

Our nursing degrees prioritise hands-on learning experiences, and we believe care homes, which cater to residents with complex health needs, would be an excellent setting for our students to develop their clinical skills and enhance their communication abilities in providing person-centred care.

The requirements for hosting a student nurse placement are simple:

- A willing care home
- Practice assessor/supervisor training for your nursing team (provided free of charge by UoR)
- A Teams meeting to complete an education audit.

And the best part? We offer funding support of £122.50 per week, paid by UoR, as well as ongoing support from our team.

Hosting a student nurse placement comes with numerous benefits, including the opportunity to inspire and equip the community nursing workforce of the future. Our students bring positive energy and provide professional development opportunities for community nurses, carers, and the wider multi-disciplinary team. Plus, students who undertake placements often become interested in pursuing careers in community nursing.

The student could work alongside the multidisciplinary team:

- Care worker
- Activity coordinator
- Nursing team
- SALT
- Physio
- Care Home Manager
- GP
- Dietician
- Mental health recovery worker
- Podiatry
- Community Nurse
- Pharmacist
- Tissue Viability Nurse

As they work alongside the MDT, student nurses can be involved in delivering care from pre-admission to end of life:

- **pre-admission** – assessing the person's needs and supporting the family
- **admission** – helping the transition by creating a sense of home and safety, including practical interventions such as clinical assessments, care planning and medicines management
- **long-term care provision** – ongoing assessment, care planning and risk management with the aim of delivering high-quality person-centred care that makes the person feel comforted and in control
- **short stay** – providing respite, rehabilitation or end of life care

- **discharge** – coordinating support services, arranging medicines and teaching self-care
- **providing essential care** – understanding individual needs, showing compassion and sensitivity so all residents are cared for with dignity
- **acute admission** – acting quickly and in accordance with the resident’s wishes, working alongside the nursing team to provide life support to the deteriorating patient where needed
- **other transfer** – co-ordinating continuing care with another home
- **end of life care** – helping people to live as well as possible until they die, and to die with dignity.

Activities a student can be involved in?

- Patient assessment
- Physical examination
- Vital signs
- Giving medication (unless under PGDs)
- Personal care
- Wound care
- Catheter care
- PEG/NG care
- Taking blood
- Patient education
- Care planning and coordinating

Details:

- 6-12 week placement: usually 6-8 weeks
- Tarriff £122.50 per week
- Free Practice Assessor/Supervisor training for your nursing team

- The student can work alongside the whole multidisciplinary team
- An opportunity to equip the nursing workforce of the future
- The student does not need their own room: they would mainly work alongside the Nursing Team but can also spend time with other Health Care Professionals.

There are 2 main ways to facilitate a student nurse placement: Independent hosting: 1 student nurse to 1 Care Home or shared hosting: 1 student nurse across a 2 Care Homes, each Care Home has the student for 2-3 days/week: whatever is best for you and your team. If you wish to co-host, we would find a partner Care Home for you (unless you had one in mind).