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# BSc(Hons) Nursing

- Students undertake a foundation programme of 12 months, followed by two years of specialist learning in Adult, Mental Health or Child Nursing
- Clinical placements account for 50% of the course, delivered in block learning enabling students to experience different aspects of healthcare
- Students experience complementary placements in other areas of nursing
- Spanning the rural Yorkshire Dales to inner city districts, no other area of the UK offers the rich diversity of clinical experience available through the University and its partner trusts

## Course Information

### Course length

BSc(Hons) Nursing is a three-year full-time course, which is taught for 45 weeks each year.

### Entry dates

This course starts in September and March each year.

### UCAS codes

The UCAS code for the University of Bradford is **BRADF B56**.  
The UCAS codes for BSc(Hons) Nursing are:

**Adult - B740 BSc/ANur**

**Mental Health - B760 BSc/MHNur**

**Child - B730 BSc/CNur**

### Employability

99% of our students who graduated in 2008 successfully gained employment.\*

*\* These statistics are derived from annually published data based on those UK domiciled graduates who are available for employment or further study and whose destinations are known.*

### Further study opportunities

Following graduation and registration, nurses are expected to continue to develop their knowledge and skills through ongoing Continuing Professional Development (CPD). The School of Health Studies offers a variety of short courses and postgraduate study options (including PGCert, PGDip and MSc programmes) which allow nurses to specialise in areas of interest.

To find out more about the opportunities currently available, please visit [www.bradford.ac.uk/health/cpd](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/health/cpd)

## Why Choose Nursing at Bradford?

The BSc(Hons) in Nursing at Bradford is a practical, patient-centred course with 50% theory and 50% clinical practice. You can choose to study one of the following branches of nursing, Adult, Mental Health or Child.

Nursing at the School of Health Studies has received extremely positive reviews from the QAAHE and NMC, and in 2010 was ranked 8th in the UK by The Guardian Good University Guide.

The course demonstrates a commitment to evidence-based practice, and students are taught by academic staff who are involved in research and practice development. Students also study inter-professional modules throughout their course, providing valuable experience of working with other healthcare professionals.

The clinical practice element of the course is delivered in block placements in a range of clinical settings located predominantly in the Bradford and Airedale area.

## Nursing Branches

### Adult Nursing

The programme prepares students to practise effectively in a variety of professional adult nursing settings. Emphasis is placed on the importance of competence in clinical nursing practice combined with in-depth knowledge and evidence-based decision-making skills. Your experience on the course will help you to decide on an area that you wish to specialise in once you start employment.

### Mental Health Nursing

The Mental Health nursing pathway will prepare students to work as Mental Health nurses in a variety of different settings, including hospital wards, community teams, the independent and voluntary sectors, and specialist mental health services.

During the course, students will be able to learn to engage and work therapeutically with people of all ages experiencing mental health difficulties including children, young people, working-age adults and older people.

Learning to communicate and work in partnership with individuals experiencing mental distress is a key aspect of the course content, as is the promotion of mental wellbeing. Mental health course content is delivered by lecturers who are all experienced mental health nurses with additional input from local mental health practitioners and service users and carers.

### Child Nursing

Students choosing Child nursing will be prepared to work as children's nurses, providing holistic care to children and their families. Students will be given the opportunity to work in a number of different settings during the course which may include a community placement, accident and emergency, several children's wards and a neonatal, high-dependency or paediatric intensive care unit.

You will need to select your branch of nursing prior to application onto the BSc(Hons) Nursing programme.



## Course Funding

If you meet NHS student finance requirements on residency and have lived in the UK or another EU country for the three years immediately prior to your application, you will be eligible for funding for your course fees. These do not have to be repaid.

UK students are also eligible to apply for a means-tested bursary, (and dependants/parent's learning allowance if eligible).

Details of eligibility and current bursary rates can be found at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students)

You will also be able to apply for a reduced student loan as a UK degree student on this programme. Please contact Student Finance England [www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance](http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance) for details of this. If you choose to take out a student loan, this will need to be repaid, once your earnings are above the stated level.

The University will notify NHS student bursaries if you are accepted onto the course.

## Academic Facilities

Nursing students currently have access to well-equipped practical rooms at the School of Health Studies.

### Clinical Skills Rooms

The School of Health Studies has a suite of purpose-built clinical skills rooms, which allow students to be taught and to practise their clinical skills, from bed making to taking blood pressures. The School has recently purchased interactive models SIM man and SIM baby, which allow students to develop their skills through a virtual learning environment.

### Manual Handling Room

A multi-professional room is used by all students in the School of Health Studies for the teaching of moving and handling. It houses a variety of beds commonly found in use in clinical settings and specialist lifting equipment.

When the School of Health Studies relocates to the main University campus in 2011, nursing students will be able to benefit from new state-of-the-art movement clinical skills rooms.

“ In particular, I have really enjoyed the placements on the course. It is great being able to get real hands-on work experience and to see how I am helping people. My placements have enabled me to develop both my clinical and listening skills. ”

Anthony Ackroyd BSc(Hons) Nursing - Mental Health

# Course Information, Teaching and Support

The table below outlines the structure of the BSc(Hons) Nursing programme. The course structure is the same whichever branch of nursing you choose, although the content of individual modules will be relevant to your chosen branch. An integrated approach to learning will take place and subjects taught will include, for example, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, psychology, sociology, nursing theory, ethical and legal issues.

## An outline of the BSc (Hons) Nursing:

Year 1 (120 credits)	Year 2 (120 credits)	Year 3 (120 credits)
<b>Semester 1</b>		
Fundamental Principles in Nursing Practice	Therapeutic Nursing Care	Proficiency in Professional Nursing Practice
Principles of Professional Practice (School Core Module)	Evidencing Professional Practice (School Core Module)	Advancing Professional Practice (School Core Module)
Clinical Practice 1	Clinical Practice 3	Clinical Practice 5
<b>Semester 2</b>		
Developing Nursing Practice	Developing Competency in Nursing Practice	Transition to Registered Nursing Practice
Clinical Practice 2	Clinical Practice 4	Clinical Practice 6

### Teaching and Assessment

Throughout your studies you will be taught by a team of professional nurses supported by other staff at the School of Health Studies from a number of different clinical areas. You will be taught in lectures, seminars, tutorials and in small groups.

Modules are assessed using a range of different methods including written examinations, practical assessments, poster presentations and case studies. The assessment of clinical practice takes place in the clinical environment by clinical staff and University tutors.

### Student Support

The School of Health Studies has a dedicated student support office, which provides advice on bursaries, uniforms, and travel and financial issues. As a student at the School of Health Studies, you are also able to access student support facilities available at the main campus. This includes the Disability Service. The University of Bradford has always encouraged applications from students with disabilities, whose applications are considered on the same academic grounds as are applied to all candidates (subject to occupational health screening for health courses).

If you have a disability, you can contact the Admissions Tutor before you apply to discuss any needs you may have. If you indicate a disability on your UCAS form, you will be invited to discuss your particular requirements and will receive information about our facilities and on the Disabled Students' Allowance. For more information, help or advice, please contact the Disability Service.

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## Clinical Placements

The development and assessment of nursing competencies in clinical practice is a key feature and requirement of the programme. Throughout the programme students learn what it is like to work within the modern NHS, developing clinical knowledge, skills and confidence as key members of the professional healthcare team.

50% of the programme is undertaken in a clinical practice and students are required to follow shift patterns in clinical placement areas where they are working. This will include early shifts starting from 7.00am and late shifts, sometimes finishing at 9.30pm. Students are also required to work some weekends and night duty during the three years. Annual leave entitlement is set in advance by the University and is non-negotiable.

During clinical placements students are supervised by qualified health professionals and are allocated a named mentor. Their role is to support students in practice-based learning and to assess developing knowledge and skills against required competencies.

Students will experience two placements each year. The first placement in year one will be after nine weeks of theory classes. In their first year, students will also be able to undertake taster placements in the two branches that they have not chosen to specialise in.

Nursing students are usually allocated placements in Trusts or other placement settings within the Bradford and Airedale area and will be required to move from one setting to another throughout their course. A small number of placements may be allocated outside of this geographical area. We will wherever possible take into account personal circumstances when allocating placements, but this cannot be guaranteed.

Some of our key NHS trust partners are:

### Airedale NHS Trust (Adult and Child Nursing)

Located near Keighley, Airedale Hospital was opened in the 1970s and is an award-winning district general hospital that provides acute and specialist care for local people who live in an area extending from the industrial Pennines on the fringes of Bradford in the south, to the upland hills and valleys of the Yorkshire Dales National Park in the north.

The Trust has three service delivery groups: Urgent Response, Hospital then Home, and Elective Care.

More information about the Trust can be found at:  
[www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/](http://www.airedale-trust.nhs.uk/)

### Bradford District Care Trust (Mental Health Nursing)

Bradford District Care Trust was established in 2002, bringing together health and social services to provide fully integrated Mental Health and Learning Disability services as one of the first NHS Care Trusts.

The Trust serves over half a million people living in an area of around 600 square miles, providing mental health and learning disability services in the Bradford and Airedale district, and mental health services to the Craven District of North Yorkshire.

The Care Trust provides services for people with learning disabilities, children, adolescents, adults and older people with mental health needs.

More information about the Trust can be found at:  
[www.bdct.nhs.uk/](http://www.bdct.nhs.uk/)

### Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (Adult and Child Nursing)

Bradford Teaching Hospitals became a Teaching Hospital in 2003 and a Foundation Trust in 2004. It is the main provider of hospital services to the people of Bradford and also has some specialist services which extend over a wider geographical area. The Trust is based at two hospitals, Bradford Royal Infirmary and St Luke's.

More information about the Trust can be found at:  
[www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/](http://www.bradfordhospitals.nhs.uk/)

### Bradford and Airedale Teaching PCT (Adult and Child Nursing)

Bradford and Airedale Teaching Primary Care Trust serves over half a million people in a geographical area of 150 square miles. The Primary Care Trust focuses on improving health and tackling inequality, developing primary and community health services and commissioning a broad range of services to meet the local community's needs. Students gain experience in GP surgeries, health centres, community hospitals and through home visits.

More information about the Trust can be found at:  
[www.bradfordairedale-pct.nhs.uk/](http://www.bradfordairedale-pct.nhs.uk/)



Students may also be asked to attend placements in private hospitals, nursing homes, community hospitals and other independent settings.

You may be eligible for assistance towards costs if it costs you more to travel to your placement than to get to University or if you need to live away to complete your placement. Our Student Support Office will be able to provide further advice on this.

Throughout your placements you will be supported by clinical mentors and members of University staff. You will be provided with uniform to wear on your placements, but will need to provide your own footwear.

# Entry Requirements

We offer two entry routes onto the BSc(Hons) Nursing, one for standard applicants (school and college leavers), and one for non-standard (or mature) applicants. As well as meeting the entrance requirements below, all applicants need to be able to demonstrate that they have researched nursing as a career and are aware of the scope and diversity of the profession.

## Standard Entry

Our standard offer is:

- A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade C or above to include:
  - English (Key Skills Level 2 Literacy is accepted)
  - Mathematics (Key Skills Level 2 Numeracy is accepted)
  - Biology or Combined Science

AND

- **240 UCAS points**, including at least one full A level or equivalent

OR

- **240 UCAS points** from a relevant BTEC qualification as a stand-alone qualification or in combination with GCE A level and AS levels

OR

Our non-standard offer is:

- A minimum of 3 GCSEs at grade C or above to include:
  - English (Key Skills Level 2 Literacy is accepted)
  - Mathematics (Key Skills Level 2 Numeracy is accepted)
  - Biology or Combined Science

AND

- NVQ Level 3 in Care

OR

- Access to Higher Education Diploma in Health Professions or Science

If you study an Access course, the GCSE requirements may be included within your programme of study, although this will vary depending on the FE institution you study at. The University has not yet set grading requirements for Access to Higher Education Diplomas, but may review these requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the suitability of your qualifications, please contact [soh-recruitment@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:soh-recruitment@bradford.ac.uk) or telephone **+44 (0)1274 236367**

## Interviews

Students meeting the academic requirements, who also provide a relevant and informed personal statement, will be shortlisted for interview. At the interview, you will be asked to demonstrate motivation and understanding of the appropriate branch of nursing as a career.

## Occupational Health

In addition to meeting the academic entrance requirements, all places are offered subject to satisfactory occupational health screening. This will involve completing an occupational health questionnaire and possible attendance at a medical appointment. As nursing is a physically demanding profession, progress on the course is dependent on your continued fitness.

## Criminal Records Bureau Check (CRB)

All places are also offered subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) disclosure. This is due to the fact that you may be required to work with children or vulnerable adults on your clinical placement, and will need to demonstrate that you can safely work with these groups on registration.

From November 2010, you will also be asked to register with the Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA). There will be a cost associated with your registration.

## References

You will be asked to submit a reference on your UCAS form. If you are studying or have recently studied at a school or college, this is usually from your personal or subject tutor. In addition, we ask you to provide contact details for a second referee. This should be from an employer. References cannot be accepted from friends and relatives.

## How to Apply

Applications for this course should be made through UCAS [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

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Late applications – the situation regarding late applications (after 15th Jan) varies each year. Please contact us for details



The University of Bradford has strong roots. It was granted its Royal Charter in 1966 (making it one of the old universities), but its origins date back to 1882 with the inauguration of Bradford Technical College. In 1996, Bradford and Airedale College of Health became integrated into the University, which is now the School of Health Studies. The School of Health Studies is currently located on its own campus on Trinity Road, but will be relocating to the main University campus in summer 2011.

## Accommodation

Student accommodation is cheaper, easier to find and more conveniently located in Bradford than in many other university cities.

All first-year students are guaranteed a place in University-owned or University-nominated halls of residence if required in a single study-bedroom with self-catering facilities. The University is currently building a sustainable student village (due to be complete for 2011) which will offer a wider range of accommodation options.

Further information can be found at [www.bradford.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/accommodation)

A wide range of private student accommodation is available, please contact [www.unipol.org.uk/bradford](http://www.unipol.org.uk/bradford) for more details.

## Library and Computer Centre

The main University library and computer centre are based in the JB Priestley building on the main University campus. The University has an extensive wireless network which covers all its major buildings.

## Facilities

There are a wide range of student facilities available, including the following:

### Students' Union

The Students' Union is at the heart of many student activities. It runs over 80 clubs and societies, as well as retail and social facilities and organises a range of social activities. From 2011, many of these will be located in the refurbished Communal Building. The Students' Union also campaigns on issues affecting students in Bradford and further afield, and you are encouraged to vote for sabbatical officers to represent you.

### Unique: Fitness & Lifestyle

Unique: Fitness & Lifestyle is the University's new sports and leisure centre. It features a new gym, a variety of exercise classes, a climbing wall and a heated indoor 25-metre swimming pool.

### The Arts on Campus

The University has its own theatre "The Theatre in the Mill", music centre "Tasmin Little Music Centre" and art gallery "Gallery II". These facilities give students the chance to get involved in the arts, and also feature work from other artists.

### Student Support

The University has excellent health and welfare support including:

- Disability service
- Counselling
- Health service and GPs' surgery
- Nursery for children between six months and five years

We also have a dedicated student support office at the School of Health Studies.

# Visit Bradford

## Open Days and Visits

The University of Bradford offers a number of opportunities for prospective students and their families/school and college groups to visit the University and to meet existing staff and students.

The University holds regular Open Days, please check [www.bradford.ac.uk/penday](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/penday) for details of forthcoming dates.

In addition, the School of Health Studies offers individual visits by prior arrangement.

We can also accommodate visits by school and college groups to the School by appointment, and are happy to come and speak at school and college careers sessions or events, please contact us on [soh-recruitment@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:soh-recruitment@bradford.ac.uk) with details of your request.

The School of Health Studies runs a range of taster events as part of the University's Compact Scheme. To find out more and for details of forthcoming events, please visit [www.bradford.ac.uk/compact](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/compact)



## The City of Bradford

Bradford is a friendly, cosmopolitan city and at the same time is one of the most affordable places to live in the country.

Bradford lies right in the middle of the country, with easy links by rail, road and air north to Scotland, west to Manchester and Liverpool, east to Leeds and York, and south to London. It is surrounded by some of the most spectacular and picturesque countryside in the UK. The Pennines, Yorkshire Moors, Yorkshire Dales, Lake District and Derbyshire Peak District are all within easy travelling distance.

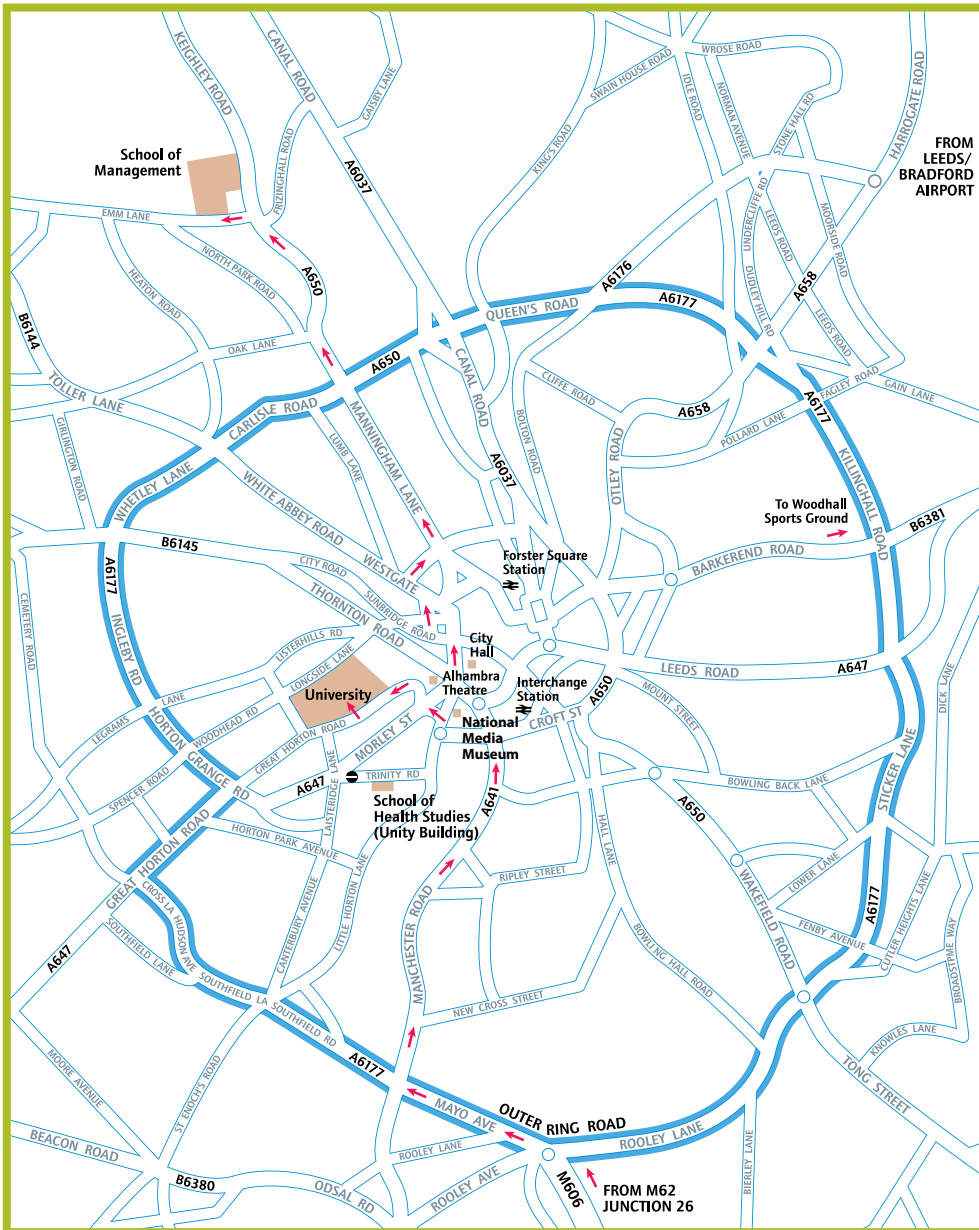
There is certainly plenty to do in Bradford, from visiting the National Media Museum, with its huge IMAX screen, to watching or participating in sport, to going out with friends for a curry. Bradford is famous for the variety of its cuisine and offers a wide range of inexpensive restaurants, cafes and food shops to choose from.

To find out more about what is going on in Bradford, visit [www.visitbradford.com](http://www.visitbradford.com) or [bradford.ac.uk/bradford](http://bradford.ac.uk/bradford)



# How To Find Us

[www.bradford.ac.uk/health](http://www.bradford.ac.uk/health)



**Coach** - services connect most parts of the country to Bradford's Travel Interchange.

**Rail** - Bradford Interchange and Forster Square stations have extensive rail links, though many involve changing at Leeds. Approximate journey times are:  
London, King's Cross 3 hours  
Edinburgh 4 hours  
Birmingham 3 hours  
Manchester 1 hour  
York 1 hour  
Leeds 20 minutes

There is a **free** city bus connecting Bradford Travel Interchange, Forster Square station and Centenary Square to the University.

**Road** - Bradford is connected to the national motorway network via the M62 and M606. Approximate distances are:  
London 200 miles (320 km)  
Edinburgh 200 miles (320 km)  
Birmingham 120 miles (192 km)  
Bristol 220 miles (352 km)  
Manchester 35 miles (56 km)  
Newcastle 95 miles (152 km)  
York 33 miles (53 km)  
Leeds 8 miles (13 km)

**Air** - There are direct regular air services into Leeds/Bradford International Airport, 7 miles (11 km) from the University, from various cities around the UK and Ireland as well as from Amsterdam and other European locations. You can get from the Airport to the University by bus or taxi. Many internal and international flights can also be made into Manchester Airport, 50 miles (80 km) south-west of Bradford.



