific learning difficulty such as dyslexia; an autistic spectrum condition; a speech or language difficulty.
- ▶ Useful contacts for disability support can be found by following the link:
- ▶ [Contacts for disability support | Help Centre | The Open University](#)

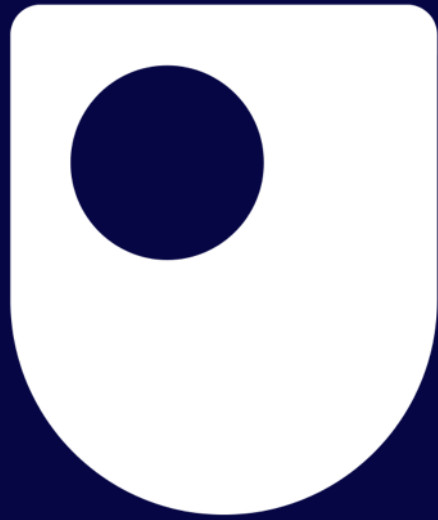
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Questions

Any follow up questions, please direct these to:
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Thank you and good luck



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