

# Return to Nursing Practice Information Pack

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**Faculty**

Faculty of Health and Social Sciences

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**Location**

Bournemouth University (Lansdowne Campus)

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**Duration**

Typically 16 weeks from start date

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**Start Date**

16 March 2021

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**Entry Requirements**

Lapsed NMC registration following a complete break in practice, or where you have worked fewer than 450 hours in the past three years.

Confirmation of clinical practice placement to complete the course (read on for more detail)

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**If English is not your first language:**

IELTS (Academic) 7.0 with minimum 7.0 in each component or equivalent

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**Accreditation**

Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC)

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**General Enquiries:**

Future Students Enquiry Team

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**E-mail:** [futurestudents@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:futurestudents@bournemouth.ac.uk)

**Website:** [www.bournemouth.ac.uk/courses/RPN](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/courses/RPN)

The course is for nurses who no longer have 'live' registration with the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC); and wish to re-enter the profession after a complete break in practice, or where they have worked fewer than 450 hours in the past three years (NMC 2019). The course is designed to allow nurses to re-join the Adult (General), Mental Health and Children and Young People's parts of the register.

**Overview**

This course comprises both theory and practice elements. It is designed to enable nurses to re-enter registered practice with up-to-date competencies (NMC, 2018), current skills and the confidence to maintain safe and effective standards of patient care.

This course has been approved and validated by the NMC and on successful completion of the course you will be awarded 20 academic credits (at Level 6 – degree level) and you will also gain re-registration with the NMC.

**Clinical Placement**

Prior to applying for the course, you must secure a clinical placement in a healthcare setting – either in an acute or community NHS trust, or in the private sector. This placement must start by the first study day at the University and be for the duration of the course. **Clinical placements must normally be within Dorset, Wiltshire, Somerset or the New Forest area.** You will be required to attend a joint interview with a member of University staff and a representative from your prospective practice placement.

The clinical experience may be gained as part of employed work or by working as an honorary member of the staff and must be for a minimum of 150 hours. These hours may need to be extended, to a maximum of 450 hours, depending on how long you have been out of practice; You must therefore ensure that any 'contract' allows you to continue until you have completed the practice outcomes of the course.

During your clinical time you will work in a role equivalent to that of a third year pre-registration student. Clinical hours are normally two 7.5 hour shifts per week for 10 weeks. Negotiation with the placement provider as to how the required clinical hours are completed needs to be organised prior to commencing the placement, as well as confirmation of your named Practice Assessor and Practice Supervisor(s).

## Clinical Placements – Contact Details

If you are interested in gaining a clinical placement in an NHS Trust please email (only) the following relevant Education Leaders (including a summary of your recent working history and stating the clinical area in which you are seeking a placement):

### Dorset

- **Adult Mental Health (Dorset)**  
Helen Barnes – [helen.barnes13@nhs.net](mailto:helen.barnes13@nhs.net)
- **Adult General – Community (Dorset)**  
Helen Barnes – [helen.barnes13@nhs.net](mailto:helen.barnes13@nhs.net)
- **Poole Hospital**  
Julie Childs - [julie.childs@poole.nhs.uk](mailto:julie.childs@poole.nhs.uk)
- **Royal Bournemouth & Christchurch Hospitals**  
Alice Girling – [Alice.Girling@rbch.nhs.uk](mailto:Alice.Girling@rbch.nhs.uk)
- **Dorset County Hospital**  
Jonathan Saunders – [jonathan.saunders@dchft.nhs.uk](mailto:jonathan.saunders@dchft.nhs.uk)

### Southern Health

Sue Tarling – [sue.tarling@southernhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:sue.tarling@southernhealth.nhs.uk)

### Salisbury Area

- **Salisbury District Hospital**  
Judith O'Neill - [judith.oneill@nhs.net](mailto:judith.oneill@nhs.net)

### Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust

- **Kathleen Bond – [kathleen.bond@nhs.net](mailto:kathleen.bond@nhs.net)**

If you wish to undertake your clinical placement in the private sector you will need to contact them directly. Please ensure that the placement has an NMC educational audit to take pre-registration students and that a Practice Assessor is available to sign-off your competencies. Please also make them aware of their responsibilities, as below:

**All** clinical placements (NHS and Private sector) need to appreciate that you are not a pre-registration student therefore they need to provide you with:

- Joint interview with University and placement
- Honorary contract (at minimum)
- DBS (screening and Occupational Health screening)
- Risk Assessment
- Induction to include Minimal Handling, Basic Life Support, Child Protection (if appropriate) and Safeguarding training **before** placement commences (placement should start when your University course starts)
- A uniform and name badge
- A Practice Assessor on the same part of the register to which you are returning

If private hospitals are unsure about any of the above, please encourage them to contact the **Programme Leader**, Anneyce Knight on [aknight@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:aknight@bournemouth.ac.uk)

## Course Venue

Lansdowne Campus

(From January 2021: Bournemouth Gateway Building)  
Bournemouth

*For more details please visit:*

[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/maps](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/maps)

## Course Structure and Duration

The course will consist of:

- Eight study days on campus. These study days are usually delivered within a three month period. Please note that the programme may involve online teaching and learning
- Plus, you will need to complete a minimum of 150 hours in a suitable clinical setting
- You will also be expected to undertake several hours of self-managed study outside of university and your placement.

The minimum time for course completion is 16 weeks, and the maximum is 46 weeks. The time you take to complete the course will depend on your previous experience and the time you have been away from nursing.

Please be aware that, at the earliest, **it will be approximately six months before you can apply for NMC re-registration**, as your course assignments will have to go through Bournemouth University academic approval processes before you can be declared eligible for re-registration.

## Pre- Course work

You will need to complete a workbook on Medicines Management and a Self-assessment Proficiency Portfolio to bring with you to the first study day. This will be emailed to you.

## Course Content

Whichever part of the nursing register (adult, child, or mental health) you are planning to re-enter, there are common themes that are covered. Topics include the following:

- Reflective Practice
- Health and Social Policy
- Research Awareness
- Legal, Ethical and Professional issues, consent and safeguarding
- Interpersonal skills -Communication
- Health Promotion and Public Health
- Supporting teaching and learning in practice (Practice Supervisor preparation)
- Pharmacology and Medicines administration and optimisation

## How to apply

Download an application form from the Bournemouth University website or contact the admissions office (details below) for an application form. Following a successful interview with the Trust and a programme representative and you have negotiated your clinical placement you can apply to Bournemouth University for a place on the course. Please note, how you submit your application form will depend on whether you are working for the NHS or in the private sector.

- If you are undertaking a clinical placement within the NHS, your Practice Educational Lead will forward your completed application form to the University
- If you are undertaking a placement in the private sector, please forward your form personally to the admissions department (see below).

Your application form cannot be processed unless it has your Learning Agreement (within application form) signed by your placement provider. Unfortunately, until this has been done, we cannot reserve a place for you.

## Dates

The next Return to Practice (Nursing) course will run on the following dates:

### March 2021 intake

16, 23, 30 March 2021  
13, 27 April 2021  
11, 25 May 2021  
8 June 2021

Each study day is from 9.00am – 4.00pm at Bournemouth University's Lansdowne campus.

**To note:** this programme may include online delivery of teaching in 2020/21.

## Admissions Office Contact:

To obtain an application pack and/or forward an application form (if working in the private sector):

**E-mail:** [hscpostregadmissions@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:hscpostregadmissions@bournemouth.ac.uk)

**Telephone:** 01202 962036

**Address:** Post Qualification Admissions  
School of Health and Social Care  
Room R109, First Floor  
Royal London House  
Bournemouth  
University Christchurch  
Road Bournemouth  
BH1 3LT

## Fees

Please contact admissions team

### **Please note:**

*The University reserves the right to introduce changes to the information given, including the addition, withdrawal, re-location or restructuring of courses.*

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