

SCHOOL OF HEALTH, NURSING & MIDWIFERY

Part-time study at UWS

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The University's School of Health, Nursing & Midwifery, which prides itself on providing education that is rooted in clinical practice, offers a wide range of Graduate Certificate options available to study on a part-time basis:

Graduate Certificate in Acute and Critical Care

Campus based/Online

This is a theoretical programme of interest to those nursing and allied health professionals working within the areas of acute and critical care. It has been designed to complement the Comprehensive Critical Care Strategy and will equip students with the skills of Personal Development Planning, reflective practice and theoretical knowledge to enhance clinical skills. Programme themes include assessment and management of acutely/critically unwell adults and treatment strategies for critical illness.

Graduate Certificate in Acute Mental Health

Campus based

This programme will be of interest to nursing and allied health professionals working within the areas of acute mental health care. Students undertaking this programme will develop enhanced skills and knowledge within acute mental health care. The need for staff working in acute mental health care, promoting recovery and a therapeutic environment; where people experiencing mental health issues receive the care and support they need is paramount to enhancing a positive outcome (Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland 2012).

Graduate Certificate in Neonatal Nursing

Campus based

This programme has been developed to provide a standardised level of professional competence and academic accreditation for neonatal nurses and prepares them to critically explore the management of the ill neonate in a variety of settings in order to develop and expand their role within the field of neonatal care. It incorporates the competencies of Matching Knowledge and Skills for Qualified in Speciality (QIS) Neonatal Nurses (April 2012).

Graduate Certificate in Managing Respiratory Disorders

Online

This programme has been developed to provide a focussed, credit bearing qualification for nursing and allied health professionals working with people with a respiratory disorder. This programme provides an opportunity for students to extend their knowledge, understanding and skills to support and meet the needs of caring for people with a respiratory disorder; it further aims to help the student develop greater critical awareness of the factors that need to be addressed in their workplace to improve the health of people with a respiratory disorder.

Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care

Online

This programme will be of interest to professionals working in general palliative care settings looking to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the principles and practices of palliative care related to a wide range of patients and their families with the aim of moving into more expert roles within specialist palliative care. The programme aims to further develop original and creative practitioners who have advanced skills and techniques in applying knowledge to practice.

Graduate Certificate in Personality Disorder

Campus based

This programme is designed for students from a range of backgrounds including mental health nurses, allied health professions, social workers/ mental health officers, prison officers, police officers, and those staff involved in the care of people with personality disorder employed by voluntary and private care organisations. It seeks to provide them with an in-depth understanding of the issues involved in working with people who have challenging behaviour/personality disorder in the current environment. It also offers an opportunity to develop skills to assess problems including client's motivation to change and understand therapy, how to formulate problems and how to discuss the content of the intervention with the client.

Graduate Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health

Campus based

This programme seeks to offer nurses the opportunity to study sexual health theory and practice. Sexual health is a national priority in Scotland. Many traditional family planning and genito-urinary services have integrated in order to provide a holistic, one-stop-shop approach to care. Clinical practice is integrated with the theoretical component of the course and may be started after the first six days of theory. Health boards allocate clinical placements to students and clinic times vary depending on the health boards.

Graduate Certificate in Unscheduled Care

Online

This innovative programme of study has been designed for those registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council [NMC] or the Health Care Professions Council [HCPC] respectively, who are currently employed within the area of Unscheduled Care inside United Kingdom jurisdiction. The programme is vocationally relevant and complements the strategic development of unscheduled care in line with the NHS National Out of Hours and Unscheduled Practice Agenda.

Programme content includes theory and competency development in the areas of clinical assessment, common presentations of illness, and minor injuries. All prospective students must have line management support and a clinical supervisor from their area of practice to supervise and assess clinical competency as required.

Graduate Certificate in Working with Older People

Online

This programme offers students an opportunity to develop specialised knowledge about the needs of the older person in a variety of settings. This programme provides an opportunity for students to extend their knowledge, understanding and skills to support and meet the needs of the changing experience of the person who is becoming older. Employers would gain benefit from the ongoing personal and professional development of employees in the specialised knowledge, understanding and skills in working with older people. The learning and teaching approaches are intended to develop critical thinking and stimulate innovative and creative approaches to meeting the care needs of the older person through diverse settings and journeys of care.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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