

BSc Hons Adult Nursing Frequently Asked Questions



"Why should I study Adult Nursing at the University of Greenwich?"

We have a strong history of nurse education and we can give you an experience where we will treat you as an individual. We have developed strong links with NHS Trusts and pride ourselves on delivering a programme that focuses on the needs of the patient and prepares you to become a highly skilled nurse. We are no. 1 in London for student satisfaction and have a 96% employability rate at the end of the programme. The placements for nursing students are primarily in the following NHS Trusts and respective community areas. We can only place you with the Trust or hospitals listed below. You will be based with one of the Trust, although you will be asked to travel in the surrounding community for placement purposes.

[Dartford&GraveshamNHSTrust](#)

Darent Valley Hospital

[Lewisham & Greenwich Healthcare NHS Trust](#)

University Hospital Lewisham
Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Woolwich

[Barts Health NHS Trust](#)

Newham General Hospital

[Kings College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Princess Royal University Hospital, Bromley,
Kent Kings College Hospital

[Croydon University Hospital](#)

[Guys & St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Medway NHS Foundation Trust](#)

[Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust](#)

Other areas are occasionally used which may include you working in the Independent (private and voluntary) healthcare sector.



"I have been invited to an interview. How can I prepare for this?"

You will be asked questions relevant to undertaking a degree in nursing at the University of Greenwich.

You should be prepared to talk about:

- Your reasons for wanting to be a nurse (and why you have chosen adult nursing)?
- Why you want to study at the University of Greenwich?
- Why you would like to undertake your placement in our local trusts (see above)?
- What you think the challenges that the programme will bring?
- Why you would make a good nurse?

"What happens after interview?"

If you are successful after interview, all offers will be made via UCAS, in line with their deadline. Find out more about decisions following interview and accepting your offer.

"I have accepted my offer. What financial support is available?"

There is a range of financial support options available to support your studies, including the *Aspire@Greenwich* award for study resources that many full-time students will receive. [Find out more.](#)



"I have been offered a place and accepted! Do I have to live on campus?"

You could be allocated to **any** Trust and therefore need to explore the practicalities of travel to all sites prior to accepting a place. Shifts will be a mixture of weekdays and weekends and cover the 24-hour period. Most hospital areas work long days, which commence at approx. 7am and finish at 7.30pm hours. However, shifts could finish as late as 10pm. In the community placements, the hours are normally between 8am and 6pm. When on placement you will be expected to undertake the shift pattern within each area, which includes nights, weekends and bank holidays.

"Will I be allocated a placement close to where I live?"

We will try to place you near to your term time home, but it is not always possible.

"What kind of experiences will I get in placements?"

During the programme, you will care for patients in a variety of settings in order to get a good basic knowledge of the art and science of nursing. You will go to surgical and medical wards, nursing and residential homes, community placements and GP practices to mention a few. We will also place you in a range of acute areas such as the Emergency Department, Intensive care unit and Theatres.



"When can I take holiday?"

Holidays are pre-planned and can only be taken when allocated by the university. You will receive two weeks at Easter, three weeks at the beginning of August and two weeks at Christmas. **Holidays outside this period are not allowed.** Please advise family of this as surprise holidays, although nice, can often interfere with your progression along the programme.

"I have childcare / caring responsibilities, how can I fit this around the degree?"

When considering whether this is the right time to undertake the programme you must ensure that your provisions for those you care for are adequate for the unsocial hours that you will be working i.e. weekends and nights.

What support will I get at University and in placement?

There is a range of support for students including:

- Support, advice and guidance from your Programme Leader
- Pastoral and academic support from your Personal Tutor
- Administrative support from Programme Administrator
- Academic support from course teams
- Students Union
- Student Services
- Mentors and link teachers in clinical practice

How can I find out more?

Even if you have attended interview you are still very welcome to come along to an [Open day or Open evening](#) if you have further questions.