

University of
Hertfordshire **UH**

School of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences

Health and Social Work programmes

**Additional advice for international
applicants and students**

We are thrilled that you are considering joining our thriving community at the University of Hertfordshire! Exploring your various study options is very exciting, and it is important to have accurate and clear information to help you decide what and where to study. You will find a wealth of information on our website, which we encourage you to explore, and you are always welcome to contact us for more advice.



On our website, you will come across information about various means of financial support that the UK Government or the NHS has in place for specific courses. It is important to understand that these are normally only relevant and applicable to home students and EU students with pre-settled or settled status, and that as an International applicant and student you are unlikely to be able to benefit from these.

Here we are providing important information about some key aspects of your studies, which you should read carefully. If you have any further questions, please do feel free to get in touch.

IMPORTANT: Please note that the information in this document is not programme-specific and is meant to provide general advice only. For programme-specific information, please make sure you read the Course fact sheet and Programme Specification documents that can be found on our website and contact the relevant programme team if required.

Funding your studies

Am I eligible for any of the grants and bursaries that are shown on your website?

No, any grants and bursaries that are available from the UK Government for specific courses, are only available to Home students and EU students with pre-settled or settled status. As an International student you are not eligible to access these.

Term address

Should I live on or near the University campus during my studies?

Yes, we encourage all students to live on or near our campus as this is where you will be attending most teaching sessions. If you choose to commute from a greater distance, you must consider the additional travel time and travel costs you will incur and be satisfied that you will be able to meet these. This applies for both attending teaching sessions on campus and for attending your various allocated placement sites.



Practice placements

Where are the practice placements?

Placements can be located in a number of locations and you are unable to choose where your placement will be. They can either be in a commutable distance to the University campus, or they can be further away in Hertfordshire, or the surrounding counties of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, and London (excluding Dietetics).

Some programme placement sites can be located even further away in areas within the East and South East England regions, and you may be required to find and pay for temporary accommodation while on placement. You should be prepared to cover your commute costs and be aware of travel times when you are unable to get local temporary accommodation. For more details about the location of placement sites and any additional requirements, please contact the relevant programme team.

Can I select which practice placement site I will attend?

No, you cannot select or negotiate your placement location. Although we try to consider individual circumstances, we cannot guarantee you will be placed in your preferred sites. You will need to attend the placement sites that have been allocated to you and follow their specific shift patterns.

Do I have to pay a practice placement fee?

No, your tuition fees are inclusive of the practice placement fee.

Do I have to pay for a uniform?

For programmes where this is required, your tuition fees are inclusive of a uniform. What you will get exactly may vary between programmes, and includes clothing only (for example tunic, polo- shirt, trousers). Please note that shoes and any other accessories are not normally included and you will need to purchase these yourself. For certain programmes (for example Paramedic Science) you may receive additional personal protective equipment. Uniforms will normally be posted direct from the supplier, and you may need to pay the postal costs. For further information about specific programmes, please refer to the Course fact sheet and contact the relevant programme team.

Will I get paid during practice placements?

Aside from the pre-registration year on the Master of Optometry programme, you will not receive any payment for your practice placements.

Travel and accommodation for practice placements

Do I have to pay for my travel costs to and from practice placements?

Yes, you will have to pay for all your travel expenses to and from practice placements, which can involve many weeks of daily or regular attendance.

International students are not eligible to claim back travel costs. Reimbursement is only available to home and EU students with pre-settled status.

Do I have to find and pay for accommodation during practice placements?

Yes, you will have to pay for temporary accommodation yourself if it is not practicable to commute to a placement site due to its location.

Are Uno buses free for students?

No, all students must pay for a ticket when using Uno buses, just like any other public transport service. Only the shuttle bus service that runs between the College Lane campus and de Havilland campus is free.

Do I need a driving licence and access to a car?

For most programmes this is not required. However, for several programmes (for example Social Work and many Dietetics placements) placement sites may require students to be able to drive and have access to their own vehicle with appropriate insurance cover for business use. If access to your own vehicle is required for a particular placement but you are unable to drive (or without access to a vehicle) this may lead to placement opportunities being restricted, as then you would only be able to access the placements where a vehicle is not required. This could also result in a delayed start to placements. If you do wish to drive while in the UK, you will need to check your licence is valid for use in the UK. If it was issued outside of the UK, please refer to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency or the UKCISA guidance on driving in the UK.