

HNC Care & Administrative Practice (articulation/partnership route) (SCQF Level 7)

Full-time

Where will I study?

Course code	Location	Duration
DCCP	Aberdeen City Campus	1 Year

Welcome from Director of Curriculum

As the current Director of Curriculum, I would like to welcome you to the School of Service Industries at North East Scotland College. The School of Service Industries includes Child, Health & Social Care, Hair and Beauty, Hospitality, Sport, Animal Care, Social Sciences and Learning Opportunities.

This broad range of subjects has one common theme – they each offer interesting and exciting opportunities for students to progress and achieve success in their future. We are very fortunate in that our excellent teaching facilities allow each and every student to experience industry-focused, high quality learning. This means that on completion of your course, you are confident and capable when it comes to entering the workplace, or progressing towards further study. We pride ourselves in offering educational opportunities for all, whether you are starting at introductory level or joining one of our more advanced courses. On behalf of the entire teaching team, we are delighted to have you join – or consider joining – one of our courses.

Joan Thorne, Director of Curriculum for Service Industries

Introduction to the course

This course provides accelerated entry into Year 2 of a Nursing Degree in either Adult Nursing, Mental Health Nursing or Learning Disability Nursing at RGU, or specialisation in Learning Disabilities Nursing at Edinburgh Napier University. The course enables students to integrate knowledge, theory and practice in order to deliver effective nursing care.

The course is delivered in association with Robert Gordon University, Edinburgh Napier University and NHS Grampian, and develops the knowledge and competencies required for progression as a pre-registered NMC Nurse. The course also includes valuable HNS Grampian nursing placements.

Entry requirements

Applicants should have knowledge and skills that relate to working in a care environment, as well as two Highers at grade C or above (to include Biology and English) and National 5 Maths. The course operates a two stage interview process so early application (before the end of February) is recommended. A genuine interest in working with people and good communication skills are essential.

A clear disclosure or ability to gain membership of the PVG scheme in respect of Regulated Work with Children and Protected Adults will be required prior to placement allocation.

Please note that places for this course are capped and entry is via a competitive interview process.

What subjects will I be studying?

You will learn about care and administrative practice, covering important topics in safe working practices, and understanding personal and professional relationships. Throughout the course you will develop essential skills and learn through doing, whilst developing a thorough knowledge of sociology and physiology for care professionals.

Some of the main topics covered include:

- Understanding Personal and Professional Relationships
- Essential Skills for Care Practice
- Therapeutic Relationships
- Hospital Patient Administration
- Learning through Practice
- Physiology for Care Professionals
- Safe Working Practices
- Sociology for Care

Assessment methods

On this course you will be assessed continually, throughout the year, both in college and at Nursing placement. You will review, discuss and present work to teaching staff, nursing mentors and peers, and also conduct a self-evaluation. Assessment takes the form of projects, portfolios, presentations, practical tasks and closed-book assessments.

Dress code

Students should dress appropriately for practical, hands-on work to allow participation in all activities. Students should present themselves in a professional manner appropriate for working in a care setting.

Equipment

Students attending placement will be required to purchase a NESCol polo shirt or hoodie.

Course progression

Students successfully completing this course may progress towards a number of related degree programmes at one of our associate universities.

University progression

Robert Gordon University (RGU)

- B Nursing (Adult) year 2 (subject to conditions)
- B Nursing (Mental Health) year 2 (subject to conditions)

Abertay University (AGREED PATHWAYS TO YEAR 2 ONLY)

- BSc (Hons) Nursing (Mental Health Nursing) year 1 (subject to conditions)
- BSc (Hons) Psychology and Counselling year 1 (subject to conditions)

Edinburgh Napier University

- 3 year pre-registration Nursing Programme (BN) LD nursing year 2 (subject to conditions)

Queen Margaret University

- BSc (Hons) Nursing year 2 (subject to conditions)

The Open University

An HNC can give up to 120 credits towards the 300/360 credit BA/BSc Open Degree/BA/BSc Open Degree with Honours.

A reduced amount of credit transfer can be awarded against other qualifications, such as:

- Dip HE Healthcare Practice
- BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing
- BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing

Employment

In addition to university progression options, students can use their recognised qualification to progress into a number of careers within the NHS and other Health & Social Care providers.

Useful information

Faculty:	Care
School:	School of Service Industries
Faculty Manager:	Trish Swan Email: p.swan@nescol.ac.uk
Curriculum & Quality Manager(s):	Jim Sinclair Email: ji.sinclair@nescol.ac.uk

Guidance and Support

Guidance

You will be assigned a Guidance Tutor when you are enrolled on the course. They will act as your primary contact should you have any issues, personal or involving your course, whilst at North East Scotland College. They will support you for the duration of your course along with relevant teaching staff. For assignments and assessments you will be provided with detailed feedback where possible, allowing you to pinpoint areas of good performance and areas that may need improvement - essential for your educational development.

[View our Guidance Tutor contact information.](#)

Support

Our Student Services team are dedicated to helping all students with a range of factors that might affect your time at College. They can help you with funding queries, careers advice, learning support and more!

[Visit the Support section of our website for more information](#)

Learning Resources

The College has a number of excellent learning resources available to assist and support the delivery of our classes across full-time, part-time and distance learning courses. They aim to enhance the quality of your learning experience.

[Find out more about NESCol learning resources](#)

Library+

Our Library+ sites – at the Aberdeen City, Aberdeen Altens and Fraserburgh Campuses – provide all students with access to books, journals, newspapers, core skills materials and more! You'll also find laptop friendly areas, private study/research booths and printers, scanners and photocopiers.

[Find out more about what our Library+ services can offer](#)

College calendar

Have a look at our [College Calendar](#) for further information on key dates throughout the year.

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