



**Nursing
Associate Degree
Apprenticeship**



Keele University is pleased and excited to offer the Nursing Associate Apprenticeship. The combination of work and learning on our apprenticeship will mean you can immediately make a difference in the workplace. Your employer and our supportive staff will assist you in your academic career and personal development through the apprenticeship. You will achieve a Foundation Degree at no personal cost and have the skills and knowledge to work in practice as a qualified Nursing Associate, registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), making a valuable contribution to the nursing team in your organisation.



This is a newly recognised role in its own right and Keele University School of Nursing and Midwifery is offering the apprenticeship route into the role of Nursing Associate. We offer a highly-rated NMC-approved programme in Nursing that consistently delivers high quality learning and excellent employment rates, and you can expect the same outstanding level of service and learning.

Who is it for?

This Apprenticeship is a wonderful opportunity for anyone looking to become a Nursing Associate who works in a caring role, and has a desire to develop their healthcare career.

What does it cover?

- Person-centred approach to care
- Professional values
- Delivering Nursing Associate care – new knowledge and skills
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Duty of care, candour, equality and diversity
- Medicines Management
- Health and Wellbeing
- Leadership

The programme is underpinned by the

- Health Education England Education Framework for Nursing Associates
- The NMC Standards for Nursing Associates
- Apprenticeship Standard for Nursing Associates
- NMC Pre-registration Nursing Standards up to the first half of a Nursing programme

The programme has a very practical approach to knowledge, skills and behaviours development, and the modules and module assessments reflect the practical nature of the role, while ensuring competence.

Apprenticeships Team

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Apprenticeship Programme Structure

You will be employed as an Apprentice Nursing Associate and will undertake the equivalent of one day per week in a placement environment. This will be rotated across a number of settings to give you a broad experience. Your employer will also release you for 'off the job' learning at a university to underpin and enhance your practical experience.

Duration

Typically 24 months

Qualifications

Foundation Degree (FD) Nursing Associate. A Foundation degree is 120 academic credits at Level 4 (first year University) and 120 academic credits at Level 5 (second year University).

Entry Requirements

GCSE grades 9 to 4 (equivalent to A* to C) in English and Maths (or Functional Skills equivalent). You should have some experience in a care setting. You should apply for this course initially through your organisation to be selected for a place. If your organisation selects you, you will be able to study with us at the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Keele University.

What support will you receive?

As an apprentice you will be in the enviable position of receiving support from both your employer and Keele University. You will have a dedicated supervisor within your employer's organisation and you will also benefit from the wider support from our lecturers.

You can access the excellent facilities available to all Keele University students. We ensure that you will receive individual attention and, because of the relatively small numbers of students in each clinical specialty, you will get plenty of 'hands-on' experience with patients in a wide variety of settings. Apprentices will also get the opportunity to work practically and theoretically with members of the wider healthcare profession throughout their apprenticeship.

As employers you will also receive the same level of support from us. We are on hand to guide you through every step of the programme and to deliver an apprenticeship that will surpass your expectations.

It's the Keele Difference

- Awarded Gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF, 2017) indicating the highest quality teaching
- No. 1 in England for Course Satisfaction (Health Professions), Guardian University Guide 2018
- Modern, purpose-built Clinical Education Centre at the Royal Stoke Hospital that houses state-of-the-art teaching facilities
- We can work flexibly to deliver on employer premises, where cohort size permits, by mutual agreement
- Links to our extensive medical provision offer a unique learning experience
- Inter-professional education opportunities with other student learners in the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Our excellent student support, both within the School and centrally will help you balance work and learning

Professional Registration

On completion of the apprenticeship you will meet the qualification requirements to apply for NMC registration for the role of Nursing Associate.

In future you may want to top this up to Registered Nurse status.

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