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BSC (HONS) MENTAL HEALTH NURSING

Welcome to the Mental Health Nursing course here at Southampton Solent University. We have designed a programme that will equip you to be a confident and competent Mental Health Nurse who can make real improvements in people's experiences of mental ill health and in their lives more generally.

You have chosen a rewarding and thoughtful career that adds value to society and will enable you to genuinely make an impact on the quality of care across the health economies.

The programme is globally focussed and will facilitate you to develop therapeutic skills within a range of disciplines found within Psychiatry. You will develop evidence-based approaches to people's needs in whatever context they find themselves, utilising a strong emphasis on culturally competent, person-centred care pathways.

Congratulations on making the first of many good decisions and we look forward to learning with you, and getting to know you, as you progress through your nursing education here at Solent and beyond.

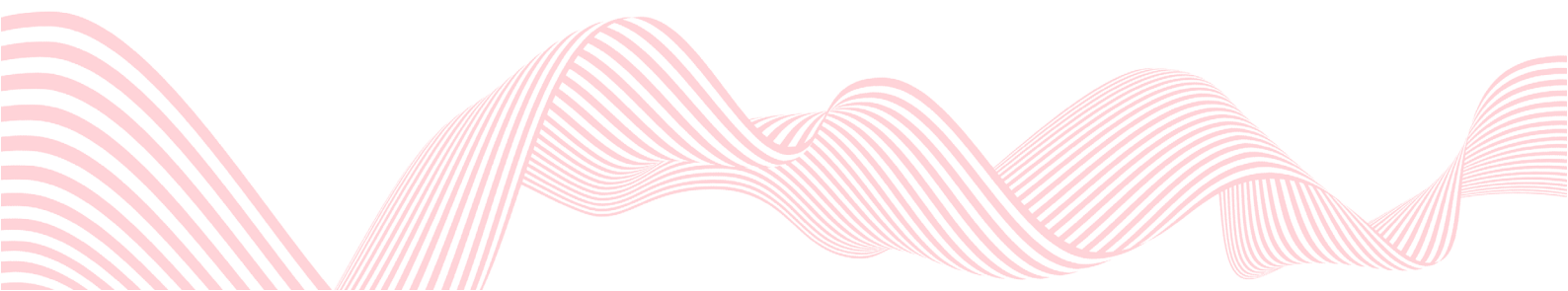
UNIFORM

BSc Mental Health Nursing students at Solent University are entitled to receive two workplace uniforms. Students may receive either two tunics and two pairs of trousers or two dresses. Uniforms must be ordered directly from the university's supplier and details of how to do this will be discussed during welcome week In September.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SCREENING & 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.

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.





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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](#) – Evidence of having been fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

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).

Self Registration

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

Organisation ID

ORG-QV68YHDS

Access Code

HealthN

Email

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

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

Organisation ID: ORG-QV68YHDS

Access code: HealthN

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



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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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