NURSING, MIDWIFERY & ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

As the largest provider of health and social work professional education in the South West, we offer a range of undergraduate diplomas and degrees, continuing professional development (CPD) and postgraduate programmes.

Courses are delivered at key sites across the south-west region, with a strong emphasis on work-based placements and career progression, enabling our students to learn within an interesting, innovative and enjoyable environment whilst gaining the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience to be able to fulfil their aspirations. Our courses develop highly employable, confident, knowledgeable and competitive health and social work professionals for future employers.

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DISTINGUISH YOURSELF WITH A DEGREE FROM ONE OF THE FIRST INSTITUTIONS TO OFFER THE NEW NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL (NMC) STANDARDS FOR NURSING EDUCATION.
BSc (Hons) DIETETICS

Healthy eating, nutrition and lifestyles are becoming key issues in today’s society. By focusing on the impact of food and nutrition on health, you’ll use your knowledge and skills to make a difference to people’s lives. By combining theoretical modules with real-life clinical placements, you’ll gain all the skills you need for your future career.

Special features
• Apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) following successful completion of the course.
• Become an independent practitioner with highly developed problem-solving skills.
• Work with a dietetics team who are actively engaged in diverse research.

Entry requirements
ABB from three A levels, which must include Biology and Chemistry, and excludes General Studies. 

GCSE: Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science. Preference is given to applicants who have obtained these grades on application.

International Baccalaureate: 31 points overall to include 5 at Higher Level in Biology and Chemistry.

Other: Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required. Deferred entry not accepted.

For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

Professional accreditation
Accredited by the British Dietetic Association (BDA). On successful completion of the course you are eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

UCAS course code: B410
Duration: 3 years (with placements)
Location: Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.
Institution code: P60
Course type: Full time

Fees
For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website.
For details about tuition fees please refer to page 24.

Year 1
Core modules
• Preparation for Practice
• Human Nutrition and Food Studies
• Human Nutrition and Psychosocial Care
• Nutritional Biochemistry
• Physiology and Genetics
• Nutritional Epidemiology/Public Health Nutrition
• Placement A (2 weeks)

Year 2
Core modules
• Project Studies
• Pathophysiology
• Dietetics 1 (CBL)
• Dietetics in Practice 1
• Metabolism and Pharmacology
• Metabolism and Immunology
• Placement B (12 weeks)

Final year
Core modules
• Dietetics 2 (CBL)
• Dietetics in Practice 2
• Public Health Nutrition
• Project
• Business and Leadership
• Placement C (12 weeks)

Placements
Placements occur across the South West in all years of the course and are 2, 12 and 12 weeks respectively. To broaden skill acquisition, each placement is in a different location.
NURSING

If you have the qualities that demonstrate a compassionate and professional approach to care, then nursing is for you. We’ve developed our courses to ensure that our graduates are equipped with the skills and knowledge to help shape the healthcare of tomorrow. We are consistently recognised as one of the leading providers of nursing education across the region, and our nursing courses are informed by credible research delivered by high-quality teaching staff. By studying at Plymouth you’ll benefit from:

- our academic staff’s enthusiasm and passion for teaching, research and the nursing profession
- hands-on clinical experience to develop your understanding and the skills required for your future career, and development of through-life learning
- high-specification facilities, including a clinical skills suite to complement your clinical placement experience.

Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) standards
Since 2011, we’ve been teaching the most up-to-date curriculum, meaning our graduates leave ready to help shape the nursing workforce of the future. The NMC standards have allowed us to increase the number of clinical skills sessions we offer, develop overseas placements, and offer more opportunities for exchange programmes with other institutions.

Which nursing course?
Choosing to become a nurse means that you’ll work with a wide variety of people. And while it’s important to have core nursing skills, different groups of people require different types of care depending on their situation. We offer courses in three fields, each providing you with the specific knowledge and skills to best help these groups. You can choose to study:

- Adult Nursing
- Child Health Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing.

On completion of your chosen course, you’ll be eligible to apply for registration with the NMC, which will allow you to practise as a Registered Nurse. The following pages give more information about our courses, including content and entry requirements.

Practice placements
We work closely with a variety of healthcare providers to develop a varied range of placement opportunities across the South West for our nursing students. These placements are your opportunity to link theory to practice and learn how to deal with patients and their families and friends in the most effective and appropriate manner. Many students find this to be the most challenging but rewarding part of the course.

Please note: you may have to travel and work in placements outside of your immediate locality. You’ll also be required to work a 24-hour shift pattern, which will include some weekend and night shift working.

Research
We have a strongly developed research culture, covering five groups:

- Ageing and rurality
- Applied health genetics
- Clinical skills
- E-health
- Preventive and supportive care.

These groups study issues that are relevant to nursing practice and education. Our academics’ diverse expertise means that our courses include the latest in theory and expert techniques.

In addition to academic entry requirements and security checks, you will be required to either provide evidence of being vaccinated or receive mandatory relevant vaccinations.
**BSc (Hons)**

**NURSING (ADULT)**

Make a difference to someone’s life when it matters most. Our degree will prepare you to care for adults of all ages with acute and long-term illness, at home, in the community and in hospitals. You’ll play a vital role in health promotion and disease prevention, as well as caring for the sick and injured and their significant others. You’ll gain the experience, skills and competences needed to join our graduates working as professional nurses.

**Special features**

- Practise your clinical and communication skills in the safe, supervised setting of our Clinical Skills Resource Centre (CSRC), which features specially designed replicas of hospital wards and emergency rooms, with patient-simulators.
- Know that your learning is always current and follows best practice, reflecting a dynamic healthcare environment.

**Career opportunities**

On qualification, there are countless types of nursing roles and specialities within hospital and community settings in which graduates can gain employment. This can include acute and long-term care.

**Professional accreditation**

Accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

**Entry requirements**

- 120 points to include 64 points from two A levels. Preference is given to those with a science profile, particularly Biology. Excluding General Studies.
- GCSE: Five GCSEs grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science.
- **Access courses:** 45 Level 3 credits of which 33 must be at merit or distinction level. This must include 15 Level 3 credits from a science subject.
- **BTEC:** DDM – must be science/health related.
- **International Baccalaureate:** 28 overall to include 5 and 4 at higher level subjects, preferably from biology/human biology, applied science.
- **IELTS:** Overall average score of 7.0, overall with 7.0 in all elements.

**Other:** Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required.

For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

**UCAS course code:** B740

**Duration:** 3 years (with placements)

**Location:** Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.

**Institution code:** P60

**Course type:** Full time

**Fees**

For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website. For details about tuition fees please refer to page 24.

**Year 1**

**Core modules**

- Core Concepts of Health
- Introduction to Adult Nursing Care
- Ways of Knowing
- Biology for Nursing Practice
- Professional Issues and Clinical Risk
- Skills and Practice for Nursing

**Year 2**

**Core modules**

- Adult Nursing 2: Developing Nursing Care
- Knowledge and Skills for Evidence-Informed Decision Making
- The Biological and Therapeutic Basis for Adult Nursing Care
- Promoting Public Health and Wellbeing
- Skills and Practice for Adult Nursing

**Final year**

**Core modules**

- Knowledge and Skills for Evidence-Informed Decision Making
- Adult Nursing: Competence in Nursing Care
- Management, Leadership and Transition to Professional Practice

- Law and Ethics Applied to Nursing Practice
- Year 3 – Skills and Practice for Adult Nursing

**Placements**

Fifty per cent of your time will be spent on placement. Practice placements are in a variety of settings, both within hospitals and the community. Placements are based throughout the South West, to maximise the range of experience you will gain. You may need to live away from home during your placement.
Caring for children and young people with a wide range of needs is a challenging and fulfilling career. From newborns to adolescents, you’ll gain experience of supporting children and their families during periods of great change. Placement opportunities across the South West will develop your clinical and communication skills and your understanding of caring in hospital and community settings.

**Special features**
- Balance classroom learning with gaining experience in hospitals and communities.
- Recognised as delivering the Solihull Approach to all Child Health students.
- Clinical placements across Devon, Cornwall and Somerset, designed to maximise your range of experiences and the clinical skills you acquire.
- Gain expertise in clinical skills teaching while supported by peer-assisted learning.

**Career opportunities**
Employment prospects are excellent in a variety of settings such as acute care within NHS district general or private hospitals, children’s community nursing and public health, and specialist areas such as neonatal or paediatric intensive care.

**Professional accreditation**
Accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

**Entry requirements**
120 points to include 64 points from two A levels. Preference is given to those with a science profile. Consideration is also given to social science A levels, excluding General Studies.

- **GCSE:** Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science. Preference is given to applicants who have obtained these grades on application.
- **Access courses:** 45 Level 3 credits of which 33 must be at merit or distinction level. This must include 15 Level 3 credits from science subjects.
- **BTEC:** DDM – must be science/health related.
- **International Baccalaureate:** 27 points to include 5 at Higher Level in a science.

**Other:** Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required. Deferred entry not accepted.

For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

**UCAS course code:** B730
**Duration:** 3 years (with placements)
**Location:** Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.
**Institution code:** P60
**Course type:** Full time

**Fees**
For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website.
For details about tuition fees please refer to page 24.

**Year 1**
**Core modules**
- Communication and Psychosocial Issues in the Healthcare of Children and Young People
- Foundations of Child Healthcare
- Foundations of Primary Child Health
- Foundations Skills and Clinical Decision Making
- Professional Issues and Clinical Risk
- Ways of Knowing

**Year 2**
**Core modules**
- Knowledge and Skills for Evidence-Informed Decision Making 1
- Medicines for Children and Young People
- Acute Care of Children and Young People
- Developing Competence in Nursing Skills and Decision Making
- Children and Young People with Complex Needs and Multi Professional Care
- Children and Young People with Mental Health Needs

**Year 3**
**Core modules**
- Knowledge and Skills for Evidence-Informed Decision Making 2
- Management, Leadership and Transition to Professional Practice
- Contemporary Public Health for the Child and Family
- Competence in Skills and Clinical Decision Making
- Critical Care of Children and Young People

**Placements**
Fifty per cent of your time will be spent in a variety of settings, within both hospitals and the community. Much of this work will take place in NHS placements across the South West.
BSc (Hons)

NURSING (MENTAL HEALTH)

Mental health nurses have a unique and profound impact on the people they care for, building and maintaining therapeutic relationships across all aspects of people's lives. You'll gain the clinical and communication skills required to support individuals' recovery processes. You'll develop the knowledge and experience to work within community, primary and acute care settings, and gain the confidence to help clients take the first steps to changing their lives.

Special features
• Develop your interpersonal skills and the importance of building therapeutic relationships.
• Balanced learning experience with a wide and innovative range of teaching and assessment methods both in academic study and in practice.
• Strong relationships with service user organisations whose input helps the creation and delivery of this course.

Entry requirements
120 points to include 64 points from two A levels; science profile preferred.
GCSE: Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science. Preference is given to applicants who have obtained these grades on application.
International Baccalaureate: 28 points to include 5 points from a Higher Level science subject.
Access courses: 60 credits overall with 45 at Level 3, of which 33 must be at merit or distinction level, to include 15 Level 3 credits in a science-related subject.
BTEC: DDD – must be in Health or Social Science, plus one A level at grade B or above.

Other: Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required. Deferred entry not accepted.
For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

Professional accreditation
Accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

UCAS course code: B760
Duration: 3 years (with placements)
Location: Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.
Institution code: P60
Course type: Full time

Fees
For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website.
For details about tuition fees please refer to page 24.

Career opportunities
Employment prospects are excellent, with opportunities to specialise in interesting new roles and for promotion to senior positions. Close to 100% of our graduates obtain NHS jobs post qualification.

Year 1
Core modules
• Introduction to Management and Leadership
• Communication and Therapeutic Engagement Skills
• Ways of Knowing
• Biology for Nursing Practice
• Skills and Practice for Nursing
• Introduction to Mental Health

Year 2
Core modules
• Assessment and Formulation of Common Mental Health Problems
• Knowledge and Skills for Evidence-Informed Decision Making 1
• Practice 1
• Medication Management
• Mental Health Policy in Practice
• Lived Experience

Final year
Core modules
• Knowledge and Skills for Evidence-Informed Decision Making 2
• Management, Leadership and Transition to Professional Practice
• Practice 2
• Psychosocial Interventions to Meet Complex Mental Health Needs
• The Autonomous Practitioner

Placements
Clinical placements across Devon, Cornwall and Somerset are designed to maximise your range of experiences and clinical skills.
BSc (Hons)

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Do you want to help people to live the lives they want? This course will prepare you to help people deal with life challenges, including ill-health, disability, and social problems. You’ll learn how everyday activities can be used and adapted creatively to promote health, wellbeing and a satisfying lifestyle, so that you graduate with the skills and knowledge needed to be an effective occupational therapist.

Special features

- Experience problem-based learning designed to be practical and close to real-life issues faced by occupational therapists.
- Benefit from a course that is accredited by the College of Occupational Therapists.
- Experience practice placements to develop a range of core skills required for professional practice.

Career opportunities

Occupational therapy is a wide and varied profession which has opportunities in many areas. Occupational therapists work with a wide range of clients who have occupational needs that are affecting their health and wellbeing.

Entry requirements

AAB to include Biology, Science or Social Science (Psychology, Sociology).

GCSE: Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science.

International Baccalaureate: 33 points (with a minimum of 6 at Higher Level).

Access courses: 60 credits overall with 45 at Level 3, of which 36 must be at distinction level, including 15 in Biology, Science, or Social Science (Psychology, Sociology). The remaining credits must be at merit level.

BTEC: DDD – must be Health or Social Science, plus one A level at grade B or above.

Other: Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required. Deferred entry not accepted.

For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

Professional accreditation

Accredited by the College of Occupational Therapists and the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

UCAS course code: B920

Duration: 3 years (with placements)

Location: Plymouth, with placements anywhere in the South West of England.

Institution code: P60

Course type: Full time

Fees

For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website.

For details about tuition fees please refer to page 24.

Year 1

Core modules

- Preparation for Practice
- Biological and Psychological Foundations for Occupation
- Occupational Studies: Foundations for Occupational Therapy Practice 1
- Occupational Studies: Foundations for Occupational Therapy Practice 2
- Occupational Studies: Humans as Occupational Beings Through Community Engagement
- Practice Placement 1

Year 2

Core modules

- Occupational Studies: The Young Person; Interruptions and Transitions
- Occupational Studies: Adults; Interruptions and Transitions
- Occupational Studies: The Older Person; Interruptions and Transitions
- Practice Placement 2
- Project Studies
- Occupational Studies: Exploration into Practice

Final year

Core modules

- Research Project
- Occupational Studies: The Innovative Practitioner

- Occupational Studies: The Contemporary Practitioner
- Practice Placement 3
- Interprofessional Working
- Occupational Studies: Occupation for Promoting Health and Wellness of Communities

Placements

There is one placement a year, of 7 weeks’ duration in the first year, 9 weeks in the second year, and 12 weeks in the third year. These are organised throughout Devon and Cornwall. It may be necessary to re-locate for the duration of the placement.
Do you want to pursue a career as an eye-care professional? The pioneering BSc (Hons) Optometry degree at Plymouth University has been built in consultation with expert professionals in the field. It is a dynamic and interactive course that will provide you with a thorough grounding in the scientific, clinical and professional knowledge required to be a successful optometrist.

**Special features**
- See your studies in a real-world context, with practice placements during your first and second years and a hospital placement in your final year.
- Learn at the Peninsula Allied Health Centre with state-of-the-art clinical facilities and equipment.
- Enhance your clinical skills and prepare for professional practice by working with real patients at our Centre for Eyecare Excellence (CEE) throughout your third year.

**Career opportunities**
Work in community high street practice, NHS or private hospitals, domiciliary settings, specialist fields such as glaucoma care, practice management roles or industry, or progress into research or academia.

**Entry requirements**
AAA–AAB to include two science subjects from Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology or Psychology. Excludes General Studies.

**International Baccalaureate:**
34–36 points overall to include 6 at Higher Level from either Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology/Human Biology or Psychology.

**Other:**
Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required. Deferred entry not accepted.

For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

**Professional accreditation**
Completion of this course with at least a 2:2 classification will enable you to enter the College of Optometrists’ pre-registration year, with a view to subsequently qualifying as an optometrist.

**UCAS course code:** B510
**Duration:** 3 years (with placements)
**Location:** Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.

**Institution code:** P60
**Course type:** Full time

**Fees**
For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website.

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**Year 1**
**Core modules**
- Visual Optics and Ophthalmic Lenses
- Evidence-based Practice
- Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology
- Ocular Anatomy and Physiology
- Geometric and Physical Optics
- Clinical Optometry Skills 1
- Visual Perception

**Year 2**
**Core modules**
- Clinical Optometry 2
- Introduction to Ocular Diseases
- Pharmacology and Ophthalmic Drugs
- Binocular Vision and Neurophysiology
- Project Studies 1
- Law, Ethics and Business Management
- Optical Dispensing
- Specialist Optometry Skills

**Final year**
**Core modules**
- Project Studies 2
- General Optometric Practice
- Advanced Optometric Practice
- Ocular Pathology and Therapeutics
- Clinical Case Management in Optometry
- Dispensing and Occupational Optometry

**Placement year**
Placements run throughout the three years, with an observational placement in the first year, a work-based learning, clinical placement in the second year, and a placement involving working directly with patients in the final year at the University’s Centre for Eyecare Excellence.
BSc (Hons)

PARAMEDIC PRACTITIONER

Being a paramedic is a highly rewarding and stimulating career, with many opportunities for career progression and specialism. You will follow a curriculum that focuses on the quality patient journey and will work within all aspects of pre-hospital healthcare during practice placement. On completion of the course you will have learnt how to be a dynamic decision maker with a research focus and the ability to apply clinical skills using an evidence-based approach.

Special features
• Use of simulation and technology embedded within the curriculum.
• Enhance your skills as you undertake placements across different healthcare settings and locations.
• Become an autonomous practitioner using evidence-based problem-solving and research skills.
• Get the chance to work alongside other health professions students to develop an interprofessional identity.

Career opportunities
As a qualified paramedic you can work for NHS ambulance services or in a variety of other settings such as Accident and Emergency, departments or GP practices, or within research.

Entry requirements
ABB to include Biology/Human Biology and Chemistry. Excludes General Studies.
GCSE: Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science.
International Baccalaureate: 30 points overall to include 5 in a Higher Level science subject – Biology/Human Biology, Chemistry.
Access courses: Applicants should pass a named science-based Access course, 45 credits at Level 3, of which 30 must be at distinction Level including 15 Level 3 credits in Biology or Chemistry. A further 15 credits at Level 3 must be at merit level. Plus an A level subject.
BTEC: DDD – must be science/health related.
Other: Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required. Deferred entry not accepted.
For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

Professional accreditation
Endorsed by the College of Paramedics. Accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

UCAS course code: B781
Duration: 3 years (with placements)
Location: Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.
Institution code: P60
Course type: Full time

Fees
For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website.
For details about tuition fees please refer to page 24.

Year 1
Core modules
• Foundations of Pre-Hospital Patient Care
• Safe Systems of Work in Clinical Practice
• Practice Portfolio 1
• Preparation for Practice
• Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology

Year 2
Core modules
• Advanced Patient Care
• Acute Cardiac Care
• Pharmacology and Medicines Management
• Practice Portfolio 2
• Project Studies 1

Final year
Core modules
• Preparation for Professional Practice
• Practice Portfolio 3 including Elective
• Refining Practitioner Skills for Patient Care
• Clinical Decision Making in Paramedic Practice
• Project

Practice placements
Throughout the three years you are regularly in front-line placements with a paramedic mentor within the South West Ambulance Service. You are also placed in a range of placements which provide exposure to different emergency and urgent care settings, which are in-hospital or out of hospital, and which closely follow examples offered by the College of Paramedics (CoP) in their curriculum guidance.
BSc (Hons) PHYSIOTHERAPY

Learn to work in diverse practice settings, including neurological, sports and respiratory, in a variety of healthcare locations that include hospitals and specialist rehabilitation centres as well as patients’ homes. Our innovative, problem-based learning approach means that you learn from ‘real-life’ clinical scenarios that reflect conditions that physiotherapists treat.

Special features
- Become an autonomous practitioner with highly developed problem-solving skills.
- Work with a physiotherapy team engaged in research at an international level.
- Benefit from excellent placement and extracurricular opportunities, including with the Armed Forces, elite/professional sports, and local sporting events such as the Plymouth Half Marathon.

Career opportunities
Areas of employment include NHS physiotherapy, sports physiotherapy, Ministry of Defence rehabilitation services, consultancy, self-employment or running a private practice and research.

Entry requirements
AAB to include Biology/Human Biology, Excludes Critical Thinking, General Studies and Citizenship Studies.
GCSE: Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science. Preference is given to applicants who have obtained these grades on application.
International Baccalaureate: 33 points overall with a minimum of 6 at Higher Level, including Biology/Human Biology. If overseas and not studying English as part of an International Baccalaureate – must have IELTS.
BTEC: DDD plus an A level at grade B.
Other: Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required. Deferred entry not accepted.
For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

Professional accreditation
Accredited by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

UCAS course code: B160
Duration: 3 years (with placements)
Location: Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.
Institution code: P60
Course type: Full time

Fees
For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website.
For details about tuition fees please refer to page 24.

Year 1
Core modules
- Inspiring Health and Exercise
- Neuro-musculoskeletal Physiotherapy
- Applied Movement Science
- Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy 1
- Clinical Education Placement Year 1
- Preparation for Practice
- Functional Anatomy and Physiology

Year 2
Core modules
- Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy 2
- Clinical Education Placements Year 2
- Project Studies 1
- Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy 2
- Neurological Physiotherapy
- Ageing and Independence

Final year
Core modules
- Project
- Enhancing Physical Activity
- Clinical Education Placement: Consolidation of Professional Practice
- Preparation for Professional Practice
- Complex Case Management
- Clinical Education Placements Year 3

Placements
You will complete at least 1,000 hours of supervised, assessed placements throughout the three years. These are currently split into six 5-week blocks, providing excellent opportunities across the South West Peninsula.
Podiatry is a rewarding and varied healthcare profession involving understanding of musculoskeletal function and the diagnosis and treatment of patients with lower limb problems. Learn key podiatric concepts and theories including anatomy, biomechanics, physiology, podiatric medicine and minor surgery with work-based learning and practical teaching in modern, industry-standard facilities. Graduate as a highly skilled and confident podiatrist.

Special features
- 95% of our students go on to work or study, with an average starting salary of £21,000 a year.
- In 2016, 93% of students praised this course for having staff that were enthusiastic about the programme they were teaching.
- Benefit from extracurricular experiences such as supporting the Plymouth Half Marathon and other charitable/education events.

Career opportunities
Areas of employment include working as a podiatrist for the NHS, training as a podiatric surgeon, Ministry of Defence rehabilitation, NHS management, academia, working with specialist patient groups (dancers and athletes), and working privately as an independent practitioner.

Entry requirements
BBB, including Biology. Excludes General Studies.
GCSE: Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science.
International Baccalaureate: 28 points (with a minimum of two subjects at 5 points Higher Level). Biology profile preferred.
Access courses: 45 Level 3 credits, of which 33 must be at merit or distinction level. This must include 15 Level 3 credits from Biology. Must have GCSE at grade C/4 or above in English and Maths, or be taking them.
Other: Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required. Deferred entry not accepted.
For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

Professional accreditation
Accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

UCAS course code: B985
Duration: 3 years (with mandatory placements)
Location: Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.
Institution code: P60
Course type: Full time

Fees
For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website.
For details about tuition fees please refer to page 24.

Placements
You will complete 1,000 hours of work-based practice throughout the three years. Our placements are designed to provide students with exposure to the full range of podiatric clinical skills, with NHS placements across the entire South West. You will also benefit from our training clinic, in collaboration with Livewell Southwest, under the supervision of expert practice educators and academic staff.

Year 1
Core modules
- Podiatric Pathology
- Preparation for Practice
- Podiatric Clinical Practice 1
- Functional Anatomy and Physiology
- Podiatric Studies 1
- Podiatric Practical Skills

Year 2
Core modules
- Project Studies 1
- Podiatric Clinical Practice 2
- Podiatric Clinical Practice 3
- Podiatric Studies 2
- Podiatric Studies 3
- Systemic Disorders and the Lower Limb

Final year
Core modules
- Project
- Preparation for Professional Practice
- The High Risk Patient in Podiatric Practice
- Pharmacology for Podiatry
- Local Anaesthesia and Nail Surgery
- Podiatric Clinical Practice 4
- Business and Leadership

Podiatry is a rewarding and varied healthcare profession involving understanding of musculoskeletal function and the diagnosis and treatment of patients with lower limb problems. Learn key podiatric concepts and theories including anatomy, biomechanics, physiology, podiatric medicine and minor surgery with work-based learning and practical teaching in modern, industry-standard facilities. Graduate as a highly skilled and confident podiatrist.
BSc (Hons)

PRE-REGISTRATION MIDWIFERY

Do you want to help women have the best pregnancy and birth possible? This course equips you with the skills, knowledge and professional insight needed to become a registered midwife. Whether it’s helping women during pregnancy and birth, or giving support to new mothers, you’ll learn through doing – building your confidence as you go. You’ll graduate ready to excel as a fully rounded healthcare professional.

Special features
- Upon successful course completion, apply to become a ‘Registered Midwife’ with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.
- Learn about the psychological and social impacts of having a baby and how to effectively communicate with and support your clients.

Entry requirements
128 points: 64 points from two A levels, one of which must be at least a grade B in a science – preference is given to Chemistry, Biology or Physics but Psychology and Sociology may also be considered; combined AS levels accepted.

GCSE: Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science. Preference is given to applicants who have obtained these grades on application.

Access courses: 60 credits overall with 45 at Level 3, of which 30 must be at distinction level, including 15 in a science/s. A further 15 points must be at merit level.

BTEC: DDM – must be a science profile.

Other: Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure and occupational health, overseas checks are required. Deferred entry not accepted.
For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

UCAS course code: B720
Duration: 3 years (with placements)
Location: Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.
Institution code: P60
Course type: Full time

Fees
For details on all compulsory and non-compulsory cost requirements please refer to our website.
For details about tuition fees please refer to page 24.

Year 1
Core modules
- Applied Clinical Skills
- Communication and Applied Psychosocial Issues
- Health Promotion and Public Health in Midwifery Practice
- Preparation for Professional Practice
- Foundations of Biology

Year 2
Core modules
- Medicine Management
- Knowledge and Skills for Evidence-Informed Decision Making 1
- Reproductive and Contemporary Biology to Inform Practice
- Antenatal, Postnatal and Gynaecological Complications
- Developing Midwifery Practice

Year 3
Core modules
- Intrapartum Complications and Obstetric Emergencies
- Neonatal Care and Assessment
- Knowledge and Skills for Evidence-Informed Decision Making 2
- Facilitating Learning in Midwifery Practice
- Professional Practice in Midwifery

Placements
You’ll spend 55% of your time on placement, most of which will be in community and acute maternity settings, with a few short allocations to additional key areas.
While studying my degree I founded the Maranatha Care Children charity in 2009. This assisted fundraising projects in South Africa, where I had been involved voluntarily since 2007. After qualifying in social work I saw how I could put my qualification to use and be an asset if I was based in South Africa full time. I have now been living there since the start of 2012.

Whilst my passion has remained to work directly with children and young people, my studies at Plymouth equipped me both theoretically and practically through varied lectures and a range of placement opportunities. The transferable skills gained through such learning experiences have been a huge asset to my professional development.

As someone who was born and bred in Plymouth, I just love the city and feel it has a lot to offer anyone making the decision to come here. Plymouth University set a high standard, from the range of learning opportunities, the facilities, and the support available both face to face and through the online portal and email. I also feel it is the perfect place for aspiring social workers.

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Want to make a rewarding and positive contribution to society? Social workers support children and families, adults with issues including disability, drug and alcohol dependency, mental health, homelessness and safeguarding. You’ll spend over 170 days on real-life placements with adults and children, so you’ll graduate ready to start your career.

Special features
- Be eligible to apply to become a registered social worker as soon as you successfully complete the course.
- Engage with real service users and carers at every stage of your learning.
- Learn about the increasing influence of global issues on social work.
- Benefit by learning from our network of professional partner agencies across the social work spectrum.

Career opportunities
Opportunities in a range of settings include working in child protection, fostering and adoption, and youth justice, in drug and alcohol dependency rehabilitation, and in areas of mental health.

Entry requirements
BBB with Social Science preferred. Excludes General Studies.
GCSE: Five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above to include Maths, English and Science. Preference is given to applicants who have obtained these grades on application.
International Baccalaureate: 28 points to include 5 at Higher Level: Social Science profile preferred.
Access courses: 60 credits overall with 45 at Level 3, of which 33 credits must be at merit or distinction level, with 15 in a science or social science.
Other: Interview, DBS (formerly CRB) Enhanced Disclosure, overseas checks and occupational health checks are required.
Deferred entry not accepted.
For a list of alternative qualifications please refer to page 40.

Professional accreditation
Accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

UCAS course code: L501
Duration: 3 years
Location: Plymouth. Please see our website for further details on placements and study trip locations.
Institution code: P60
Course type: Full time

Fees
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Year 1
Core modules
- Developing Professional Skills 1
- Human Development and Wellbeing 1
- Understanding the Social World
- Values and Ethics in Practice
- What is Social Work 1
- Contexts for Social Work: Organisations, Policy and Law 1

Year 2
Core modules
- Enhancing Professional Skills
- Contexts for Social Work: Organisations, Policy and Law 2
- Human Development and Wellbeing 2
- Exploring the Social World
- What is Social Work 2
- Integrated Practice 1

Final year
Core modules
- Social Work Methods and Approaches
- Contexts for Social Work: Organisations, Policy and Law 3
- Social Work Extended Essay/Project
- Integrated Practice 2
- Evidence-Informed Practice for Social Work
- Wellbeing: Accountability, Risk and Professional Decision-Making

Placements
You’ll spend over 170 days on placement during the course, where you’ll have the chance to experience what it’s like to work in a variety of settings.
Our eye care clinic, the Centre for Eyecare Excellence (CEE), is equipped with the latest instrumentation and staffed by fully qualified optometrists. An important aspect of the training provided is the supervised work with members of the public that our students undertake, particularly in their final year. Our aim is to provide eye care services to the Plymouth University community and beyond, to help our students gain experience, and support our colleagues in secondary eye care.

The CEE represents a shared regional hub for networking and continuing education, and a valuable source of information and new talent. It has been acknowledged as providing a centre for excellence in the region where eye care professionals and students can exchange ideas – furthering knowledge in the field.