



Welcome to 2014 Healthcare Careers Conference

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What we do

- We are a key provider of nursing, midwifery and social work programmes in London
- We offer CPPD for nurses, midwives and social workers at undergraduate and postgraduate level
- We undertake research on health and social care, often in partnership with other organisations
- We work as part of UCLP – an academic science network that links health care providers and universities across north east and central London, and includes partners in Essex and Hertfordshire

Partnership



- We work in partnership with a number of healthcare providers across London
- We work in partnership with other Universities across London

Professional academic staff

- Staff who have current professional status:
- Nursing – 81
- Midwifery – 15
- Social Work - 15



Pre-Registration Nursing/Midwifery Programmes

- One intake each year – BSc or PGDip Nursing, BSc Midwifery
- Three fields of Nursing – Adult, Child or Mental Health
- Most nursing students on 3-year BSc (80%) with around 20% on the 2-year PGDip
- 40% male students
- Average age – 27 years (but between 17 – 55 years)
- Very diverse student population

Cost of programme

- Health Education England pays:
- £8,700 to University every year for each student
- A bursary to each eligible student (amount depending on personal circumstances)
- Each hospital gets paid for each student they support in practice each year (circa £100 per week)

Qualifying

- All assessments for theory and practice need to be passed in all years
- Students must affirm that they are in good health and of good character each year
- Programme leader verifies students have completed 2300 hours in practice
- Last practice placement is for 12 weeks – student assessed by experienced “sign-off” mentor
- Programme leader signs off student, and verifies that they are fit to go on to register

First steps as qualified nurse

- Students prepared in University for applying for jobs, writing CVs, doing interviews
- Many students apply for jobs in local hospitals
- Pre-interview tests
- If successful, period of “preceptorship” where new staff nurse is supported in new role
- Students specialize after qualification

Major challenges of programme

- So much to do – NMC requirements and local Trust requirements
- Student expectations - realities of adult learning, long hours in busy practice areas, pressure of meeting assessment deadlines
- Students stepping off (sickness, maternity leave, personal issues) – need to finish programme within 5 years of starting