Postgraduate Diploma (PG Dip) Child Nursing
Information for Clearing 2017

Clearing entry requirements:
First degree at a minimum of 2:2

In addition to meeting the entry requirements, students are required to have enhanced disclosure and barring service clearance.

About the course:
City’s PG Dip Child Nursing degree is designed for students who wish to pursue a career as a Children’s Nurse. The course is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), allowing successful graduates to apply for registration to practice as a qualified Children’s Nurse on completion of the course.

The course combines theoretical study with clinical experience working with children and their parents from diverse populations in hospitals and a variety of community settings across central London. Our placement partners include many of London’s most recognised hospitals and trusts for children’s nursing, including the world-renowned Great Ormond Street Hospital.

The programme focuses on family-centred and relationship-centred care alongside the psychological, social and biological factors influencing health. These themes are explored in the context of acute and long term care and later in the course there is an emphasis on leading and managing in professional practice. All modules are compulsory.

To ensure our students are prepared for their practice placements and future careers in the healthcare sector, teaching is a combination of simulated practice; practical lessons in our specialist clinical skills centre where students learn how to treat and manage patients in a safe environment in preparation for placements; lectures, facilitated group work and enquiry based learning opportunities.

Our on-campus facilities include an innovative Clinical Skills Centre where students develop their skills and knowledge in a safe environment, which reflects a real-world healthcare environment.

50% of the student’s time is spent gaining experience through clinical placements and in simulated practice.

Selection process:
Students who have applied to study children’s nursing are required to successfully complete a selection process as well as meeting the academic entry requirements for the course. The selection process is used to assess your suitability for the course and ensure your values meet those of the National Health Service (NHS).
The selection process comprises of three parts:

- Numeracy and literacy tests to assess your ability in these areas
- The Cambridge Personal Styles Questionnaire (CPSQ) an online test to assess your suitability to work within the healthcare sector
- Group or individual interviews, used to find out more about you, how you work with others, your interest in the course and working within the healthcare sector.

Clearing selection days will take place in the days immediately after 17th August, please ensure you are available on these days if you intend to apply for the PG Dip Child Nursing in clearing.

All universities offering nursing degree courses require students to complete the selection process find out more.

**Key course details:**

**Course start date:**
Monday 11th September 2017

**Duration:**
Minimum of 2 years, full time course

**Location:**
Taught on campus at City, University of London and on partner clinical placement sites across London

**Fees:**
For September 2017 entry, postgraduate diploma courses in nursing will receive funding from the NHS tuition fee bursary; students’ tuition fees will be paid via the NHS Tuition Fee Bursary for the duration of their course.

**Scholarships and bursaries:**
Students occupying a NHS funded place can apply to NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for a bursary to assist with living costs find out more

**Clinical placements:**
As a student studying children’s nursing at City, you will benefit from placements at some of London’s leading hospitals and trusts, working with the capital’s uniquely diverse population.

The School of Health Sciences has partnerships in London boroughs including Tower Hamlets, Camden, Newham, Hackney, Waltham Forest and Enfield. Students experience internationally renowned care for specialist conditions at The Royal London Children’s Hospital in Tower Hamlets and Great Ormond Street Hospital in Camden.

The Royal London Children’s Hospital is one of the country’s largest children’s hospitals and is the UK’s leading trauma and emergency centre. Great Ormond Street Hospital is credited as one of the world’s leading children’s hospitals and is an international centre of excellence in child healthcare.

Placements are also undertaken in Health Centres, Nursery and Special School and in the community setting with Community Children’s Nursing Teams. Whilst in practice placements, students are supported by Mentors, Practice Education Facilitators and Link Lecturers from within the Child Health Team.

**Why chose to study nursing at City?**

- City is ranked 3rd in London for Nursing (2017 Guardian University Guide)
- Ultra-modern clinical skills teaching facilities
- Optional second year modules to help you gain a wide perspective of healthcare provision, as well as an elective placement of your choice, which can be taken at an international provider.

**Careers:**
Career prospects are excellent with over 95% of City students securing graduate level employment within six months of graduation. Our children’s nursing graduates have secured jobs with local Trusts including Great Ormond Street Hospital, Barts Health NHS Trust, Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, University College London Hospitals and North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust.

**What our students say:**
“I applied to City University London, because of its excellent reputation for nursing and the high employability opportunities. I found this course to be of very high standard and challenging. The support and guidance I received from the university, the module leaders and my personal tutor was exceptional and this was the ‘Key’ that got me through this course! I am very excited and so looking forward to starting my new career as a Staff Nurse!”