FUTURE NURSE CAREER PATHWAYS
Fields of practice: Adult Nursing, Children’s Nursing, Learning Disability Nursing, Mental Health Nursing.

FUTURE NURSE

NURSING DEGREE ROUTE
APPLICANTS:
Anyone with the relevant qualifications can apply, including school pupils, college students, mature student career changers and assistant practitioners.
Time: 3 to 4 years
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Entry requirements vary but you are likely to need 3 SQA Highers at grade C or SCQF Level 6 equivalent plus supporting National 5 Qualifications in English and Maths or SCQF Level 5 equivalent.

HNC CARE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE (CAP) ROUTE
APPLICANTS:
Healthcare support workers and individuals who do not have the required qualifications for direct entry into university programmes.
Time: 3 to 4 years
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
2 SQA Highers or SCQF Level 6 equivalent.

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY ROUTE
APPLICANTS:
Healthcare support workers.
Time: 4 years part-time
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
SCQF level 5 numeracy and literacy or OU Access to Nursing - no formal qualifications required.

RETURN TO NURSING PRACTICE
APPLICANTS:
Former qualified nurses.
Time: Up to 6 months
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Statement of Entry confirming previous registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

SCOTTISH WIDER ACCESS PROGRAMME (SWAP) ROUTE
APPLICANTS:
Adult learners who have been out of education for 3 or more years.
Time: 4 years
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
None.

Tuition fees and a bursary may be available.
www.scottishwideraccess.org

12 universities provide nursing degrees across Scotland.
Bursaries are available and course fees are paid by Scottish Government.
www.careers.nhs.scot/nursing

23 colleges in Scotland provide HNC CAP qualification.
Course funding available depending on application.
www.scot-oca.org.uk/pec/47735.html

International nurses guided by Nursing and Midwifery Council.
www.license2practice.org.uk

NHS Scotland Careers
www.careers.nhs.scot/nursing

SAAS funding information
https://ses.scot/gov.uk/

My World of Work
www.myworldofwork.co.uk

NSSScotland Careers
www.careers.nhs.scot/nursing

This is a practice based course. Funding for course fees may be available.
bit.ly/nursingRTP

Remain employed in existing past while studying nursing degree.
Online learning with placements locally. Scottish Government pay course fees.
bit.ly/Govramping