

Return to practice

Nursing, Midwifery, Health Visiting, Operating Department Practice

COURSE FACTS

Faculty	Faculty of Health
Applications	Please contact the Admissions Office, T: 0121 331 5500 E: health.admissions@bcu.ac.uk Applications are made by completion of a University application form specifying your profession (and branch for nursing returners)
Duration	Flexible, typically six to 36 weeks, maximum 12 months (see course content)
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Lapsed UK registration as a nurse, midwife, health visitor or operating department practitioner.
- Evidence of your literacy and numeracy.
- Satisfactory occupational health and DBS checks.
- You will need a confirmed placement - this will usually be confirmed following interview.
- You will need to attend for interview.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Return to practice offers a flexible approach to regaining your professional registration. You will share core learning with others who are returning to health care practice after a break, so you'll have the support of other returners to develop your confidence in practice. The programme will be tailored to your individual needs depending on how long you have been out of practice, your previous knowledge and experience, and relevant experience undertaken while you have been out of practice.

Identifying the placement with a local health care provider before you start the return to practice programme will ensure you have a placement which can fit in with your personal circumstances. The return to practice programme will help you plan your future learning to develop your career.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed by assignment to demonstrate you have updated your knowledge and understanding, and be assessed through a professional practice profile at your placement by a registered practitioner. Your assessor will meet the professional body's standards for assessors.

COURSE CONTENT/FEATURES

The length of your programme will be determined by how much time you need to spend in practice to meet your individual professional requirements for returning to the register. The course consists of 15-credit modules at Level 5 or 6 depending on your profession. You will have someone to help you plan the academic learning and practice you will need to renew your registration. This person will be able to direct you to learning opportunities with students on other programmes.

Practice based learning will ensure you are updated in mandatory training such as patient handling, resuscitation, infection control and safeguarding, ensuring you cover the areas relevant to your field of practice. Before starting the return to practice programme you will need to identify your placement provider, in a practice area which can provide mentorship and supervision which meets educational audit requirements. The University can advise about detailed requirements for your placement.

The University works closely with NHS organisations in the West Midlands to provide placements for the return to nursing and health visiting. The University makes the placement arrangements but you should contact the NHS Trust to express your interest before applying to the University. The University can provide contact names in NHS Trusts.

University based learning will update you in the context of contemporary health and social care, professional codes, standards and guidance, evidence to underpin practice, advocacy and dealing with difficult situations as well as specific practice in nursing, midwifery, health visiting or operating department practice. There are well developed support facilities in the University to help you develop your study skills, academic writing, professional practice skills and use of technology.

Please contact us for information about the availability of NHS funding for return to practice.

FURTHER STUDY

The Faculty of Health offers an extensive range of short courses, top-up degrees and advanced diplomas, and postgraduate courses so you'll be sure to find whatever course you'll need to develop your career. You may be able to use the academic credits from return to practice towards another award.

EMPLOYABILITY

The return to practice programme will give you the evidence you need to renew your professional registration. Careers support is available in preparing for job applications and interviews so that you will be able to make the most of your past and new experience in selling yourself to employers.

MORE INFORMATION

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