BN (Hons) Nursing

2018 Academic & Clinical Entry Criteria

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A Level and Welsh Qualifications

GCE A2 Levels graded BBB from three A2 Levels (or two A2 Levels and two AS Levels), preferably one subject to be a Biological Science at A2.

Higher grades may be required from re-sit students.

For applicants from England: Where a Science has been taken at A Level (Chemistry, Biology or Physics), a pass in the Science practical of each subject will be required.

5 GCSE subjects graded A*-C and must include English Language, Mathematics and Science. Where numerical grading is introduced English Language, Mathematics and Science will be required at grade 5. Science Dual Award is acceptable. Core and Applied Science GCSEs will not be considered. All GCSEs should be obtained at one sitting.

Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate:

Accepted at grade A alongside two A2 Levels at grade B. One A2 should preferably be a Biological Science.

BTEC

BTEC Nationals are accepted in addition to 5 GCSE subjects graded A*-C which must include English Language, Mathematics and Science. Where numerical grading is introduced English Language, Mathematics and Science will be required at grade 5.

BTEC National Extended Certificate:

We will accept one National Extended Certificate at a minimum of Distinction. This must be accompanied by two A2 Levels at grade B. One A2 subject should preferably include a Biological Science. In total, between the two qualifications, three separate subjects must be taken.

BTEC National Diploma in Health and Social Care or Applied Science graded at DD will be accepted. This must be accompanied by one A Level at grade B. In total, between the two qualifications; two separate subjects must be taken.

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma and National Diploma must be from courses commencing September 2016 onwards.

Higher grades may be required from re-sit students.

Access to HE Diploma

60 Credits at Level 3 (all should be new learning, ie. GCSE awards cannot be APL’d against the Diploma). 45 Credits passed at Distinction to include: minimum of 15 Level 3 credits in Biology or Human Physiology; minimum of 15 Level 3 credits in Professional Healthcare Practice and a minimum of 15 Level 3 credits in either Chemistry/Physics/Social Issues in Healthcare/Psychology or Sociology. ALL must be at DISTINCTION level.

The remaining 15 Level 3 credits can be gained from ungraded credits in academic subjects. Either another Science subject or from the subjects stipulated above.

5 GCSE subjects graded A*-C and must include English Language, Mathematics and Science. Where numerical grading is introduced English Language, Mathematics and Science will be required at grade 5.

Please note: we consider Access courses to be suitable for adult learners who have generally been out of education for at least 3 years and have had no access to higher education. This is not considered an appropriate route for students who have failed to achieve the necessary A2 Level grades.

For full details please visit https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/media/livacuk/study/undergraduate/healthsciencesentrycriteria/Access,course,Nursing,2018.pdf
Scottish and Irish Qualifications

Scottish Certificate of Education:
Accepted in addition to five National 5s graded upper A-C which must include English Language, Mathematics and a Science. A minimum of 5 Bs from any combination of Advanced Higher and Higher subjects; preferably one subject to be a Biological Science.
Duplicate subjects are not accepted.
Higher grades may be required from re-sit students.

Irish Leaving Certificate
6 Higher Level subjects to be gained at a single sitting. 2 subjects at H2 grade, plus 4 subjects at H3; to include English Language, Mathematics and Biology. Higher grades may be required from resit students.
Please note that FETAC L5 is not accepted.

Graduate Applicants
We welcome applications from graduates holding a minimum of a 2:2 classification If your degree is not science related, please contact the admissions tutor directly to discuss this further: emma.addie@liverpool.ac.uk.
The degree qualification should be supported by a sound academic background, with a minimum of 5 GCSEs at grades A* - C, which should include English Language, Mathematics and Science.
There are no shortened courses for graduates.

International Baccalaureate Diploma
Accepted in addition to 5 GCSE subjects graded A*-C which must include English Language, Mathematics and Science. Where numerical grading is introduced English Language, Mathematics and Science will be required at grade 5. Applicants must achieve a minimum of 30 points to include 3 Higher Level subjects at a minimum of Grade 5. Biology must be offered at a minimum of Grade 6 or above.

European Baccalaureate Diploma
Essential: 74% overall with a minimum mark of 8 in Biology and no subject mark below 6.

International & EU Applicants
Residents of ‘European Union’ countries, educated under a non-British system should present with qualifications which have a strong biological science component and which would admit them to a degree course at a University in their own country.
Translations of all educational certificates must be provided. We do not accept international applications for Nursing.
Students whose native language is not English must show evidence of proficiency in English to a standard equivalent to average academic level 7 of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS), with no component lower than 6.5.

NB: Please note that this degree may not be acceptable in other countries.

Important Note
The academic profile, reference and personal statement of each candidate are given equal consideration. Due to the large number of applications it is advised that candidates ensure that they present with the strongest possible application.

For qualifications not listed in this document, please visit our web site or email the Admissions Team.
Additional Essential Requirements for a successful UCAS application

Essential Requirements

Show Knowledge and understanding of the profession by:

- Frontline caring experience in accordance with the values and behaviours of the NHS constitution. Visit: www.liv.ac.uk/nursing/undergraduate/courses/nursing
- Observation of the Nursing role in the acute or community setting.

Desirable Skills/Attributes

Evidence of Care/Compassion for others

- Involvement in voluntary/paid experience in a health/well-being environment.
- Active involvement in school/college support systems such as peer mentoring etc.
- Using own time and effort to the benefit of others such as charity fund raising

Evidence of Teamwork and Personal Achievement

- Hobbies and interests that demonstrate experience of team and small group work.
- Evidence of a leadership role.
- Evidence of personal achievement.

Evidence of Verbal and/or Written Communication Skills

- The ability to express ideas clearly and logically and to listen to the point of view of others.
- Competent communicator with people of all ages and abilities

Meeting these minimum criteria does not automatically guarantee an interview, as competition for places is high.