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Awarded Gold for our outstanding student education
Welcome to the School of Healthcare

BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing Open day talk

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POSITIVE CHANGE
Key facts about the School

- No 1 Nursing Programme in the Russell Group in England
  (Complete University Guide 2018)

- 100% Employability
  (after 6 mths: Unistats 2018)

- ‘World leading’ research – unique learning from respected academics

- One of the top 100 Universities in the world

- 2018 Athena Swan Silver award for advancing the careers of women in medicine.
A great student experience

- Vibrant campus, The “Edge” sports facilities, over 300 societies, gig and club venues.
- First students’ union in the UK to be awarded “excellent” status by National Union of Students (NUS) (2016)
- Shopping, Leeds Festivals, nightlife, Opera North, West Yorkshire Playhouse, First Direct Arena, Leeds United!
- Close to the countryside – Yorkshire Dales, Whitby, Scarborough
BSc (Hons) Mental Health programme

- Professional and academic qualification
- 3 year programme
- Course runs for 45 weeks of the year
- Must complete 2,300 theory hours and 2,300 practice hours
- Equal split between theory and practice
- Varied practice experience
- Variety of assessment methods
- Inter-professional learning
- International modules
What is Mental Health Nursing?

- Building therapeutic relationships
- Caring for people of all ages in a wide range of environments
- Providing care primarily for mental health, and also physical, social and preventative interventions
- Working to combat stigma and raising awareness about mental health
Why study Mental Health Nursing with us?

- **Best Mental health placements.**
  - Hospital, community and private, independent and regional centres - medically unexplained symptoms and perinatal mental health

- **Experienced, supportive specialist staff**
  - Nationally respected, experienced practitioners,

- **Latest research informed knowledge**
  - Internationally excellent mental health research

- **International and EU modules** allowing study and placements abroad

- **Inter-professional learning** Begins with trans-disciplinary year and continues throughout.

- **Leeds MH graduates** leave as innovators and facilitators of mental health - 100% employability
Scholarly work in the Mental health department

- Staff publishing key texts to inform mental health practice nationally and internationally

- Using poetry to bring service user experiences into the classroom

Offering accessible and flexible ways to learn through e-learning, digital, blended.

- Scholarly work drives development of new knowledge, thought leadership and innovation across the mental health undergraduate degree experience
The Mental Health Research Group

- Developing new research to promote safe, effective and therapeutic mental health care

- We are interested in research focused around:
  - Coercion and restrictive practices
  - Patient and professional safety in mental health services
  - Effective and therapeutic mental healthcare

- Led by Professor John Baker who is also a non-executive director of Leeds & York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

- This knowledge is transferred to your learning for a unique, cutting edge Mental health degree
Including the Service User and Carer voice

Service user and carer involvement is central to our work in mental health:

**Teaching**
- Teach from their own experience
- Designing modules
- Attending Selection events
- Assisting Student assessment

**Research**
- Inform our research design
- Work as co-researchers
- Research dissemination
Our learning environments
50% practice 50% Learning

In practice: real world experience
- Practice learning opportunities within the trust, in hospitals, specialist units, community centres and caring environments in Leeds, York; 2,500 patients a day.

Learning in the School
- New highly-equipped skills laboratories, simulated flat enables realistic ward, community, home and emergency simulations.
- Specific Mental health research group
- Mental health Scholarly work
- Service users voice
- Students as active collaborators
Real-world experience

Leeds & York Partnership Foundation Trust
Across hospital and community settings:

- Liaison, crisis, acute & intensive MH care
- Rehabilitation & recovery
- Memory services
- Forensic care
- Eating disorders service
- Personality disorders service
- Perinatal MH service
- Addictions services
- Gender identity service

Private, Independent & Voluntary Organisation (PIVO)

- Nursing Homes,
- Prisons
- Early intervention in psychosis service
Learning in School

- Counselling rooms
- Simulated flat
- Practice rooms
- New 4 bed ward area
- Changing rooms
- In-school lecture theatre
- Special learning zone
- Refurbished lecture rooms
Students as active collaborators

Leeds students are active beyond the classroom and practice for a broader degree experience

- **Conferences**
  Active participation, presentations

- **Projects work**
  Undertaking research, investigations

- **Co-publications**
  Working with academics, the professoriate

- **Community events**
  Participating, engaging, informing

- **Mental Health Arts Festivals**
  Sharing knowledge and gaining insight

Love Arts Festival, Leeds

Community events, York
Programme overview

Year One
- Biological Knowledge for Practice
- Theory and Practice Module 1 & 2
- Learning Together; Working Together

Year Two:
- Healthcare Ethics and Law
- Theory and Practice Module 3 & 4
- Lived Experience of Mental Health Problems
- Promoting Mental Well-being Across the Lifespan
- Research for Healthcare Professionals

Year three:
- Pharmacology - Applied to Practice
- Theory and Practice Module 5 & 6
- Research Dissertation
- Working with People with Complex Mental Health Needs
Overseas opportunities

- Y3 International Healthcare module
- European Nursing module
- Independent Study Abroad module
- Travel awards available

- Our students have been to:
  - Europe
  - Australia
  - USA
We are committed to ensuring quality provision by:

- Student feedback
  - Module reviews/Programme reviews
  - NSS
  - Placement evaluations

- Student partnerships
  - Programme management group reps
  - Student staff forum reps
  - C&YP educational partnerships
  - @Leeds reps

- Staff training
  - Teaching Excellence Scheme
  - Mentor updates

- Reviews
  - NMC monitoring visits
  - Educational audits
Assessment

- Forms of practice assessment within the modules include - OSCE, Oral examinations, annotated parent education/care pathways,
- Examination, course work and assignments.
- Clinical/practice skills are assessed using a regional practice assessment tool.
- All placements are graded and have to be successfully completed.
- Students have to demonstrate proficiency in clinical skills specified by the NMC.
Entry requirements

As a minimum you need

- A-level: BBB preferably including a science subject (biology, human biology, chemistry, maths, physics or social sciences, such as psychology).

- Not general studies or critical thinking.

- GCSE: 5 A*-C / 4 or 5 including maths and English and 2 science subjects

- All offers will be subject to a satisfactory occupational health clearance and a satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service screen.
Before you apply

- **Do your homework**, find out as much as you can about the course and profession

- **Talk to people who do the job**
  Take advantage of courses, visits family, friends etc.

- **Experience of caring**
  Is an advantage, but not always easy to get, can you demonstrate a motivation and commitment for nursing?

- **Funding**, consider all costs
What do we look for in your application

PLEASE APPLY EARLY – WE ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER

Personal statement

• An understanding of mental health,
• Reasons why you want to study and practice mental health
• Care experience – voluntary/family/other
• Transferable skills
• What else makes you stand out?
How we select

Stage 1
• Shortlisted against criteria
  – Academic background
  – Personal statement
  – Reference

Stage 2
• Invited for selection event
  – Undertake shared tasks
  – Undertake numeracy test

Stage 3
• Conditional offer made
Funding changes

- No upfront fees to pay for study
- Loans provided cover £9,250
- Only repay 9% of any salary over £25,000
- Loan written off after 30 years if unpaid

Funding and support

- Learning Support Fund
- Access to Learning Fund
- Leeds Financial Support
- Disabled Students allowance

To learn more visit the funding pages
- http://students.leeds.ac.uk/
Careers

Mental health nurses are in demand across the UK. 100% of our graduates are in work after six months, in the following roles:

- NHS, social services, voluntary sector and private sector.
- Specialised areas of primary care, dementia care, acute/forensic services,
- Crisis/home treatment teams, eating disorders and addiction services.
- Research, management, clinical specialisms and teaching.
Further Information…

Nursing and Midwifery Council:
http://www.nmc-uk.org/

UCAS:
www.ucas.ac.uk

NHS bursary
www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/