



ROUTES into...



Nursing

CLCI Code JAD

Job titles you may hear...

- Adult Nurse
- Learning Disability Nurse
- Community Nurse
- Mental Health Nurse
- Midwife
- Children's Nurse
- Occupational Health Nurse
- Practice Nurse
- Health Visitor

Places You May Work...

- Hospitals
- G.P. Surgeries
- Clinics
- Armed Forces
- 'Walk-in' clinics
- Schools
- The Community
- Patients' Homes
- NHS
- Premises of large companies.

How Can I Get Qualifications/Training In This Type of Work?

The following are ways of getting into a career in Nursing

There are two main ways in which you can qualify for a career as a nurse: via a diploma/advanced diploma or a degree course. Both types of training are now based at institutes of higher education which have links with local healthcare trusts.

Diploma courses require a minimum of 5 GCSE's at A-C or equivalent. Acceptable alternatives can include NVQ 3, AVCEs, BTEC National awards or a GNVQ Intermediate plus one GCSE grade A/C. Institutes may set higher requirements. The minimum age for

beginning training is 17^{1/2}

Degree courses require 5 GCSEs at A-C and either at least two AS/A2s or equivalent qualifications such as AVCEs. Some degrees may ask for specific grades or subjects eg Sciences.

NB: Universities will consider mature applicants with other relevant qualifications and/or experience.

Full Time Further Education (College or Sixth Form)

Foundation / Level 1 Courses

Health & Social Care (GNVQ Foundation)	Some GCSE passes preferred	Castle & Parson Cross Centres
Connections	No formal entry requirements	All Centres of The Sheffield College offer a range of options

Intermediate / Level 2 Courses

Health and Social Care (GNVQ Intermediate)	4 GCSEs grade D or equivalent	Castle Centre, Parson Cross Centre, Peaks Centre
Health and Social Care (GNVQ Intermediate)	Sixth form entry requirements vary between schools	High Storrs, King Ecgbert, King Edward V11, Notre Dame schools

Advanced / Level 3 Courses

Health and Social Care AVCE	4 GCSEs grade A/C or GNVQ Intermediate or equivalent	Castle Centre, Parson Cross Centre, Peaks Centre, High Storrs, King Edward V11, Notre Dame schools
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NB: Other AVCE subjects are acceptable but Health and Social Care is the AVCE most relevant to nursing.



Nursing Cadetship Programme.* (Leads to BTEC National Diploma In Health Studies)	At least 4 GCSE grades A/C (preferably including English & Maths) or an equivalent qualification	Rotherham College Of Arts & Technology
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*This is a new, full time programme of study based at Rotherham College Of Arts And Technology (Eastwood Lane, Rotherham, S65 1EG. Tel 01709 722760). It includes practical skills training in a hospital: there will be 20 placements at The

Royal Hallamshire Hospital, 20 at the Northern General Hospital and 20 at the Rotherham District General Hospital. Successful completion of this programme will guarantee a place on the nurse training programme in Sheffield.

AS/A Levels

Another option is to study AS/A2 levels. See the options book for more details.

Advanced level courses can lead to higher education at college or university. Make sure your course/subjects are appropriate for the higher education courses and career you are interested in.

These courses and others may also be offered at Colleges/6th forms near to Sheffield e.g. Barnsley, Chesterfield, Dearne Valley, North Derbyshire Tertiary, Rother Valley, Rotherham (RCAT), Thomas Rotherham.

Work Based Learning

Training opportunities may include Foundation Modern Apprenticeships and Advanced Modern Apprenticeships. Although there are no modern apprenticeships specifically in nursing in Sheffield, caring training is offered by:

- Action for Employment
- Hospitality Plus (UK)

- In Touch Care
- Margaret Bardsley Management Training
- Rotherham Managing Agency
- Sheaf Training
- Sheffield College (dental nursing only)
- STL

Employment opportunities

It is possible to apply for nursing after working in a relevant area eg social care/health care assistant/nursing auxiliary. Applicants with formal qualifications achieved through full time education or work based training are at a considerable advantage.

Nationally there is a shortage of nursing staff and the government is committed to increasing numbers by 20,000. Locally, Sheffield University offers the Advanced Diploma course and Hallam University offers a degree in Nursing Studies. Competition for places in Sheffield is very high. Children's Nursing and Midwifery are particularly popular areas of work.

Job Hunting Tips

Make sure your personal adviser/careers adviser knows your plans so that they can keep you informed about opportunities.

For more information use:

School/College Careers Centre
CLIPS
Options Booklet
KUDOS

Useful Websites:

www.connexionsinsheffield.org.uk
www.nhscareers.nhs.uk
www.nmc-uk.org
www.nmas.ac.uk

Please remember to check the latest details of training/college course, as information is likely to change.

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