BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies (top-up)
Why study at Winchester?

There are many reasons to study at the University of Winchester – but the one to consider most is that you will become part of a safe and supportive community.

The University is located within walking distance of the city centre of Winchester, which is only one hour away from London by train. The campus is located in a beautiful wooded setting overlooking the South Downs.

We have excellent facilities for learning and teaching that are continually being updated to enhance the student experience. There is a vibrant Student Union, excellent sports facilities, a modern library and IT facilities across the campus.

At the University of Winchester we aim to provide campus or University Managed Accommodation to all first year full-time undergraduates who hold Winchester as their firm choice. In addition, we also endeavour to provide students from non-EU countries and students with disabilities a room on campus, not just for their first year, but for the duration of their course.

The culture of the University is informal and the emphasis is on you unlocking your potential, developing a clear sense of direction and becoming the best you can be in your chosen career.

Our graduates have a strong track record of finding employment after leaving the University. There is a dedicated Careers Service to provide advice and help you research career pathways and employers. They also organise recruitment fairs and workshops on how to write CVs and perform well at interview.
The BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies (top-up) academic online programme has been prepared in response to changes occurring within nurse education. By September 2013, there will only be degree level pre-registration nursing programmes offered in the United Kingdom.

This programme will allow existing nurses who hold an RGN qualification, Diploma or Diploma with Advanced Studies, the opportunity to develop their critical thinking skills in the increasingly diverse and complex climate of health care delivery. This programme is a proactive response to changes occurring within nurse education. There is a demand for higher-qualified nurses and greater support in workforce planning for continuing professional education and training of nurses to take on higher, more demanding roles.

This programme has been designed as a distance learning programme and will allow students to work at their own pace and within time frames that suit them. Distance learning has the added appeal for managers who cannot release nursing staff from busy clinical areas.

Students will receive an induction programme at the beginning of the course which will include an introduction to staff, e-portfolio and University of Winchester Learning Network training, and an introduction to the library facilities. Further support is offered during the programme by Skype one-to-one tutorials, email and telephone conversations and use of YouTube for instant advice and help.

The programme focuses on long term conditions and support and care of the older patient which take into account the changing demographic trends of an aging population.

Programme Content
The course can be studied over a maximum of three years. The modules are studied at University level 6 which is the final year of an undergraduate honours degree and students need to gain 60 or 120 credits at this level, depending on the students entry profile.

There are two compulsory modules which students have to complete and five optional modules.

Entry Requirements: All entrants will need to be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and currently working in practice in the UK. Applicants should hold a Diploma or a Diploma with Advanced Studies in Nursing or APEL equivalent, GCSE English and Maths at Grade C or above and be computer literate with internet access. Applicants will be selected following an interview.

Duration: 3 years maximum part time

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If English is not your first language: IELTS 6.5 or a TOEFL score of 600 (paper-based) or 250 (computer-based) or equivalent.

Start dates: September, January

Application process: Direct Entry
Application Form
Core modules include Leadership and Management to enable students to explore relevant theory and to consider their own leadership style in order to lead practice. Enquiring into Health Care Practice is a secondary piece of research on a subject of the students' choice.

Optional modules enable students to focus on studies relevant to their practice area. Long Term Conditions explore frameworks for caring for patients with long term conditions engaging students with current theories and debates. Students can also study End of Life Care in a module during which they will critically evaluate end of life care management strategies. Care of the Older Person engages students with care of the older person within a health and social care perspective. The Dementia module will engage students with current health and social care debates.

Evidence Based Practice allows the student to expand their understanding of the need to deliver care based on the best available evidence in line with the Nurses Code of Conduct (NMC 2010) and to develop their research skills in preparation for Enquiring into Health Care Practice.

Assessments may include academic assignments and on-line presentations, annotated literature searches and assignments using multi-media. Enquiring into Health Care Practice is a 12,000 word piece of secondary research on a subject of your choice.

Teaching Team
Nick Purkis: has worked as a nurse within the National Health Service for 20 years in a variety of specialisms including Neuro-rehabilitation. He has experience in curriculum design, assessment and student learning styles. Nick has completed an MA in Online Distance Education and is currently completing an EdD in online learning. He has experience of working with and supervising online and distance learners.
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Carol Gabb: has worked in the NHS and independent healthcare sector both clinically and as an educationalist supporting a variety of specialist areas including trauma and orthopaedics. Carol is an experienced teacher who works in both classroom and clinical areas to support individuals develop and provide a quality service. Until recently Carol maintained clinical practice in general surgery and high dependency care and is now a case worker for service and ex-service personnel and their families.

Dr. Colin Goble: has been involved in health and social care and related Higher Education for over 20 years, initially in practice as a Registered Nurse for People with Learning Disabilities working in residential and respite care service. His Higher Education experience includes working at the Universities of Portsmouth, Greenwich, Chichester and Winchester, contributing mainly to nursing, health and social care programmes from Foundation Degree through to Masters Level and PhD supervision.

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“It is an excellent course with practical and achievable measurable work-related outcomes. The other important and significant point is that the course is flexible enough to allow one to work while studying. Without hesitation I would recommend this course to anyone who wishes to pursue it. Like any other areas of study, things can sometimes feel hard and daunting at the start but given the excellent guidance from the lecturers, the course is not only doable, but also enjoyable to do.”

Audrey Torokwa - began part-time in Jan 2012
Explore the Winchester experience

Open Days are a great way to find out more about the course that you are interested in. It is also an opportunity to explore the campus and meet tutors and current students to discover what studying at Winchester is all about.

To find out when the next Open Day is visit www.winchester.ac.uk/opendays or contact the Student Recruitment team.

At the event, academics from all of our programmes will be around campus giving sessions about your subject of interest. Each of the sessions will include an overview of the course, entry requirements, the application process and an opportunity to ask any questions you might have.

Student Union representatives will also be available so you can find out more about Winchester's sports clubs, societies and community involvement.

As part of the campus tour you will see the halls of residence and the West Downs Student Village and find out more about living in Winchester. You will also be told about the student support services and scholarships and bursaries that are on offer.

If you miss any of the Open Days or are unavailable to attend – you can arrange a Campus Tour instead by contacting the Student Recruitment team.

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