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# Nursing Studies

## Master of Nursing with Pre-Registration (MN)

### Welcome



#1 in the  
UK for  
Nursing  
Studies



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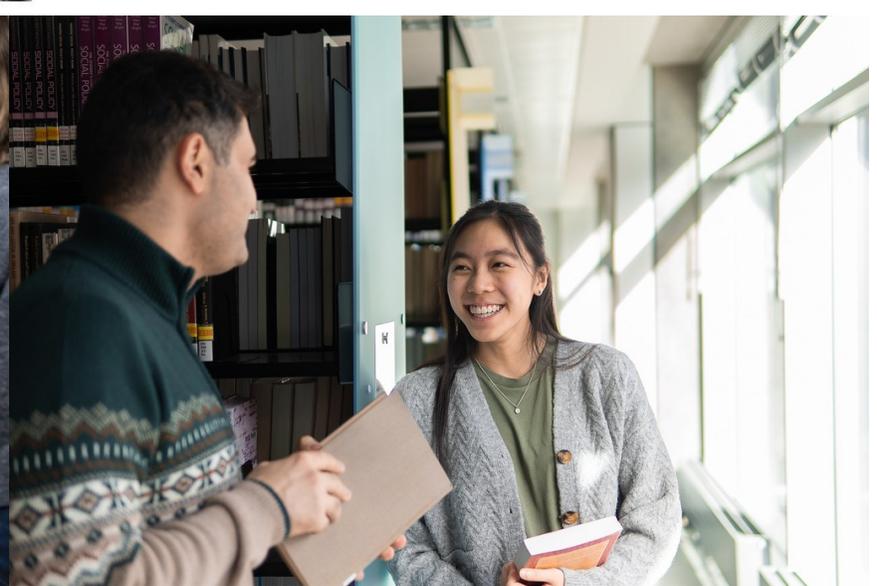
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# Nursing Studies: A vibrant community of learners, educators and researchers



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# MN Pre-registration - Adult Nursing

The curriculum reflects....

- a mix of academic study of sciences and social sciences as they relate to health, illness and diseases.
- research skills teaching necessary for clinical decision making and evidence based nursing care.
- knowledge development of the professional role of the nurse.
- a learning environment in practice (50%) and academia (50%).



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# Skills and Attributes

Skills and attributes required by successful nurses

- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Emotional intelligence
- Cognitive abilities
- Resilience



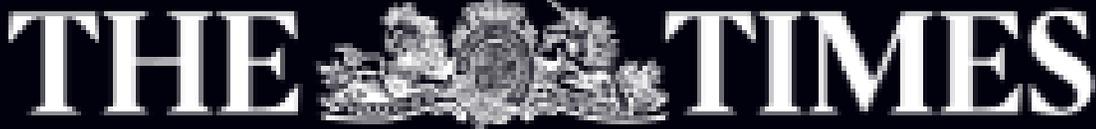
# Simulation and Inter-professional Learning

- Technical skills
- Teamwork



# Nursing Studies @ The University of Edinburgh

- We are consistently ranked as one of the leading Universities for Nursing.
- Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in new Guardian league table 2026 and The Times UK University Ranking 2026
- We teach in cohorts of around 12-15 students but mix with other student populations
- There are optional opportunities to study abroad.
- You can bring skills from your previous studies and employment



## Nursing UK University Rankings 2026: League table

Subject rank	Overall rank	University	Teaching quality	Student experience	Research quality	Entry standards	Graduate prospects	Total
1	25	University of Edinburgh	84.1	82.1	55.2	189	100	100
2	22	University of Glasgow	81.9	75.8	63.5	192	97.2	98.8



The best UK universities 2026 - rankings

Pick a subject area  [See what it would be like to study this subject](#)

2026	Institution	Guardian score/100	Satisfied with teaching	Satisfied with feedback	Student to staff ratio	Spend per student/10	Average entry tariff	Value added score/10	Career after 15 months	Continuation
1	Edinburgh	100	88.8	74	11.2	n/a	189	7	n/a	93.3
2	Northumbria	95.2	80.4	83.3	12.9	5	134	10	99	87.7
3	Oxford Brookes	94.7	90.4	88.3	9.1	n/a	108	8	96	91.4
4	Liverpool	94.1	95.6	88	14.7	8	129	8	97	90.3
5	York	93.9	84.9	85.1	9.3	10	130	8	93	89.5

# The Degree Programme

Year 1	Year 2
Life Science	Leading and Managing in Health and Social Care
Designing Research	Pathophysiology and Nursing Care
Becoming A Critically Reflective Practitioner	Managing Complex Needs
Mental Health and Nursing Care	Dissertation
Outside course	

*Personalise  
your learning*



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# Practice Learning

- Skills sessions throughout the programme
- Inter-professional education
  
- Hospital and Community Nursing
- Older People
- Elective placement – here or overseas!
  
- Re-thinking your practice as you consider registrant roles

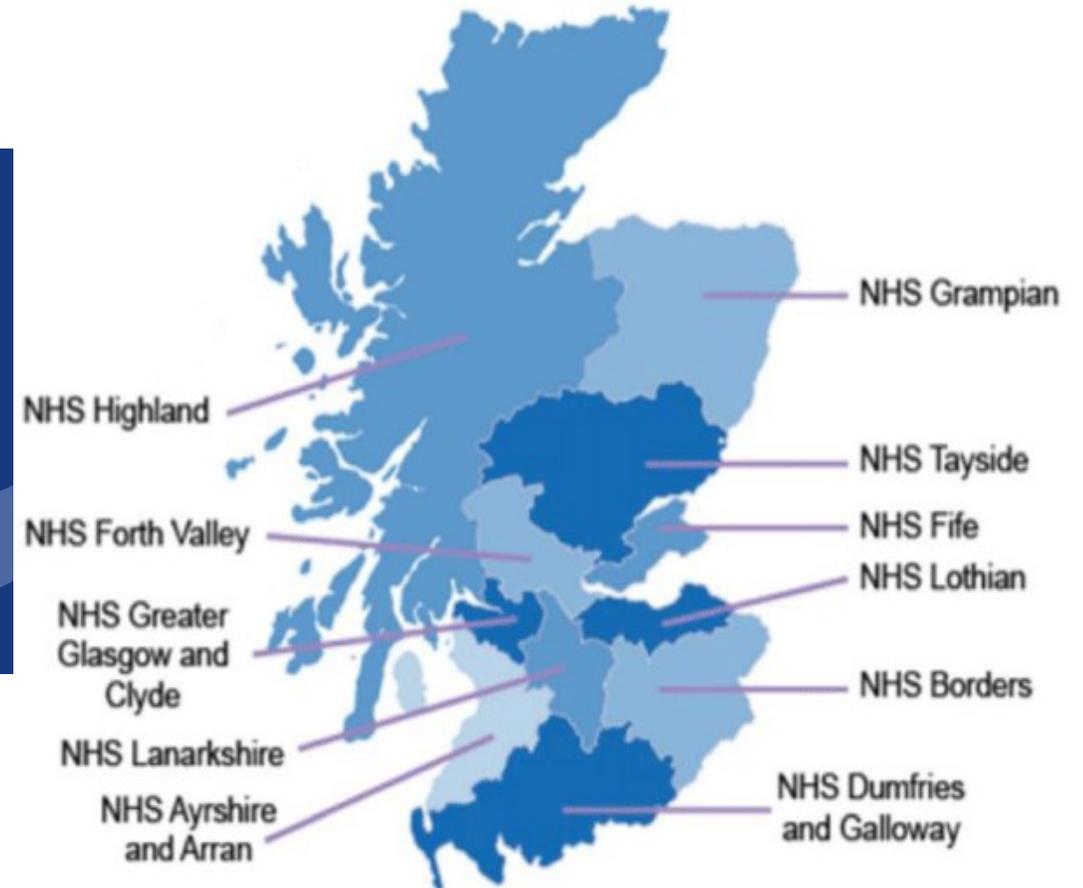
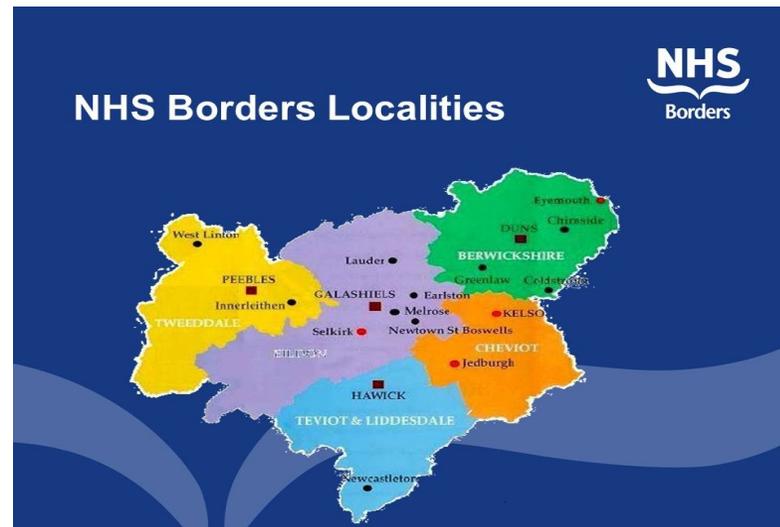


# Practice Learning



- Practice learning takes place in quality assured placements in Lothian and Borders – NHS hospitals & community services, 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations and care homes.
- Most placements range across Edinburgh and Lothians – commutable by bus/train

- Some of the NHS Borders placements are daily commutable by public transport but short term accommodation in Borders can make the placement easier.
- **Everyone goes to Borders during the programme**



# International study opportunities – Global Nursing



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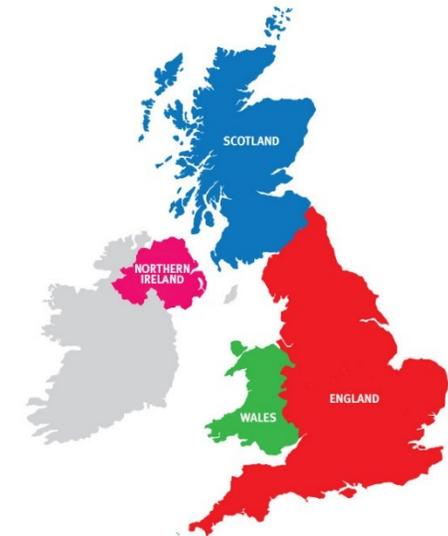
# International Opportunity

In year one, over the summer period there is a practice learning opportunity to work for 150-60hrs (4 weeks) within a specialist practice area.

This practice placement can either be in the UK or overseas. This is the only placement students are supported to organise themselves. Each student has an assigned academic member of staff as facilitator.



Some students stay  
in the UK whilst  
others travel the  
world.



# Nursing Studies: Learning and Teaching

- Students build from undergraduate study, developing the following skills:
  - academic study & writing skills
  - analytical & critical enquiry skills
  - leadership, teamwork & communication skills
  - clinical skills
  - personal growth
  - reflective practice skills
  - preparation for lifelong learning



# Teaching & learning & assessment through;

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Small group work
- Tutorials
- Study circle groups
- Clinical skills teaching
- Simulation education
- Reflective practice
- Practice placements



- Course Papers (essays)
- Examinations (incl. 'seen' exams)
- Presentations (group and individual)
- Practice placement assessment



# Application Process

- PLEASE fill in the RPL forms!!
- RPL forms
- Applying previous experience to nursing
- Thinking about transferable skills
- Mapping theoretical content
  
- Any problems please send an email!
- [Futurestudents@ed.ac.uk](mailto:Futurestudents@ed.ac.uk)
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# Student Support

- A priority for the whole university!
- Student support team & Student Advisor for Pre-registration nursing students
- Course organisers and academic staff
- Year Lead
- University infrastructure
  - Chaplaincy
  - Disability and Learning Support Service
  - Students' Association, Advice Place
  - Counselling, wellbeing service



# Support in clinical practice

- Practice supervisor for day to day support
- Practice assessor for feedback and assessment
- Academic assessor – a link from Nursing Studies who can help you make links between University and practice
- Practice Education Facilitators – staff from NHS who work to support students and liaise with the University



# Additional costs for rUK and international students

Item	Cost	One off cost?	Notes
<b>Student Nurse Uniform</b>	Approximately £80-£100	Yes  (unless replacements required)	You are supplied with four uniforms in year one – which the listed cost covers. Additional/replacement uniforms can be purchased at approx. £20 per uniform if required throughout your studies.
<b>Protecting Vulnerable Groups Membership</b>	New member £60-70 Existing member £25-35	Yes**	**students are only required to register with the PVG scheme once for the Nursing programme.
<b>Occupational Health</b>	Clearance for study & placement Hep B vaccination BCG testing MMR vaccine  Missed appointment (per appointment) £30	Yes	The listed vaccines are the most common our students require but this is not an exhaustive list.
<b>TOTAL</b>	£300 approx		



# Why come to Edinburgh?

- a 1st class undergraduate Nursing Education at a research-led university
- Nursing Studies is a central part of the University so you can enjoy the University community and be part of all the extra-curricular, sporting and social elements of a University experience
- our staff draw on current professional expertise and research activity
- we have nearly 70 years experience of providing undergraduate Nursing education
- we teach in small cohorts of students allowing strong personal relationships to build within classes and with regular staff contact
- we offer excellent student support





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