

Information Sheet 5

FIRST LEVEL NURSES - SECOND REGISTRABLE QUALIFICATION IN NURSING



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In Wales, there is one shortened course for qualified nurses seeking a second qualification. The details are given below. Nurses, seeking a second registrable qualification, who cannot access the shortened courses, will have to follow the Branch Programme within an existing pre-registration course designed for those entering the profession. They will be taking the places of those who have dropped out before the Branch Programme has started. Course details are shown overleaf. There is no right to secondment for nurses seeking a second basic qualification for their own personal development rather than to meet service needs.

Funding

Those who are not citizens of the UK may not receive funding or may only access reduced funding. Those seeking to enter a shortened course will need to apply for funding from their existing employer, or self fund. For those joining a three year diploma or degree course with a 42 week year, the non-means-tested bursary may be available at £6,682 each year if you are aged 26 or over before the start of the course (under 26 - £5,983). Additional allowances may be payable for some dependents. Please discuss funding with the University School and/or with your employer, whether an NHS Trust or within the independent sector. A leaflet on funding is available from the NHS Student Award Unit, 12th Floor, Brunel House, 2 Fitzalan Road, Cardiff CF24 0HA. Tel: 029 2050 2350. It may also be viewed on the website at www.nliah.wales.nhs.uk, see NHS Bursaries.

Registration

Whether you qualified in the UK or overseas, you will have to be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) before you can practise or study for a second qualification in Wales. You are advised to apply in writing to the NMC, 23 Portland Place, London W1B 1PZ. Web: www.nmc-uk.org.

Accelerated/shortened programmes

Part-to-Part Shortened Route to 1st Level Registration at Cardiff University (contact details overleaf) via a 1 year Bachelor of Science or Diploma in Higher Education in Nursing leading to Adult Branch, Mental Health Branch or Child Branch. Applicants must be registered at first level on the NMC's Register with at least 18 months clinical experience within the Branch they will be studying.



Applying to join an existing nursing programme in Wales

Preparation to enter the nursing profession in Wales is via a Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) Degree. Diploma courses continue to be available elsewhere in the UK but not in Wales.

Schools of Nursing

Admissions Officer
**School of Health Science, University of Wales
Swansea**
Singleton Park, Swansea SA2 8PP
Courses may also be based in Carmarthen

Degree Programmes

Web: www.swan.ac.uk **Tel: 01792 518531**
Adult Nursing; Mental Health Nursing; Children's
Nursing *'Family friendly' part time Adult Nursing*
(up to five years) in Swansea.

University of Glamorgan; Student Enquiry Centre
ADMAIL 3541, Pontypridd CF37 1GY

Web: www.glam.ac.uk **Tel: 0800 716925**
Adult Nursing; Mental Health Nursing; Learning
Disabilities Nursing; Children's Nursing. *Also*
available part time, over six years.

Admissions
School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Studies
Faculty of Health, University of Wales, Bangor
Fron Heulog, Ffriddoedd Road, Bangor LL57 2EF
Courses may also be based in Wrexham

Web: www.bangor.ac.uk **Tel: 01248 383561**
Adult Nursing; Mental Health Nursing; Learning
Disabilities Nursing, Children's Nursing.

Recruitment, Selection and Admissions
**School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies, Cardiff
University,**
Neuadd Meirionydd, Heath Park Campus,
Cardiff CF14 4YS

Web: www.cardiff.ac.uk **Tel: 029 2074 3298**
Adult Nursing; Mental Health Nursing; Children's
Nursing

North East Wales Institute of Higher Education
Plas Coch, Mold Road, Wrexham LL11 2AW

Web: www.newi.ac.uk **Tel: 01978 293331**
Adult Nursing; Mental Health Nursing

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