

BSc with Honours in Nursing (Mental Health Nursing) – 2016 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 in each academic year, delivered in modules of 20 credits each, with 2 modules taken in term 1, 2 in term 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: Each academic year typically requires 1200 hours of student effort; on average across the 4 years of this programme, 27% of that time is in lectures, seminars and similar activities; the remainder is placement and independent study.

Assessment methods: Assessments include reports, reflective portfolios, essays, presentations (both oral and posters), appraisal of research, exams, class tests and case studies. 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 Nurses
Introduction to Mental Health Nursing
Physical Health and Wellbeing
Anatomy, Physiology and Human Biology
Mental Health Nursing Practice 1
Mental Health Nursing 2
Evidence-based Practice
Nursing Older People
Professional Issues
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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 core modules in this programme are, with the exception of the dissertation, those that are required by the accrediting body, the Nursing and Midwifery Council. As a result, these modules could change if the accrediting body changes its requirements for education providers.