MSc Pre-registration Nursing (Adult, Children's, Mental Health and Adult & Mental Health) online chat session

This CityChat session is for anyone interested in studying our MSc Pre-Registration Nursing courses. The session will be run by current students and academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course and life at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by others.

Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat session. This session is for students interested in studying our Pre-Registration Nursing courses. This session runs from 16:30 - 17:30 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding these courses and life at City, University of London. During the session, we may also share videos, polls or documents related to your course.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question. Please make sure you say which course you have applied to when you post your question. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself!

Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat, please feel free to ask any questions, we will endeavour to respond. This session is for anyone interested in pre-registration nursing programme.

Hi, I’m Paul Myner Admissions Officer for MSc Pre-Registration Nursing

Hi, my name is Wendy, the Mental Health admissions tutor. Happy to answer any questions you might have.

Hello, I’m David one of the Lecturers in the Children’s Nursing Team; I’m also Admissions Tutor for the Children’s Nursing programmes

Hi, I’m Susan, I work in the marketing team here at City and I’m looking forward to helping answer your questions.

Hi there, my names Tracy and I am the Programme Director for the MSc in Adult and Mental Health Pre-registration Nursing. An innovative programme which on completion you would be eligible to register in both fields of nursing with the NMC, nursing governing body.

Hi. My name is Allan and I am the admission tutor for adult nursing.

Hello, nice to meet you all. I was directed to apply for MSC Nursing as I have a degree already. Can I still apply if my degree is un-related to nursing and internationally completed?

Hi thank you for your query. We accept most degrees as long as you have 2:2 and above.
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You first degree does not have to be health related.

But I am wondering if I do not meet all the criteria. Is there some way the university can help students get up to speed?

In what way for instance might you not meet the criteria?

Hi my name is [blank] and I am thinking to apply for the mental health pre reg nursing. My question is how do parent students manage the work and study? Will we be able to get the work schedule or rota in advance so I can plan the childcare? If so how long in advance will I be able to get it? Thanks

What is the main difference between the MSC and the BSC programme?

The BSc is a three year programme and the MSc a two year. The MSc is taught at a higher academic level.

I currently work at a health clinic in my country and while I have been exposed to medical stuff such as dressing and bp and blood sugar monitoring. That is as technical as it gets.

The hours needed for example

the hours are not a requirement, you can complete the hours at the end of the two years of the programme.

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You do not need to have clinical hours prior to starting for the Adult, Child or Mental Health but can do the additional hours required at the end.

Hi, I've applied for msc pre-registration children's nursing. Just wondering what the application process will hold as I've had to complete tests and an academic piece for other unis. Is it the same for this uni?
If your application through UCAS is successful you’ll be invited to attend one of our Selection Days, there’s more information about what this involves here: [https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/health-sciences/selection-day/msc-pre-registration-child-nursing](https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/health-sciences/selection-day/msc-pre-registration-child-nursing)

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Thanks Tracy. Will they be able to look at my transcript? Because I believe I asked someone before and they did not know.

yes send them your transcript again and maybe a wee prompt after a week, if you don’t hear back from them.

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Thanks! Where can I find the equivalent grades if I completed my degree in Canada?

there is a Government website which looks at degree equivalent, but it’s probably best to contact our admission team at health@city.ac.uk

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I apply for MSc Mental Health and want to know when to expect the admission outcome.

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May I ask when you applied?

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I am currently doing my application for MSc Children’s Nursing and I was wondering how vital the 500 hours prior to starting the course was and is it common to complete them after I will have finished the course. Or will I not be considered?

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Hello! Ideally it would be preferable to have the 500 hours prior to commencing the programme; this would mean you can complete the programme in 2 years. If you do not have the 500 hours prior to commencement then these can be made up after you have completed the core components of the programme. This would take 2 years and 4 months.

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What if I don’t yet have GCE math. Is there some way I can do math with the university??

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Unfortunately you need to have completed this before starting the course. We do accept functional skills level 2 and you can take this at a FE college prior to starting.
Hi everyone. Thanks for this opportunity, I would just like to ask what is the interview process like for the course?

Hi, we usually have interviews with you and Academic staff, service users and/or clinical staff. It sounds a bit daunting but its designed to find out about you and so we keep it as informal as we can.

David, does that mean the degree is not awarded until the hours are completed?

Yes. The course is a 50/50 split between theory and practice. For practice you MUST complete 2,300 hours.

If I get accepted and I haven’t achieved the 500 hours can I do them over summer and still get them before the course, or does this need to be specified and organised before acceptance?

Yes, that is fine. You will need to provide evidence, such as pay slips, letter from your employer etc.

I have a degree in social work and I would like to change my career and do master in mental health nursing, where do I access the application?

Hello, you need to apply through UCAS

I am due to for math exam before the semester start, but I would not have results by the time I apply. Can I still be considered for a position?

That is fine but we would not be able to give you an unconditional offer if you were successful at interview until you received your results.

When it says 500 clinical hours, what type or work is that involving?

It could be work in a care home, hospital setting, community services etc.

What are you guys looking for exactly with hours. I already work at a clinic. Is there an outline?

We are looking for skills and knowledge that you have acquired that is transferable to the nursing course you want to undertake.

Hi everyone, if you already work in a neurological home but far from school can you still have your placement where you work?
Unfortunately not. We offer placements in the East London area.

Does placement hours completed during my BA Childhood Studies count towards the hours for the MSc children nursing?

Sorry these are considered as part of your course.

Hi everyone, if you already work in a neurological home but far from school can you still have your placement where you work?

Hi The placements have to be with the Clinical partners that we have arrangements with. This is so we can make sure of the quality of the placements and are able to support you properly.

Are there any placement at Whipps Cross hospital?

Yes for Adult and Child placement. However, for the Children’s MSc programme you will be required to move to other placement areas

So if worked for four months with the wound care specialist at my would that be enough?

That sounds appropriate but it depends very much on your role and responsibilities.

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Unfortunately not

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This is unlikely as it is not particularly transferrable to nursing.

Ok. Also, do I need to be interviewed before my application will be considered?

We will firstly assess if you meet our academic requirements if so you will then be invited to one of our Selection Events where you will hear about the programme take a short written exercise & then an informal interview.

Hi everyone, I have a previous BSc degree which is non health related. Do I still need to have GCE math for the MSc mental health nursing
You do. The degree being non-health related is fine but yes, you still need GSCE or equivalent in maths and English.

I have done an independent placement at Great Ormond Street in August and I completed 105 hours would this count?

You would need to explain in your claim for the hours what the work entailed.

@David sorry, do you mean Adult nursing MSc pre reg course?

Yes, for both the Adult and Child MSc courses

How many days do one have to do placements when doing a 2 year nursing programme

You have to complete 2300 clinical hours - this will include the 500 hours that you may have done prior to starting or that you do at the end of the two years.

What are some examples of placements & locations?

Which field of nursing are thinking of applying for? Adult, Mental Health, Child or the Combined programme?

Does international students get the four month extra if needed to make up the extra hours?

Yes, since to complete the practice component of the course you would need to have completed 2,300 hours

How much time does having 500 hours done contribute in total with doing 2300 in total save?

You would undertake 1,800 hours in practice during the programme

I believe that would be 36 hrs per wee placement @Wendy

Your placements are 40 hours a week - that includes breaks.

I worked in the mental health and disability for 2 years as a support worker will this count toward the clinical hours?
Yes, provided you have the evidence (rotas; off-duty for example)

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Yes - that sounds very relevant.

How many days of the week is for classes and how many for placement.

It varies throughout the programme. When in practice you will work the same shifts as the regular staff which could be between 3 and 5 days depending on the hours. When in the university it may again be between 3 to 5 days depending on where you are in the course.

@David Yes. I mean how much ‘time’ does it take to complete the 1800?

2 years

Also are there half term holidays in these course or do we have to work through the holidays? Such as Christmas Easter or summer holidays?

You will have approximately 8 weeks leave. There are several weeks off over the Summer and at Christmas break but half terms are not factored in.

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Holidays such as Easter and Christmas are considered ‘holiday time’. If half term falls outside these and you are either in university or on placement then you are expected to attend.

So 3 years of the programme then 2 years of hours??

The BSc programme is 3 years. The MSc programme is either 2 years or 2 years 4 months depending on your prior experience.

I believed I have applied through UCAS for MSC Adult Nursing for September 2020. How would it take before I know my status?

I will check your application status tomorrow. We will be calling people forward for interviews in the New Year.

When is the deadline to apply?
Childrens @Wendy

You could have placements at for instance at the Royal London, Whipps Cross, Homerton, Newham, Great Ormond Street, North Middlesex hospital, UCL, Health Visiting or Special Schools to name a few. The placement areas cover most of East London.

oh great @Paul I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks Wendy, didn’t realise one can do both programme. I will like to do the Child Nursing please. I work with autistic children at Mencap. Does that count as an experience or you only accept hospital experience?

The combined is Adult and Mental Health and is a three year MSc. You experience sounds relevant to Child Nursing though as long as you are able to apply transferrable skills and knowledge.

Just want to clarify, if you already have you’re GCSE maths and English do u still need to complete a test on selection day for adult nursing

We no longer ask applicants to complete a Numeracy & Literacy test just a 30 minute written exercise.

@Wendy is there a combined Adult and Children program?

The only combines programme is Adult and Mental Health MSc

@Paul I applied for MSC Adult nursing

I just need to check your status when I return to my main office. We do intend to send holding emails for applications that we wish to interview in the New Year

@Paul what does this exercise consist of

There are three 'scenario' based questions which does not need any previous clinical knowledge

@Paul if my application is not successful, what do I do to get accepted during the clearing period
It will depend on why your application was unsuccessful.

@paul thank you, what does the written test include? Are they scenario based questions?

They are.

@Wendy, I will be completing my Healthcare Management programme next July when can I apply to start?

You can apply now but we just can't give you an unconditional offer if accepted at interview until you have your results.

How long is the each placement and how many placement will we have to complete throughout the course? Thanks

You have a range of placements ranging from 4 to 12 weeks. There are approximately eight placement blocks in total.

@Paul how will those offshore attend the interview if selected?

We can potentially offer an interview using Skype but you will need to complete the case scenarios and this would have to be arranged separately.

I already got an interview date for 12th of Dec can I change it till the new year?

Is this for Mental Health?

@Paul Are the scenario questions all clinical related scenarios? How do we answer? Paragraph written?
Yes, this will be a handwritten exercise with clinical related scenarios where you'll be asked to explain how you would respond, more information about the selection day and how to apply can be found on these webpages: https://www.city.ac.uk/about/schools/health-sciences/selection-day

**Selection Day**
Assessment sessions and assessment days

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Once I am accepted, if I access student accommodation, would I have to leave when school is out?

**HI** The accommodation is term time.

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The accommodation department are familiar with the nursing courses finishing in July rather than June (like the rest of the university) but you would be expected to leave the accommodation once your placements were completed.

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Is there night shift placements?

You will be expected to do some night shifts - minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 over the course.

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you complete a minimum of 6 nights shifts from Part 2 and you complete a maximum of 12

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Thanks @Allan. But can the school help me find a more suitable accommodation as an international student or do I do that on my own?

The Student Centre can offer help and advice on finding accommodation

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Can we express a preference for what area we'd like our placements to be?

You can specify a preference, but we would look at your term time address to keep your travel times as short as possible

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@Paul I have interview for mental health on the 12th Dec can it be changed till the new year?
Yes no problem we will be holding further interviews from early February so you just need to log back into your invitation & select a new date. Do you want me to cancel your booking on 12th?

There are 10 minutes left of this chat session. Please post any further questions now.

Thank you everyone. This has been very helpful.

Thanks for joining us. Glad we've been able to help.

When is the interview period and if I apply next week will I be offered one in the next term or over Christmas break?

The interview period is from now until the end of April. If you apply next week, it will be early in the new year when you will be called for interview.

@Paul Yes please cancel it and I will rebook for Feb.

No problem. I will do.

Are there group exercises? (Adult nursing)

Hi. Do you mean on our selection day? If so we use interviews rather than group exercises as we find them the best way to find out about you.

I am hoping to gain a place on a paediatric first aid course but this hasn't been confirmed yet. Can I still put this on my personal statement or shall I only bring it up once I'm accepted and mention it during the interview?

It is worth mentioning that you are looking for the experiences.

Thank you for taking time out to answer our questions, much appreciated.

Thanks everyone for joining our session today. Glad we've been able to help answer many of your questions. We have a few minutes left so please ask any further questions now.

Thank you everybody, it is much appreciated.
does that mean international students have to come the country if outside the country for the assessment?

You do not have to come to the UK for the assessment as we will conduct an interview by Skype & make arrangements for the written exercise

Is there a residency criteria?

There may be a visa issue I will check your application & revert tomorrow.

Good to chat to you all, I look forward to meeting you here at City

This session has now ended. Thank you for joining us for today’s chat. If you have any questions, please email health@city.ac.uk