The MSc Advancing Nursing Practice programme is aimed at nurses working in a wide range of health care settings who want to develop their clinical expertise, research skills and project management abilities at Masters Level. Developed from world-leading research and expert clinical collaborations, this course will provide the knowledge, skills and experiences for nurses who wish to advance their practice.
Course Content
This programme will prepare you for advanced clinical roles by enabling you to develop skills in health assessment, diagnosis and treatment, clinical judgment and decision-making and research.

In addition to core mandatory modules focused on role development, advanced health assessment and research governance, the programme offers you a choice of modules to suit your clinical interests and areas of expertise. This allows you to develop skills at an advanced level of practice in a number of specialist areas:
- supportive and palliative care
- emergency assessment
- health quality and innovation
- care of older people

You will also have the option to obtain a qualification in independent prescribing as part of the MSc which upon successful completion will be recordable with the NMC.*

Core Modules include:
- Advancing Practice through Personal and Professional Development
- Advanced Health Assessment and Clinical Decision Making
- Project Management and Research Governance

Optional Modules:
Students can choose to take the Prescribing route (enabling them to become an independent prescriber) or alternatively choose from a range of research modules to support their project and clinical or leadership modules related to their area of practice.

Students enrolled on the full MSc will be required to complete a dissertation which will be supported by an academic supervisor.

Why study this course?
The programme
- is delivered by experts in their fields
- has strong links with clinical practice and patient-focused outputs, delivered in partnership with NHS and public health collaborators
- offers the chance to tailor the programme to your own individual learning needs
- offers a research-led environment with opportunities for diverse dissertation projects
- offers flexible study which can be organised around your other commitments

Duration of study – Flexibility in mind
We understand the pressures of juggling your work and home life and therefore this programme is offered on a flexible basis as well as full time. You can study the MSc as a full-time programme (12 months–18 months depending on the chosen modules), or on a part-time basis (2–3 years depending on modules taken). If you are unable to commit to the full MSc, you can also choose to take the shorter qualifications of Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate. Individual modules are also available as short courses which can be taken with or without the assessment to further your knowledge and build on skills for your future career. Credits gained from assessed modules can then be used towards a full qualification if required at a later stage (within a 5 year period).

Entry requirements
Applicants for the MSc Advancing Nursing Practice will have completed a course leading to nurse registration and should normally hold an honours degree in Nursing Studies, or a Diploma in Nursing and evidence of continuing professional development that shows an ability to study at Master’s level.

All routes require current registration with relevant professional/regulatory organisations.

Please note: the ability to offer the independent prescribing route is subject to final approval by professional bodies. For this route, you will need to be NMC registered with current DBS clearance in advance of course commencement and will need the support of a Designated Medical Practitioner (DMP) in practice.

Contact us
For further information including full details of all modules, fees, application deadlines and how to apply, as well as access to our on-line application form, please visit our website www.birmingham.ac.uk/advancing-nursing-practice or contact:

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