

A warm welcome to the  
**University of  
Greenwich**



## Why choose the University of Greenwich ?

- We have three beautiful and historic campuses: Greenwich, Medway and Avery Hill.
- Nursing (Mental Health) and Midwifery is based at Avery Hill Campus, Eltham, which is convenient for Central London and the Kent countryside.
- We provide training & education for health and social care organisations throughout South East England.
- We offer a range of qualifying and post qualified courses for professionals from various disciplines, as well as traditional academic degrees.

## Why Mental Health Nursing at the University of Greenwich ?

- Mental health nursing at the University of Greenwich is rated Green amongst the 10 Universities in London, for its learning opportunities, assessment and feedback.
- All lecturers are registered mental health nurses.
- Dedicated team.
- Supportive environment, amongst top 10 Greenest Universities in UK.
- Beautiful surroundings.



## Mental Health Nursing at the University of Greenwich?

- Our mental health nursing programme is a three year full time programme.
- We offer January and September intakes each year.
- 50% of the programme is theoretical and based at Avery Hill Campus.
- 50% of the programme is spent in clinical practice
  - students are normally based with **one** NHS Trust for the whole 3 years.

# Where will I be working in clinical placement?



## London Based:

SOUTH LONDON & MAUDSLEY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST  
(Covering London Borough of Lambeth, Lewisham,  
Croydon and Southwark)

OXLEAS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST (Covering the London  
Borough of Greenwich, Bexley and Bromley)



## Kent Based:

East and West of Kent (both hospital and  
community placements)

**You will be asked for your 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> preference at  
interview – However it is NOT guaranteed!**

# What does a typical university day look like?

- Classroom teaching usually takes place between 9.00am and 6.00pm
- The library has extended opening hours.
- Typically 25-30 hours classroom time per week.
- Attendance and punctuality is important and is monitored.
  
- **Facilities** - cafés and restaurants,  
shop, Car parking - parking charges in place: pay and display  
(£1 for up to 2.5 hours, £2 for up to 5 hours, £3 All day).



# Structure of the programme from Sept 2020:

You will share learning with Midwifery students on the following modules:

## YEAR 1

- Professional and academic development (30 credits Level 4).
- Anatomy, physiology & pharmacology (30 credit Level 4).

## YEAR 2

- Understanding Research in Evidence-Based Practice (30 credits Level 5).
- Pathophysiology: illness and its impact upon an individual (15 credits) Level 5).

## YEAR 3

- Exploring Evidence for Professional Practice (30 credits Level 6).
- Preparation for Professional Practice (30 credits Level 6).

# You will also have mental health nursing specific learning on the following modules

## **YEAR 1**

- Foundations of Mental Health Nursing (30 credits Level 4).
- Individual Health and Well Being – 30 Credits Level 4).

## **YEAR 2**

- Developing Mental Health Nursing Practice (30 Credits).
- Medications Management and Pharmacology (15 Credits).
- Acquisition and Dissemination of Knowledge (30 Credits).

## ▪ **YEAR 3**

- Advancing Mental Health Nursing Practice (30 Credits).
- Consolidating Mental Health Nursing Practice (30 Credits).



# How will you study?

We use many different methods to teach you:

- Lectures
- Flipped classes (where you will do preparatory work before the session)
- Skills sessions
- Self-directed
- Enquiry-based
- Presentations
- Seminars
- Debates
- Self-directed study at end of each year

- Modules may be completed & assessed in 1 semester or run over both semesters of the year.
- Assessment of clinical practice will occur during each practice period.
- All assessments of theory and practice must be passed.

# Attendance

- During the 3 year mental health nursing programme, you will be required to complete 45 programmed weeks per year.
- 100% attendance is required for both theory and practice.
- 7 weeks annual leave allocated per year (inclusive of Bank Holidays):
  - 2 weeks around Christmas/New Year
  - 2 weeks around Easter – there is some flexibility
  - 3 weeks in August

## Will I have to work shifts?

**Mental health nursing is a 24/7 service.**

You will be required to be:

- Work weekends and public holidays
- Work night some shifts throughout your 3 years.
- Work the shifts that your practice assessor and supervisor is working.

## Moving to the area?

- Accommodation is available on campus in the student village.
- Range of accommodation including en-suite or shared bathrooms.
- A list of local private sector rentals is available from the accommodation office.



# Is there support available for me ?

## YES THERE IS ...

There are many forms of support available for you whilst on the course. All of the following staff will be there to aid you at the time you need support.

- Programme Leader
- Module Leaders
- Personal Tutor
- Link Lecturer
- Programme Administrator
- Practice Assessors & Supervisors
- Student Centre
- Student's Union
- Listening Ears
- Free unlimited on-site IT access
- Counselling and Wellbeing Service
- Disabilities Services

## What happens on my selection day ?

- You will be invited to our Avery Hill campus for an applicant day which may include a tour of our faculties and a face to face interview.
- The interview will consist of you answering a small number of questions to show your motivation for the course and also for you to demonstrate your transferable skills.



# Outcome of my selection day

**Any offer of a place on the programme will be subject to:**

- Occupational health assessment confirming medical fitness to undertake the programme.
- Clear enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) police disclosure.
- On- time candidates will be informed of the outcome of interview prior to the UCAS March 2020 deadline.
- Information on the applicant's UCAS web page will be confirmed in writing by UCAS.

# Disclosure and Barring Service Disclosure

- Nursing programmes are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974.
- This means that criminal convictions are never 'spent'.
- When asked at interview, you must declare whether you have any criminal convictions, cautions, reprimands or final warnings which would not be filtered in line with current guidance.
- Having a conviction does not necessarily preclude you from the programme but failing to disclose a conviction that is later revealed by the DBS disclosure will result in discontinuation from the programme.

## and so... Have you considered...?

- You are going to be studying full time
- You are going to be working shifts
- You are going to be travelling to placements (and you may not be allocated to your first choice of placements/hospitals)
- You will have to live on a student loan
- You may be moving away from home and into accommodation
- Balancing student life / home life

**Please do bring any questions you may have to your selection day..**

**We look forward to meeting you.**

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