Studying BSc Children's Nursing at City

This Online Chat session is for prospective students interested in studying our BSc Children's Nursing course. 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 other applicants.

Thank you for joining us for today's Online Chat session. This session is for applicants to our BSc Children's Nursing course at City, University of London. This session runs from 16:30 - 17:30 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding studying and life at City. During the session we may also share videos, polls or documents relating 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 be patient as it might take some time for us to respond to your question.

Hi I'm going to be starting my course in September 2020 and I have interviews coming up and wanted to know your a Top tip

Just be yourself, and stay calm. Show that you're passionate about nursing and want to learn

Hey, I was just curious on the entry requirements for nursing?

Hello, the University requires the equivalent of 112 UCAS points (BBC) plus 5 GCSEs which need to include Maths and English

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Hi, applicants must have 112 UCAS points. This is also known as BBC for ALEVELS. We also accept DDM for BTEC and for ACCESS to HE you must have 27 Distinctions. Furthermore, you must have 5 GCSE's A*-C/9-4 including maths and English language

Would I have to do a test before getting accepted or is it just an interview?

Provided you meet the entry criteria Sophie there are a few tests and an interview

Hi! here are my questions: does every student get a tutor? how is the workload compared to a levels??

Yes, every student is allocated a personal tutor. It is different to A-levels as the level required is much higher, however if you divide your time up and set yourself goals it is a manageable workload.
Hi I wanted to know more about the test we are going to have before we start

The test would look at your suitability to be a Children's Nurse

How much clinical experience do you get studying at City and when does this start? Thank you!

2300 clinical hours split over the three years. In your first year you get a clinical taster week in December, and then your first clinical placement is in February. You also get clinical exposure in our simulation suite here at the university so you feel prepared.

what are the main things you are looking for in a child’s nurse? and is it all about academics?

Hello we want to know what skills you have; your previous academic history is important as is any work experiences you have; ideally these should be work that you have arranged for your self (part-time jobs) and the skills that working has given you

Hi , I was just wondering if nursing placements were on the weekends and what sort of times they would be at??

Hi , yes unfortunately some placements will be at the weekend. Shifts are 12.5 hours long and times vary slightly in the different hospitals, most shifts start around 7:30am and finish at 8pm. You only start night shifts in second year so don’t worry about that yet!

Hi. Lovely to speak with you all. I have completed an undergraduate degree internationally already and am looking to apply for children’s nursing. Would this have to also be via the undergrad route? My degree is not in nursing.

Hi , you can take BSc Child Nursing, however as you already have a degree you would be able to apply for the MSC child nursing course. Which will allow you to become a registered nurse.

How many hours a week of lectures would we have approximately

There is an allocated 960 hours of theory placed throughout the year, this includes simulated practice, self directed learning and university lectures

In regards to the test, what is the format? Additionally, who conducts the interviews?

The test is written. Members of the Child Team from the University, Service Users and Practice Partners are all involved in some form in the interview
Hi, I would like to know about the first year of the course like what are we going to study

Hi, take a look at our course page online it tells you all about the modules you study in first year! [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/child-nursing](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/child-nursing)

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If we apply by January, when can we expect to hear back if we are accepted to the next stage?

To be classed as an online applicant, you must apply by 15th January. All Applications are replied to within 2-5 working days.

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**BSc (Hons) Child Nursing at City, University of London**

Child Nursing student Alexandra shares her experience of studying at City and her advice for future students. [https://youtu.be/afQWErWB_Y](https://youtu.be/afQWErWB_Y)

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My grade is double distinction star which comes up to 112 UCAS points.

Hi, as you are taking a double award BTEC, you will need to take an A-level or another related BTEC.

Hi, thank you. Can I still apply for the MSC even if my degree is unrelated to nursing?
Yes, you can apply for this MSc course with a degree in another subject area, you can find out more about the requirements and what the course involves here:
https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/postgraduate/childrens-nursing-pre-registration

**Children’s Nursing (pre-registration)**

Children’s Nursing (pre-registration) - this degree prepares you for a fulfilling and rewarding career at the forefront of modern healthcare.

Are the night shifts compulsory or can you select ignore you want to do a night shift or day shift

As a first year student you will not be given night shifts, however you will have to do a minimum of 12 night shifts during your 2/3 year.
Your shifts are allocated to you, but you can request a specific day off for a valid reason, this will depend on your specific clinical placement.

How and when can you get an unconditional offer

If you already have the qualification which total 112 UCAS points or above

In regards to the references we must upload to UCAS, what is/does the nursing program look for?

Please make sure your UCAS form is fully completed with all qualifications and your academic reference.

As a first year student what is the hardest thing you had to adapt to

Personally I found it hardest adapting to motivating myself to work, compared to sixth form where my tutors told me what I had to do, I then needed to find my own research to write my essays etc

Do we have to apply for registration as a nurse after the course is completed or are we automatically registered upon degree completion?

Once the University Assessment Board processes your final results your details are forwarded to the NMC for registration. You need to pay the NMC the annual registration fee

Hi I study English Lit and Health and Social care... I wanted to know how I could relate english to Nursing for my UCAS

The English Lit shows you are well read and can write essays and nursing reports
To the students currently studying... What is one thing you love specifically about City's nursing program? And what has been a difficult obstacle during your studies so far?

I love the simulated practice sessions given to us before our clinical placements as they have allowed me to prepare myself and gain much needed knowledge before my actual placement.

During placement periods, do we also have lectures?

No. All theory blocks are before placements.

In regards to first year how many exams would we have:

Over the course of the year, in first year you would have 1 group presentation/report, 3 exams, 2 multiple choice questionnaires, your OSCE (a practical skills exam) which you'll need to pass and your PAD which will also need to pass.

I am currently studying Travel and tourism, health and social care and applied science would I be able to do child nursing also I have an AS qualification in Dutch

For your Alevel subjedxts- you will need to achieve BBC /112 UCAS Tariff points

How did you decide to study children's nursing over adult nursing?

I always knew I wanted to work with children and not adults so made my decision much easier!

And they are all equivalent to one A Level

What are some examples of placements you students have had? What does an example of a day on placement look like?

I have done ward based placements, A&E, PICU (paediatric intensive care), school nursing, community nursing. Long days are usually 7:45-8:15 depending on the hospital and they consist of various clinical skills, communicating with parents and children and much more. The usual day on placement varies depending on the patients, the staffing and the clinical area.

Will I not get into city then because I just do health and social even though I have the entry requirements
we will accept the DD for your BTEC but you must have an ALevel, AS Level or Extended project to boost your grade, as we accept the extended diploma.

During placement periods, do we also have lectures?
No, you will only be on placement

How many students are in 1 lecture? And David, what’s a unique thing about how you conduct your lectures? :)

There can be up to 300 in a joint lecture across the 3 fields of nursing. However, seminar groups are roughly 25 people in the room. David is a good lecturer, very interactive in the small class groups

My degree is in Health Management and a certification in Health Services Financial Management.. could this help in nursing and how best will it be related to my application?

If you have a previous degree you could apply for the accelerated MSc programme. In your supporting statement and interview you would need to explain/discuss how the skills/knowledge you possess can transfer to Children’s Nursing

Or is it the interview and admission test

The decision to make an offer is based on everything! Your grades are important but so is how you conduct yourself in interview.

Would my predicted grade depend on the offer

Can you pick which hospital you would like to do your placements in

You can have preferences, however the universities allocations team will allocate each student to a specific hospital depending on a number of different factors which includes but is not limited to; the capacity of the area, the students commute and so forth

According to the UCAS tariff I am on 148

We look forward to receiving your UCAS application. Applicants must have 5 A*-C GCSE’s including about English and Maths.

What are some top skills you included in UCAS...
We would be looking for your reasons for choosing Children’s Nursing; that you have some insight/understanding of and into Children’s Nursing; personal skills and attributes that you can bring to Children’s Nursing and any previous work experience(s).

How is the MSC programme different to the BSC?

The MSc is taught and assesses at a higher (Masters) level.

What benefits does City have in Children’s nursing / nursing programme in comparison to other universities?

We have our simulation suite where we spend plenty of time practising our skills before we’re released out to real patients! I’m not sure how nursing is taught at other universities, but I have been thoroughly supported and enjoyed my time here at City!

Do you have a mentor you work with on your placement?

Yes. You will work with a Practice Supervisor and an Practice Assessor on every shift.

Hi again, to the students, would you say it’s possible to work alongside your degree part-time??

It is possible, however you will have a limited number of hours you can legally work during your placement.

But I can’t take another subject right now is there a way I can do it with your uni as I did not know I need another one

you will need to take the course now. You can complete an extended project quickly.

And also, how far in advance do you get your schedule??

It is usually emailed to you 4 weeks in advance after you have contacted your placement area.

Doing a full time course would mean that you have to go unit every single day

Not necessarily, there are some weeks where we are in university everyday 9-5, during simulated practice weeks. But most of the time we are in for a couple of days each week, and our time out of university we are expected to be doing additional reading and preparing for our assignments.
Could you get your schedule earlier? As I would have to arrange for childcare for my son.

This will depend on the placement area.

Thank you, how many hours would you say is best??

Do you mean for a part-time job? It depends. If you are working 37.5 hours on placement you cannot work part-time more than 10.5 hours in the week as you cannot exceed the EU Law of working more than 48 hours a week.

Also, does the Uni Fee gets transferred straight to the uni or do you get it as a student and you will need to pay it?

The university is paid directly from the government.

Yes a part-time job, currently I'm doing 8 hours a week, thank you.

How many students roughly are chosen to do child's nursing each year?

We currently have places for 100 Child BSc students.

What is the hardest part of the programme, students?

Time management and balancing the workload, however this can successfully be done.

Ok and because I have my interview with city at the beginning of next year would that number change?

Unlikely.

Do you learn about pharmacology?

Yes.

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No it’s an integral component of the course

what type of biology do you learn during the 3 year

We currently don’t have a biology module in third year. Although this is different to the course you will be studying! More information about the modules is available on the website [https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/child-nursing](https://www.city.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/child-nursing)

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After the interview stage how long will it take to make a decision if an offer will be made

After the interview, I will send you a conditional offer if you are awaiting your results. If you already have your results you will be sent a conditional offer. Offers are sent out 1-2 days after the selection day.

Yeah I have heard it’s a lot of time management etc but I am willing to put it in all that extra work!!! Can’t wait if I do get it

Thank you I will be sending an email but will be speaking with you or someone else?

You will speak with me

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It is hard to find the right balance, but is definitely do-able

I am trying to find people that can read over my personal statement as the teachers at college don’t know what they are doing

My advice is to ask a mature student

When would you recommend to submit UCAS in order for us to get a guaranteed space

Submission to UCAS does not guarantee a place. Decisions are made on multiple factors including your supporting statement, your responses to the written test and your interview.
I am trying to find people that can read over my personal statement as the teachers at college don’t know what they are doing. The admissions team are holding dropping sessions if you are interested in help with your application, please email health@city.ac.uk and one of the team will get back to you with an appointment.

To the students what was the best experience during the course

For me, the best bit has been the variety of the specialities seen in placement.

Is there any chance to go over the personal statement with a mature student that you offer??

Unfortunately not.

I did a summer school programme on pharmacology and I wanted to know how I could link it to nursing in my personal statement …

Hi, The best thing to do is talk about the transferable skills you gained, and how these might help you when you become a children’s nurse.

So are the numeracy and English tests taken on the selection day or after?

we no longer ask applicants to complete the maths and English tests.

Is the order: UCAS application, Test, Interview?

If you are shortlisted the test and the interviews are on the same day.

What type of test is it

It’s a written test.

For the personal statement, how long does it transfer to on a word document (e.g. one 8 x 11.5 inch page?)

Hi, Usually personal statements are about 4000 characters long, which roughly works out at two pages if the lines are double spaced.
Thank you for that because other universities still undergo them and thought it was applied to everywhere. It depends on individual Universities admission processes. Once I get an appointment with the admission team would that mean that I will you can come into City to meet with one of the team or we can speak with you over the phone or email. What type of test is it? It's scenario based questions. Its 3 questions that look into your aptitude for nursing. If I undergo more experience after submitting my application, could I mention that at the interview/selection day? Yes! That would be helpful. Is City different to King's College London? I have never been to Kings, but I love the environment at City. Is City different to King's College London? City, University of London is rated number 1 in student satisfaction for nursing and our students always mention how dedicated and caring the lecturers are. According to my form tutor if you have done any additional activities or voluntary work you don't need to list it on your personal statement as you gain the same skill in all of them. We would want you to identify additional experiences and explain how you feel these would help you on a degree level Children’s Nursing course. So I am just wondering if I could mention two things in the personal statement and elaborate on them. Hi, You should mention whatever you feel showcases your skills and experience best. Ok thanks, what do you love about the environment?
City is based in an amazing part of London, which means that it has attracted a variety of different students.

Would it be helpful to place the modules studied in the application itself?

You have to add all qualification details in the application. This is outlined in the UCAS application for achieved and pending qualifications.

Is the written test hard to pass?

It's scenario-based questions. It's 3 questions that look into your aptitude for nursing.

What are things you would advise we didn't include in our personal statements?

Hi, try to only mention things that would be relevant to the Children's Nursing course (e.g., your skills and experiences) and things that might make you stand out (e.g., your hobbies and interests).

Is it easy once you start getting used to everything?

I settled in great!

Is work experience needed to apply for nursing?

It is useful to have some work experiences where you have dealt with the public.

And what type of work experience is needed?

Ideally health-related but skills where you have contact and dealings with the public are also useful skills/experiences to possess.

Is there an email from third-year students that we can have to ask questions?
Hi, the Ask a Student section of our website allows you to direct your questions directly to students -
https://www.city.ac.uk/study/ask-a-student

Ask a student
Speak with one of our current students and find out more about what it is like to study at City.

This session has now ended. Thank you so much for joining us today. If you have any further questions, please email onlineevents@city.ac.uk.

With this course is it best to stay in London with the accommodation as we’d be working during weekends as well etc.

Entirely up to you. The placements team try to ensure your commute is no more than an hour and a half to get to the hospital, but you may find it easier to stay in the university accommodation and live in the centre of London, it is up to you.

I hope everyone gets offer x

what is the difference between adult nursing and children nursing courses?

I suggest you research this before you attend any selection days

*offers