

# Learning Disability Nursing **BSc(Hons)**

## The Course

The pre-registration Learning Disability Nursing course provides a carefully integrated balance of theory and practice that will enable students to confidently take on the role of a registered nurse within a changing health and social care arena. The course will benefit those who have an interest or experience in supporting people with a learning disability.

During the course you will gain current knowledge and skills required for this challenging and yet highly rewarding nursing role. You will be part of a friendly, dedicated and highly experienced team of lecturers and you will be taught in small class sizes during the field programme.

You will be provided with a range of practice placement opportunities in health, social, and independent sectors. You will also have the best possible opportunities to develop the academic, professional and clinical skills required to be a confident, competent and professional practitioner.

**“** *I am really happy with my decision to study this course and would not change career direction, I have always wanted to work with vulnerable people to help aid their quality of life, and this course enables me to be able to do so I feel it is really helpful having lecturers with such good knowledge and experience around Learning Disabilities* **”**

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The course will give you the relevant nursing knowledge, skills and attitudes to:

- Enhance the person's health and well-being.
- Improve or maintain a range of complex developmental, physical, psychological and mental health needs.
- Work in partnership with people with a learning disability, their families / carers and other health and social care professionals.
- Reduce barriers to disability and promote social inclusion.
- Support people with learning difficulties to achieve a life which is as fulfilling as possible by maintaining their rights, choice and independence.

This course is a collaboration between four partner institutions which means that you have the choice to study in one of the following study centres:

- University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, Hertfordshire
- Fountain House, Reading, Berkshire
- Tom Rudd Unit, Moorgreen Hospital, Southampton, Hampshire
- Abell House, Oxford, Oxfordshire

### Practice placement

Your practice experience may involve working with a broad range of health and social care professionals and carers who support children, adults and older people who have special needs/disabilities.

Practice learning experiences during the three year course include:

- Community learning disability nursing teams
- Assessment and treatment services
- Forensic services
- Day care / outreach / educational services
- A range of residential services in health, social, and independent settings
- Health liaison experience
- Child and adolescent mental health service teams
- Short term break and respite services
- A placement opportunity abroad


### Career opportunities

When you graduate you are entitled to apply for registration as a nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Council UK. This registration will enable you to take advantage of the varied opportunities available to you, to put into practice all you have learned and make a positive contribution to the lives of people with learning disabilities and their families.

You will be able to seek employment in a wide range of organisations including NHS, social services and private and voluntary organisations. You will meet many interesting people throughout your career and each day will be different. You will always be learning, and developing new and innovative skills through experience and education that will enable you to diversify or specialise in a particular area of Learning Disability Nursing, giving opportunity for promotion and job satisfaction.

Following qualification there are many opportunities to further your professional studies with courses, available at graduate level and above, to help develop your knowledge and practice.

Find out more about the School of Health and Social Work on [go.herts.ac.uk/hsw](http://go.herts.ac.uk/hsw)



### UCAS code:

B761

### Course length:

Full time 3 years  
Accelerated route 2 years

### Entry requirements:

240 UCAS points to include at least two A levels and 5 GCSEs grade A-C, to include English, mathematics and a science or equivalent.

The selection process includes an interview, enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service screening and a health assessment.

### Course fees:

For UK/EU full-time undergraduate student, the NHS will pay the tuition fees for this course. UK students may be entitled to a means tested NHS bursary. Visit [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk) for more details

### Professional accreditation:

On graduation, you are entitled to apply to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) in the field of Learning Disabilities Nursing

### How to apply:

Applications are through UCAS [go.herts.ac.uk/apply](http://go.herts.ac.uk/apply)

### Website address:

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