



BSc with Honours in Nursing (Mental Health Nursing) – 2017 entry

Duration of programme: 4 years (where students join the programme in year 1)

Award on successful completion: Bachelor of Science with Honours

Accreditation: Recognised by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) for the purpose of registration as a qualified nurse (mental health).

Location of delivery: Abertay University, Bell Street, Dundee, and placements across Tayside and Fife.

Composition of the programme: 120 SCQF (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework) credits each academic year delivered in modules of 20 credits. These are divided between theory modules delivered over a term (either term 1 or 2) and a practice module that runs across terms 1, 2 and 3 (summer term) each year.

Students complete approximately twenty weeks of practice placement in each of the first three years of the programme; the placements locations are across the Tayside and Fife regions.

The final year includes a 40 credit independent project.

Contact hours and workload: Students must complete a total of 2300 hours theory and 2300 in clinical practice to become eligible for NMC registration. These hours are delivered over the first three years of the programme. Theory components include classroom teaching, online learning, group work, skills training and self-directed study. Practice components include supervised clinical practice placements (including specialist or elective placements in year 2) and simulated skills practice in our clinical skills suite. ~~Each academic year typically requires 1200 hours of student effort; on average across the 4 years of this programme,~~ Over the course of the programme, 26% of that student time is in lectures, seminars and similar activities; the remainder is placement and independent study.

Assessment methods: Assessments include case studies, reflective portfolios, essays, posters and presentations, appraisal of research, exams and observed structured clinical examinations (OSCEs). Performance on practice is assessed via placement reports.

Academic staff: This programme is delivered by staff in the Division of Mental Health Nursing and Counselling in the School of Social and Health Sciences. Staff profiles can be viewed at <http://www.abertay.ac.uk/studentlife/schools/shs/staff/>

Core modules in the programme:
Interpersonal Skills for Mental Health Nurses
Mental Health Nursing
Introduction to Mental Health Nursing
Physical Health and Wellbeing
Anatomy, Physiology and Human Biology
Mental Health Nursing Practice 1
Mental Health Acute Care

Evidence-based Practice
Nursing Older People
Professional Issues 1
Public Health
Mental Health Nursing Practice 2
Professional Issues 2
Pharmacology and Medicines Management
Evidence-based Practice 2
Mental Health and Older People
Mental Health Nursing Practice 3
Dissertation
Other modules that may be offered (as options in year 4), but are subject to change over time:
Critical Thinking in Mental Health
Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
Leadership
Collaborative Working
Gender and Sexuality

Developments in the discipline

The content of modules may change over time in consultation with the NMC and to reflect changes or developments in practice or professional requirements.