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# Learning disability nurse



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## About the role

Learning disability nurses support people of all ages with learning disabilities to help them lead active, independent and healthier lives. They work in hospitals, in the community and in people's homes.

**“It takes a certain type of person to be a learning disability nurse. It needs to be your passion. It’s made me want to empower people with learning disabilities to be included in society, to give them a voice and to promote independence.”**

– Staff nurse

### Did you know?

There are over 46,800 registered nurses working in the NHS in Scotland.<sup>(1)</sup>

#### → You can get into this career through:

1. a Scottish Widening Access Programme (SWAP) course
2. an HNC Care and Administrative Practice course
3. an Open University degree programme, if you're a nursing support worker
4. a nursing degree programme
5. a return to practice programme

#### ☆ Top skills:

- caring for people
- working in a team
- communicating with people
- problem-solving skills
- critical thinking skills
- helping people

When you've successfully completed an approved nursing degree programme, you can register with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). If you're returning to practise as a nurse, you'll need to apply for readmission to the register at the end of your course.

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#### References:

1. ISD Scotland, NHSScotland workforce data, June 2019