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BSC (HONS) ADULT NURSING PRACTICE

Welcome to the Adult Nursing course here at Southampton Solent University.

The course is designed to help you progress from a novice practitioner towards the skills of a competent registered nurse. High emphasis is given to clinical skills training, nursing assessment and care planning, inter-agency and inter-professional working, evidence-based practice, and public health initiatives.

The course features a case-based approach to teaching and learning and key elements such as pharmacology, physiology and holistic practice are threaded throughout the modules. Upon completion of your training, you will have gained a range of skills and experience and will be ready to transition into the role of a qualified nurse.

You will be taught by a combination of academic staff with practice and/or research experience, alongside clinical educators from our partner NHS Trusts. You will also have the opportunity to learn and work alongside other students and staff from a range of disciplines.

The course combines three strands of learning:

- **Applied theory**

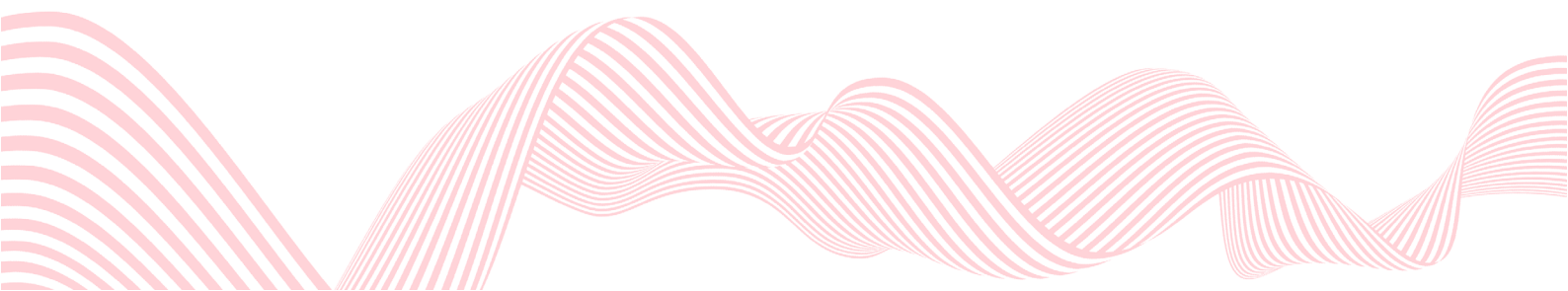
Developing your awareness of values for nurses and being an accountable professional nurse. You'll build skills in evidence-based and person-centred decision making to support and deliver best clinical practice. You'll also develop critical thinking, resilience and coaching skills. This will help to enable you to become a proficient nurse capable of leading care teams in a complex and pressurised health and social care sector.

- **Nursing simulation and action learning**

Using the simulation facilities to develop and refine your clinical skills and support your developing knowledge of physiology and pharmacology. You'll reflect on your practice and share experiences in peer groups to draw out critical incidences, discuss sensitive issues and identify solutions.

- **Nursing practice**

Undertaking clinical placements to observe, examine, assess and engage with adult patients and service users. This takes place across community, primary care and hospital settings under appropriate supervision. A key aspect of this course is patient involvement and patient centred care. You'll have





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regular contact with patients, service users and public members who all have experience and expertise as patients or carers.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU START IN SEPTEMBER

As part of your induction to the BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing course, we have developed some pre-course work for you to complete. This package has been developed from feedback from students and reflects materials that they felt would have been useful when they first started on their course. The package is by no means mandatory. It is set to run over six weeks with week one being released today. In no particular order the subjects covered include critical thinking, referencing, the role of the nurse, anatomy and physiology, reflective practice plus others.

To access the course please follow the instructions below:

1. First you will need to set up a Solent Open account here: **Open Solent** under 'New to Solent Open'
2. Once you have an account and are signed in, you can join the course by visiting this link: **Open Solent Course View**
3. From here you will be able to click 'Enrol me' to join Get Ready for Adult Nursing
4. Users will be able to view 'Welcome and Week 1' material

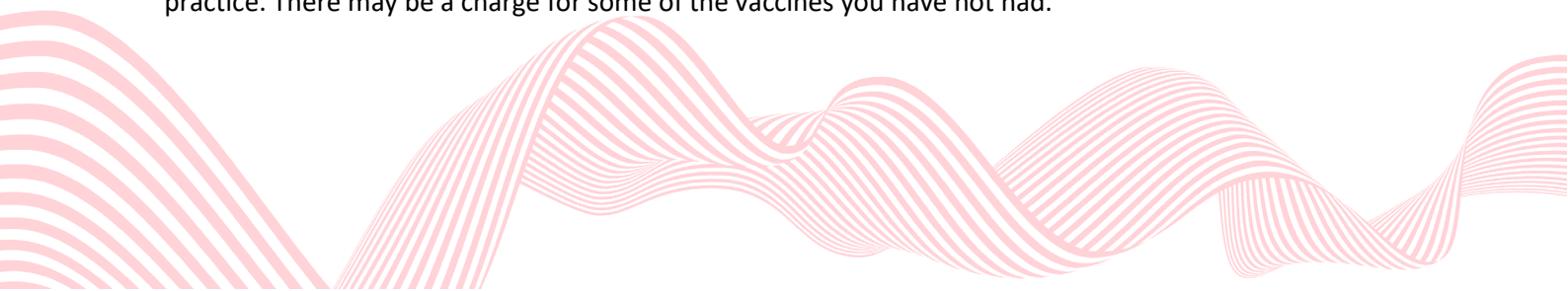
Please note the system does generate an email which may accidentally end up in your junk mail so if you do not receive the system generated email check the junk mail folder.

UNIFORM

BSc Adult Nursing students at Solent University are entitled to receive two workplace uniforms. Uniforms must be ordered directly from the university's supplier and details of how to do this will be covered during welcome week in September.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SCREENING AND IMMUNISATIONS

Solent University uses the services of Solent NHS trust in order to provide an occupational health service for their students. You are advised to ensure you have received the below vaccines before starting practice. There may be a charge for some of the vaccines you have not had.





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Students are advised to have evidence of following immunisations prior to starting their course

Diphtheria/ Tetanus /Pertussis (DTP) - X5 in lifetime.

Mumps/Measles/Rubella (MMR) - X2 vaccinations or evidence of immunity following blood screening.

Chicken Pox - History of illness or evidence of immunity following blood screening.

Hepatitis B - Course of 3 injections over 6 months followed by blood test to indicate Hep B antibody level >100iu/l.

TB (Tuberculosis) - History of immunisation with evidence of a scar.

Covid-19 - All students are expected to have evidence of having been fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Please note: It is important that students ensure they have access to a full vaccination history with dates and certificates/print out from the NHS app as we will need to check this during welcome week. A delay in providing this to us will prevent you from attending your placement. Students must have full MMR coverage to practice. Please take the time before starting the course to see your GP and discuss your vaccination history.

DBS

Due to the nature of the work that you will carry out as part of your studies, a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is a mandatory requirement for your course. Even if you have undertaken one previously you still require a new one before starting your course.

Please follow the instructions below and ensure you have completed the process before you begin your course (please note that the online process may take 8-10 weeks to complete, so it is advised to start this early).

Requirements: You must have an active and accessible email address.

Please use your course link to start the DBS process: [BSc \(Hons\) Adult Nursing DBS – click here](#)

Organisation ID: ORG-TG340QMD

Access code: Adult1



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Self Registration

You can register to access our online application service if you have been given an Organisation ID and Access Code.

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Access Code

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Email

When you click on the link, your screen should look like this. Please add in the 'Organisation ID' and 'Access Code' listed above if they are missing. Continue by then adding your personal email address.

Once you have completed your online application you will need to print out the barcoded sheet and take this along with your documents to a Crown Post Office. The Verification process means you must present your chosen documents to an appointed verifier at the Post Office. They will need to certify that these documents are valid in support of your DBS application in line with the DBS code of practice (please note there will be a small administration charge for this which you will need to pay for, however, the University will cover the cost of the DBS).

You can find your nearest Post Office providing this service by visiting the [Post Office website](#).

If you have any other questions regarding course or induction requirements, then please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime, I look forward to welcoming you to Southampton Solent University in September.

Best wishes,

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