



# Overseas Nurses Programme (Adaptation/Supervised Practice)

**Bucks was ranked No.1 for Nursing in London by the NHS (2009)**

## Important Information all agents and students must read

This course can only be undertaken by appropriately qualified international students holding a recognised nursing qualification from their home country, an appropriate equivalent Diploma or Bachelors Degree, a Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) decision letter, an IELTS score of 7 (in all 4 components) and recent relevant healthcare experience. The programme is delivered in one of two ways:

- 1 As an optional module within the BSc or MSc Professional Nursing programmes, provided all entry requirements have been met by the applicant (at no additional cost to the student).
- 2 As a stand-alone module for students who possess the entry requirements stated above and are already resident in the UK and working in healthcare (perhaps working on a 2 year post-study work visa (PSW) after successful completion of the Bucks BSc or MSc Nursing programme. The cost of this option is approximately £800.

**This course cannot be undertaken as a stand-alone programme by international students who are currently resident overseas.**

For information about how to become a registered nurse in the UK, please visit:

[http://www.nmc-](http://www.nmc-uk.org/Documents/Registration/Registration%20information%20trained%20outside%20Europe.pdf)

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**Duration:**

15 weeks for overseas trained Adult & Mental Health

**Start Date:**

February and October (extra dates as negotiated)

**Attendance:**

20 Contact days over 15 weeks, plus time in clinical practice as stated by the NMC on the decision letter

**Venue:**

Buckinghamshire New University - Uxbridge Campus

**Fee:**

Approx £800 (fee is waived if studied as part of the BSc or MSc professional nursing courses)

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## **Course Overview:**

This Level 5 course has been designed in response to the changes required by the NMC for the preparation of overseas trained nurses to be registered in the United Kingdom. Students will gain 15 credits upon successful completion

## **Course Aims:**

The aims of the course are based on the NMC 5 principles as follows

1. To ensure the safe and effective practice in the interest of public protection.
2. To enable applicants who meet initial requirements to transfer skills and experience to the United Kingdom setting.
3. To enable applicants to be assessed as being at least as competent as any newly registered United Kingdom trained nurse.
4. To enable supervised practice to be delivered over variable timeframes, as determined by the NMC, based on the applicants training and experience. It will also ensure that applicants meet the practice requirements for registration.
5. The course will be subject to the NMC quality assurance processes.

## **Learning and Assessment:**

A variety of teaching and learning strategies will be adopted to meet the needs of nurses with different levels of experience. Approaches will include lectures, seminars, problem-based learning and critical reflection. Nurses' development on the course will be assessed by written work specific to level 5 academic criteria and the assessment of competence in clinical practice. Nurses will be supported throughout the course with academic tutorial sessions.

A range of assessments have been chosen to aid nurses to perform to the best of their ability with consideration of how these assessments relate theory to practice. This course is clinically based and the aim is to produce practitioners fit for practice.

## **Clinical Practice:**

Direct patient contact hours will be dictated by the NMC decision letter which each applicant must have. The nurse must be working in a healthcare setting which has been audited successfully by Buckinghamshire New University. This is required for the nurse to gain experience and successfully complete the proficiencies required by the course. Within the practice environment each nurse will have a qualified mentor in order to support their completion of the proficiencies.

## **Entry Requirements:**

For all students applying to the programme, the minimum entry requirements are:

1. To have undertaken successful nurse training in their home country and have a transcript of the training programme.
2. To hold an in date NMC decision letter setting out the requirements of their supervised practice.
3. To have recent relevant professional practice as a qualified nurse in their home country within the last six months (exceptionally twelve months) or demonstrate that they have worked within an appropriate area of health care practice since arrival to the United Kingdom.
4. To hold an academic IELTS certificate graded at 7 or above (in all 4 components).
5. To have a placement with a named mentor, within a health setting that has been audited for this Overseas Nursing Programme
6. Hold an up to date passport and relevant visa documentation

## **Application Procedure**

Applicants will be required to complete an application form including personal/academic details, a statement of purpose (personal statement), and details of referees (1 academic and 1 clinical). All original documents will need to be provided.

Applicants are requested not to contact the University until all the above are in place.

Agents should speak with PGTI for detailed advice on this and other PGTI programmes