



The
University
Of
Sheffield.

The School Of
Nursing
And
Midwifery.



Online
Nursing & Midwifery
Masters Programmes.
2008–2009

www.shef.ac.uk/snm/online

Introduction

Nurses and midwives around the world are currently being expected to extend their knowledge and skills beyond basic levels to further develop their practice. The University of Sheffield School of Nursing and Midwifery has adopted a strategy of addressing this issue with postgraduate courses taken via the Internet. Its first entirely online course – the Master of Midwifery – has been running since 2004. We are now offering two additional new programmes.

The programmes are completely self-contained, with all materials (including journals, databases etc.) provided online, so no-one is disenfranchised by being located far from a centre of academic excellence. Our students appreciate the flexibility of online learning and the opportunity to gain otherwise unattainable qualifications and being part of a virtual and vibrant multicultural learning community.

Programme structure and length

Four 15 credit taught units are taken in each of the first two years (two simultaneously in each semester). The whole of the third year is taken up by an individual research project supported by University staff and written up as a dissertation worth 60 credits.

The programmes are normally conducted part-time over a three year period by online distance learning starting in September of each year. Each academic year consists of 30 study weeks and is split into two semesters lasting 15 study weeks each.



Developed through collaboration across the European Union the programme addresses the central practice and legislative requirements for the development and delivery of occupational health nursing practice. This benchmark programme provides an exciting opportunity for occupational health nurses to develop the necessary skills and knowledge to address the needs of the working populations.

The course content facilitates students to become reflective autonomous practitioners, with transferable knowledge and skills that will enable them to work alone or as part of a multi-disciplinary team in their specific organisations and country of employment. Mastery and the art of reflecting in and on practice is therefore a critical element in the design of the programme and this is evidenced in the assessment strategy.

Additional entry requirements

Qualified nurses employed in occupational health settings, or having access to them and normally with 12 months appropriate experience. NB: This course is an academic qualification only, and does not lead to a statutory qualification.

Units

- Becoming a Reflective Practitioner
- History & Development of Occupational Health Nursing
- Workplace Health Surveillance
- Workplace Environmental Surveillance
- Workplace Health Promotion
- Research Methodology
- Occupational Health Nursing Management
- Research Design and Application
- Research Dissertation



This programme is designed for qualified nurses in any sphere of their profession who have reached the stage of their career where their experience renders them suitable candidates for study at a higher academic level. Does that sound like you? Such study is now deemed necessary for career progression in most countries. The components chosen for inclusion in this programme are those which are most desired by individuals in your position, or by health service employers. Thus we include content to supplement your prior experience, helping you become a reflective autonomous practitioner, with transferable knowledge and skills that will enable you to work alone or as part of a multi-disciplinary team in your particular organisation and country of employment.

Additional entry requirements

Applicants must be qualified and registered nurses with significant experience of working in the profession.

Units

- Contemporary issues in health care
- Becoming a reflective practitioner
- Information and communication in health care
- Leadership and service development
- Managing change in health care
- Research methodology
- Health promotion and education
- Research design and application
- Research dissertation



The University of Sheffield has had a longstanding interest in midwifery practice around the world and has fostered many international links and contacts. This programme provides opportunities for midwives and other practitioners working with women during childbirth to compare their own experiences with those in different cultural settings and reflect on the implications for perceived best practice.

The course aims to be both international and multiprofessional. It has been developed in partnership with service users, lay groups and other organisations involved in childbirth. Most students on the course are practising midwives who register for the degree of MMid but non-midwives who register for the MMedSci degree are equally welcome.

Additional entry requirements

Experience of working in midwifery or maternity care with registration as a midwife for entry to the MMid programme. NB: This course does not give a professional qualification and holding the MMid does not entitle an individual to practise midwifery.

Units

- Contemporary issues in health care
- Becoming a reflective practitioner
- Leadership and service development
- Managing change in health care
- Research methodology
- Research design and application
- Research dissertation
- Diversity in maternal and neonatal health*
- Antenatal screening and genetics*
- Information and communication in health care*

* *Optional – students will take two from those available*



The
University
Of
Sheffield.

Standard entry requirements

- A good Bachelor degree or equivalent.
- Applicants are required to achieve a minimum of IELTS 6.5, or TOEFL Paper Based 575, or TOEFL Computer Based 232 or TOEFL internet-based 90.
- Basic IT skills and access to the internet with a broadband connection.

Fees

The annual fee for the academic year commencing in September 2008 has been set at £1500 (UK pounds). Please note that the University of Sheffield reserves the right to increase fees in line with inflation in your subsequent years of study (inflation rate in UK currently running at approximately 2.1%). The complete masters course will therefore cost £4500 plus any inflation increment, spread over the three years normally taken to complete it.

Contacts

Programme Secretary:

Mrs. Tracey Pacan
email: t.m.pacan@sheffield.ac.uk

Programme leader – MMedSci Advanced

Nursing Studies:
Dr Mark Hayter
email: m.hayter@sheffield.ac.uk

Programme leader – MMedSci Occupational Health Nursing:

Mrs Jan Maw
email: j.maw@sheffield.ac.uk

Programme leader – MMid – Master of Midwifery:

Dr Tony Blackett
email: t.blackett@sheffield.ac.uk

School of Nursing and Midwifery
Samuel Fox House
Northern General Hospital
SHEFFIELD
S5 7AU
United Kingdom

Full details on our web site

www.shef.ac.uk/snm/online