



HOW TO BECOME A NURSE

START
HERE

5 x GCSEs
A-C grades
Maths, English
& a Science
Required!

THEN ONE
OF THESE...

2-3 A-Levels
Science or a health
subject advised

OR

L3 Qualification
BTECs
Int Baccalaureate
OCR Technicals
Scottish Highers

OR

Access to HE Course
- 1 year with GCSEs in
Maths & English

OR

Access to HE Course
- 2 years with no GCSEs
in Maths & English

IMPORTANT – Please check with your chosen University their entry requirements.
The earlier you do this the better!

You can then apply and choose from one of these Nursing Courses

	Adult	Child	Mental Health	Learning Disability		
Where would you work?	Where Wards, outpatients, A&E, in the community, GP surgery, nursing homes, walk in centres, patients homes (depending on specialism)	Where Any where in hospital, the child's home, health clinics or day care centres.	Where Psychiatric Ward or Intensive Care Unit, Outpatients, specialist units such as eating disorders, GP surgery, prisons, homes, residential homes.	Where Wards, mental health trusts, adult education, residential homes, patient homes, schools or workplaces.		
Who do you Work with?	Who Adults of all ages with short term and long term conditions from arthritis to cancer to heart disease to minor & major injuries.	Who Children from birth to 17 year old with all kinds of conditions and illnesses that may be specific to children or generalized.	Who Pretty much anyone... but all have a unique set of circumstances that could have triggered their illness from death in the family to drug use to stress at work.	Who Young people, teenagers and adults in all settings, helping them become healthier and have a more fulfilling life.		
Key Skill	Key Skill Building trust with patients is key along side being able to juggle all of your tasks and provide excellent patient care.	Key Skill Communication is key as children may not be able to communicate all their pain or issues.	Key Skill Build effective relationships so your patients have trust in you and complete their treatment plans and take medications.	Key Skill Helping patients learn new skills that could result in them being more independent.		
Where can you progress to?	District Nurse	GP Nurse	Neonatal Nurse	Occupational Health Nurse	Prison Nurse	Theatre Nurse



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