

Specification for the Diploma Nursing & Midwifery



Thank you for enquiring about our Access to Higher Education Diplomas in Nursing and Midwifery. This booklet will provide you with the following details:

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Nursing & Midwifery

Qualification Code: 40011586

Unit of Study	Unit Value	What you will learn, achievement and comments
Communication: Presentation Skills	3	This unit is ungraded so you can only obtain an achieved mark for this. This unit can be claimed when you have given a presentation in one of your graded curriculum units.
Communication: Punctuation and Grammar Skills	3	This unit is ungraded so you can only obtain an achieved mark for this. This unit will provide underlying support and skill development in grammar and punctuation skills.
Communication: Report Writing	3	This unit is ungraded so you can only obtain an achieved mark for this. This unit can be claimed when you have given a presentation in one of your graded curriculum units.
Professional Behaviours for Medical Practitioners	3	This unit is ungraded so you can only obtain an achieved mark for this. This unit will be used as your initial assessment and completed before you receive an offer of a place. Its focus will be to develop an understanding of the characteristics required to be a medical practitioner. It will also require you to demonstrate an understanding of effective communication and how to manage risk and deal with problems. Finally, it will ask that you reflect on your own personal and professional practice and you will create a professional developmental plan.
Delivery of Health Care in the UK	3	This unit is ungraded so you can only obtain an achieved mark for this. In this unit you will explore and develop an understanding of the origins of the NHS. You will gain an understanding of the different models of health care provision in the UK and identify key external pressures that effect the NHS.
Access to Health Care in Modern Britain	3	This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction. Within this unit you will explore and identify health and illness as both social and biological constructs. The aim will be to evaluate the reasons for differences in patterns of illness in modern Britain and understand the factors affecting healthcare.
Ethical Issues in Health	3	This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction. This unit will explore theories of moral philosophy and their application in the provision of health care. You will develop an understanding of the moral framework and decision making in medical practice and identify

		how ethical considerations impinge on patient/client rights and responsibilities.
Gender & Health Care Roles in Modern Britain	3	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>By studying this unit you will gain an understanding of the factors affecting the roles of men and women as unpaid and paid carers in British Society. This will lead you to explore employment legislation and evaluate the extent to which improvements may be achieved.</p>
Body Defences	3	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>This unit will encourage study in order to gain an understanding of infectious diseases caused by pathogens. It will also help you to develop an understanding of non-specific defences of the body against infectious disease and evaluate how these are applied in medical practice.</p>
Diet and Digestion	3	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>Within this unit you will learn to recognise the dietary needs of different individuals, how they vary and why balance is important. Furthermore, you will gain an understanding of the structure of the digestive system and the role of enzymes in the process.</p>
Genetics	3	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>Studying this unit will help you to understand the nature and causes of variation in a population and the principles of Mendelian inheritance. You will also explore a range of genetic systems and how they apply to different inherited traits.</p>
Human Cardiovascular & Respiratory Systems	6	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>The study of this unit will facilitate understanding of the structure of the human cardiovascular system and the cardiac cycle. You will learn about the structure of the human respiratory system and how this and the cardiovascular system are interdependent. Finally, you will gain an understanding of the consequences of a dysfunctional system and/or cardiovascular system.</p>
Microorganisms & Infection	6	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>Within this unit you will gain an understanding of the main features of the different classes of microorganisms; what the different models of nutrition are among microorganisms and how this affects their incidence and impact on other species. Furthermore, you will develop an understanding of the relationships between microorganisms and the human body. You will also gain an understanding of factors that affect the rate of infection</p>

		<p>within the human population and gain a grasp of the public health measures that can be taken to prevent infection. Finally, you will develop an understanding of the use of antibiotics.</p>
Organisation of the Body	3	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>In this unit you will explore and understand the levels of organisation in the human body, the need for cell specialisation and how these relate to the functions of different tissues. Furthermore, you will develop an understanding of the features of stem cells and the principles of tissue engineering.</p>
The Cell	3	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>You will develop an understanding of the structure of cells and how they are revealed by light and electron microscopes. In addition, you will learn about the function of the plasma membrane the importance of cell division.</p>
Coordination & Control	3	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>This unit will facilitate understanding of the structure and function of the endocrine system, the nervous system. It will also enable you to explore the functions of receptors and sensory organs and develop understanding of the nerve impulse and the role of the synapse.</p>
Homeostasis	3	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>From studying this unit you will understand the principles of homeostasis and recognise the factors that affect body temperature. You will also gain knowledge so that you can recognise factors that affect osmotic conditions in the body and the osmoregulatory mechanisms.</p>
Human Reproduction	3	<p>This is a graded unit and you can achieve it at a Pass, Merit or Distinction.</p> <p>Studying this unit will facilitate understanding of the structure and functions of human reproductive systems. You will learn about the main stages of embryonic development and the role of the placenta. Finally, you will have knowledge of the factors that initiate birth, the different stages of birth and the changes that occur in the foetus at birth.</p>

Progression Information

From the above diploma you might expect to apply for undergraduate programmes in the following areas:

- Nursing
- Biomedical Science
- Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Health Care
- Paediatric Nursing
- Health & Social Care
- Psychology
- Occupational Therapy
- Health Care
- Mental Health Nursing

Students from the above diploma have been successful in gaining places at the following universities

University of Sheffield

University of Bristol

University of Glasgow

University of Nottingham

University of Manchester

University of Herefordshire

Lancaster University

University of East Anglia

Leicester University

Middlesex University

University of Liverpool

Sheffield Hallam University

Progression beyond your degree

A degree in nursing and health care can lead to a number of progression areas beyond undergraduate study. You may choose to continue with your academic career and progress on to MA studies or your PhD. However, there are also some known careers you may move into and they are:

Nurse Practitioner within a GP Surgery

Learning Disability Nurse

Health Visitor

Anaesthetist

Paramedic

Care Manager

Medical Researcher/Research Scientist

Laboratory Technician

Teaching

Mental Health

Wellbeing Practitioner

Nutritionist/Nutritional Therapist

Personal Trainer

Dietician

Acupuncturist

Counselling Psychologist

Sports Psychologist

Life Coach

Testimonials of Learners

These testimonials are taken from learners who have completed a psychology based diploma with us.

“I have really enjoyed the course and Neil’s support has been amazing. I struggled at first but his guidance enabled me to achieve distinctions. I feel that I am ready for university now, thank you!”

Liam

“Cheers to Sam who got behind me to get UCAS done and has helped me patorally on the whole diploma. I have loved studying with her and the team, especially Neil. Off to uni now!” **Jacob**

“When I first applid to do this access course I remember feeling so overwhelmed and anxious that I would not be able to complete it to a good standard, especially after being out of education for so long. However, I could not have been more wrong. Sam and Neil helped me through every blip and was always a reassuring email away. The process has been so smooth and well planned.”

Emily

“The google classrooms were really useful and I had all that I needed to complete my studies in there. It involves a lot of independent study which I found ok, but it was a challenge, however, I did it! Neil was great, whenever I needed a lesson or support he was there. The workbooks are great and gave that foundation knowledge to tackle the assignments.” **Lewis**

Your Next Steps to Joining Us

You will have been sent **two** things following your initial enquiry

1. **An application form** – please return to samantha@returnlearningonline.com as soon as possible. This does not commit you to the course but gives our administration office a chance to start your files and related paperwork. It also registers your interest. Should you decide not to join your application form will be held in a vaulted file for 3 years and then destroyed. Your data is not at risk.
2. **An option to book in for a tutorial** – this is an informal chat that enables us to discuss your chosen diploma with you and respond to any questions you may have. There is no pressure to make a decision following this tutorial as joining a life changing programme, such as this, is a big step. We know that and will give you as much time as you need to make the right decision for you. If you did not get the link, here it is <https://calendly.com/samantha-410returntolearning/progress-reviews>

After your tutorial you may decide to progress onto the next stage, which is:

1. **Completing an Initial Assessment** – this is not a test, or a pass or fail scenario but it does allow you to see how you might work remotely and online. The assessment is based around a unit on all diplomas, that of Professional Behaviours. It consists of seven tasks on the topic area of communication with some activities aimed at supporting managing your

studies and mental health. If you complete this initial assessment and decide not to join us, that is not a problem. However, if you do want to enrol, this is what will come next.

2. You will be sent a **Next Steps email** – this email will give you a step by step guide of what happens next and includes:
 - a) Feedback from the initial assessment, highlighting what you have done well and any potential areas for development
 - b) Payment plans and proposals
 - c) Information on how to start your UCAS application form
 - d) A link to the first curriculum unit on your diploma with a target deadline
 - e) An introduction to your Curriculum Tutor – this will prompt them to get in touch to help and support you in your academic journey with us
 - f) An invitation to an Induction via Zoom – these normally take place in the evening and enable us to take you through some of the key aspects of your diploma now you have decided to join us.

Please do not hesitate to contact Sam on samantha@returntolearningonline.com or 07875710049 should you have any further questions.

We look forward to hearing from you and helping you achieve your dream of going to university.

The Access Curriculum Teaching Team