

MSc

Adult Nursing with Registered Nurse Status

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

24 months

Apply by: **15 January 2027**Starts on: **25 January 2027**

About this course

This is an accelerated postgraduate programme developed for those who have already graduated with an undergraduate degree. You will gain the skills and experience to practice as an adult nurse in two years. You will spend half of your time in clinical practice or in simulation-based learning, giving you the opportunity to experience professional nursing from early in the programme. When on campus, you will learn alongside students from nursing programmes, medicine and a variety of allied health professionals.

Introduction

Please note, your course welcome starts on 25 January 2027. Teaching starts on the 1 February 2027.

Early applications are encouraged. Applications submitted by 31 October will be given equal consideration. Applications submitted after this date are not guaranteed to be considered for the January start but may be considered for waiting list places.

This two-year master's degree equips you with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes needed to become an adult nurse.

Whilst the focus is adult physical health; we'll prepare you to care for individuals across the lifespan who experience a range of healthcare challenges.

With an emphasis on evidence-based practice, you'll discover the principles of adult nursing practice, local and global determinants of health, and how to manage complex care needs.

Your learning will be brought to life through extensive clinical experience, working with patients in a variety of settings, including inpatient wards, intensive and specialists care services, outpatient clinics and community settings.

Developed in collaboration with leading healthcare providers in the North West, the programme will be taught by experienced, registered practitioners. We'll help you develop into a caring and compassionate nurse, able to support individuals and their families, and ready to lead and coordinate care as part of a multi-professional team.

On successful completion of the programme, you'll be eligible to apply for professional registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as an adult nurse.

Who is this course for?

The programme is a pre-registration award for graduates wanting to study adult nursing for the first time at Masters level. Please note, it is not a professional development programme for qualified nurses or a conversion course.

What you'll learn

- Professional standards for nurses, midwives and nursing associates, as set out by the Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Relevant legal, professional regulatory and ethical frameworks
- Anatomy, physiology, genomics and behavioural sciences
- Commonly encountered physical and mental health conditions
- Local and global determinants of health
- How to assess patient needs and plan, provide and evaluate care
- How to provide compassionate, evidence-based and person-centred nursing care
- How to recognise deteriorating health needs
- Public health principles including the promotion of good health and prevention of ill health
- Leaderships styles and management skills in professional nursing
- Care planning, delivery, interventions and referrals for complex health care needs

- Collaborative working practices
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Accreditation

On successful completion of the course, you'll be eligible to apply for professional registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as an adult nurse.

Registration with the NMC is a pre-requisite to practice as registered nurse in the UK.

Accreditation in detail

Nursing and Midwifery Council

The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) are the independent regulator for nurses and midwives in the UK, and nursing associates in England.

They set the professional standards that nurses, midwives and nursing associates must uphold in order to carry professional registration.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
PRINCIPLES OF NURSING PRACTICE (ANUR700)	20
DEVELOPING AND ENHANCING SKILLS FOR ADULT NURSING PRACTICE (ANUR701)	20
LOCAL AND GLOBAL DETERMINANTS OF ADULT HEALTH (ANUR702)	20
RESEARCH FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (ANUR703)	20

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Year two

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
SKILLS FOR REGISTRATION (MNUR704)	20
LEADING IN ADULT NURSING (ANUR705)	20

Compulsory modules

Credits

DISSERTATION (ANUR706)

60

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

You'll learn through a blend of timetabled lectures, seminars, skills and simulation sessions, individual and group tutorials, and directed study time. Clinical placements complement theoretical study across both years of the course.

Service users have been involved in the development of the programme and will be invited to provide bespoke sessions outlining their experiences of being a patient nursed on a ward or in the community.

How you're assessed

Assessments include written and numeracy exams and a dissertation. There are also observed practical exams conducted in our simulation suites and assessments on your clinical placements conducted by your practice assessors.

All module and clinical placement assessments must be successfully attended, completed and passed in order to complete the programme and have the opportunity to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council as an adult nurse.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence

- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

As a Nursing graduate from the School of Allied Health Professions and Nursing, you'll be eligible to apply for registration with the **Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)**.

You can look forward to a career in the National Health Service, Social Services or the private sector. Further career options include clinical education, research, project delivery or management. You may also choose to undertake further study in a particular healthcare speciality.

Typical employers include:

- the National Health Service (NHS)
- private sector clinics and hospitals
- voluntary organisations
- local authorities (for work in nursing and residential homes)
- schools, further and higher education institutions
- prisons and the armed forces
- private sector organisations, such as leisure cruise companies and private nursing homes.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year – £9,790

International fees

Full-time place, per year – £32,000

Tuition fees are for the academic year 2026/27. Please be advised that this tuition fee is subject to increase each year, subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can pay your tuition fees in instalments.
- All or part of your tuition fees can be funded by external sponsorship.
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to pay a tuition fee deposit.

If you're eligible for tuition fees and maintenance support from the Student Loans Company, you may qualify for the NHS Learning Support Fund for this course.

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the additional study costs that may apply to this course.

Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Postgraduate entry requirements

You should include a personal statement of no more than 700 words in support of your application. This should reflect on your understanding of the profession and relevant qualities valuable to a healthcare professional.

Applications are welcome from graduates with an honours degree in any subject. GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics at grade C or grade 4 or above, or equivalent, are also required.

An interview forms part of the selection process. The interview follows the values-based recruitment (VBR) process and you will be expected to demonstrate the relevance of the NHS' values. Literacy and mathematics tests will also be conducted, in line with Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) requirements.

Recognition of Prior (Experiential) Learning RP(E)L

The NMC stipulate that the training of nurses responsible for general care must comprise a total of at least three years of study, which may in addition be expressed with the equivalent European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) credits. This must consist of at least 4,600 hours of theoretical and clinical training, the duration of the theoretical training representing at least one third and the duration of the clinical training at least one half of the minimum duration of the training.

In order to achieve these hours, successful entry onto the programme includes a portfolio detailing recognition of prior learning (RPL) that amounts to 620 theory hours and 570 practice hours, which must be approved by the relevant RPL assessor. These hours, added to the programme hours, will amount to a total of 4,600 hours. The 570 practice hours should consist of verified prior experience of care provision – this can be through paid work and drawn from one, or a range of, settings in which care of people's health and wellbeing is provided. This care may include the physical, cognitive, social, learning or developmental needs of children, families or adults.

Demonstration of this experience does not need to be in all areas highlighted here. Alongside working in traditional care environments such as hospitals and care homes, you could also have gained experience as a carer both formally and informally. This can be through paid or voluntary work. Working alongside those who access social care is also acceptable. The emphasis is on the process of providing care for others.

In keeping with NMC guidelines, evidence of such activity will need to be evidenced. Signed verification of these hours by the organisation(s) or individuals involved in the provision/ receipt of care where this work has been undertaken will be required.

In regards to theory, a number of educational experiences may count towards the required theory hours. Courses such as counselling, health and social care courses that can be classed as certified learning will all be considered.

Please note: Meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee a place on the programme as competition is high. You are encouraged to present the strongest possible application.

Declaration of Criminal Background

You will understand that as a health sciences student, and when you qualify, you will be asked to treat children and other vulnerable people. We therefore need information about any criminal offences of which you may have been convicted, or with which you have been charged. The information you provide may later be checked with the police.

If selected for interview you will be provided with the appropriate form to complete.

Health Screening

The University and the School of Health Sciences has an obligation to undertake health screening on all prospective healthcare students. Any offer of a place to study is conditional on completion of a health questionnaire and a satisfactory assessment of fitness to train from the University's Occupational Health Service. This will include some obligatory immunisations and blood tests. Please visit the [Higher Education Occupational Practitioners website](#) for further information.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, a Pre-Master's can help you gain a place. This specialist preparation course for postgraduate study is offered on campus at the [University of Liverpool International College](#), in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. Although there's no direct Pre-Master's route to this MSc, completing a Pre-Master's pathway can guarantee you a place on many other postgraduate courses at The University of Liverpool.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a [majority English speaking country](#).

Please note, while we accept IELTS for this course, your IELTS test must have been sat and completed in person and not online.

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our [Pre-Sessional English courses](#) to achieve the required level.

IELTS

7.0 overall, with listening, reading and speaking at 7.0, and writing at 6.5. Please note, your IELTS test must have been sat and completed in person and not online.

Duolingo English Test

135 overall, with writing and speaking not less than 140, and reading and listening not below 130

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or the equivalent score in selected other English language tests, to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Our Pre-sessional English courses vary from 6, 10, 12, 20, 30 or 40 weeks.

You can email us at elc@liverpool.ac.uk for advice on the length of Pre-sessional English course you require. Please let us know your most recent score in one of the following English languages tests so we can assess your current English language ability:

- IELTS
- LanguageCert Academic
- Pearson PTE
- Skills for English
- Oxford Test for English
- Duolingo English Test

We'll be in touch to let you know the length of Pre-sessional English course you require. We'll also confirm whether you can study Pre-Sessional English on campus or online.

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