Our course is aimed at all registered healthcare professionals and is designed to help you progress your knowledge, improve your practice and enhance your career in health and social care. Depending upon the qualification you already possess, we offer these courses at undergraduate or postgraduate - to suit your needs.

**BSc Hons**

The BSc Hons offers a series of pathways, allowing students to excel in their chosen professional career. The course aims to support the development of action-focussed professional care and enables students who will be able to integrate knowledge and theory into ever more professional health and social care activities within the workplace. In doing so, as one of our graduates you will improve patient-focussed services in the workplace and act as a mentor to others who wish to engage in best practice.

**PG Cert/PG Dip and MSc**

Offering the same pathways as the BSc, the PG Cert/PG Dip/MSc is designed for those currently working within the area of Health and Social Care, seeking to develop best practice to meet the demands of advanced practice roles and responsibilities. The course aims to extend the knowledge base necessary for practitioners to develop into expert or advanced practitioners, advisers, managers or educators within a specific area of expertise. At PG level there is an emphasis on the application of knowledge to practice, thus enhancing leadership potential in the clinical environment across all five pathways.

**Which level is right for me?**

This course is available as either an undergraduate or postgraduate qualification. Those with Higher National Certificate or Diplomas may apply for the undergraduate option, and those with a degree may apply for the postgraduate option.

**Professional experience but lacking in academic qualifications?**

Yes, it is possible to be considered for entry. If you are a registered professional, you can apply to have prior experiential/certificated learning [APL] assessed via the submission of a portfolio to see if you reach the appropriate standard for entry. For further information on this route of entry, please email: aplnursing@ulster.ac.uk.

On obtaining **60 credits** (4 taught modules with assessment), you will achieve a Postgraduate Certificate.

On completion of **120 credits** (8 taught modules with assessment), you will attain a Postgraduate Diploma.

When you successfully complete a Dissertation (60 credits), you will achieve your MSc (180 credits in total).
The course offers the opportunity to choose one of five pathways in your first year, regardless of whether you are studying at undergraduate or postgraduate level. If you are registered for the PG Cert then when you have successfully completed your pathway modules you will be awarded your PG Cert.

In addition, for BSc Hon and PG Dip students in your second year you will study two compulsory modules. For those registered on the MSc programme you will progress and complete a dissertation project in Year 3. The pathways and modules are listed in the table.

Courses are continually reviewed to take advantage of new teaching approaches and developments in research, industry and the professions. Please be aware that modules may change for your year of entry. The exact modules available and their order may vary depending on course updates, staff availability, timetabling and student demand. Please contact the course team for the most up-to-date module list.

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Teaching and assessment

• We embed the application of evidence-based theory to practice in all our teaching.
• We make use of technological methods of content delivery including documents, online journals, videos and on-screen delivered lectures both live and pre-recorded.
• We make use of discussion forums where you can answer and pose questions and interact with other students.
• We have various tools to help you get the most from your study including ‘Studiosity’ where you can submit drafts of your written work for rapid feedback on how things are progressing.

Assessments vary between modules but are typically designed around your professional practice and utilise a variety of methods, including:

• Written assignments
• Portfolio compilation
• Online tests
• Clinical/reflective diaries
• Group/individual presentations
• Workbook completion

Whether you are continuing your education or returning to a learning environment after a time away, Ulster University has tailored support to help you excel, including:

• Webinars and bespoke module materials
• Subject librarians and online resources
• Group and one-to-one tutorials
• Peer discussion forums

How eLearning works for you

• We offer flexibility for a busy professionals, and the opportunity to study around your lifestyle.
• Our teaching staff are highly experienced and very supportive
• We provide well thought out and easily accessible resources.

You can find some useful videos on how eLearning is supported at Ulster at: ulster.ac.uk/study/elearning

Entry requirements and fees:

For entry requirements and fees please visit ulster.ac.uk/study and search for Applied Health Studies.

How to apply

BSc Hons: ulster.ac.uk/courses/202223/applied-health-studies-28208
PG Cert/PG Dip/MSc: ulster.ac.uk/courses/202223/applied-health-studies-28575

Click the Apply now button to create your account as a first-time user. Select Programme choice — Applied Health Studies, finally selecting your Proposed option e.g. Stoma Care.

Real-world experience

Students will ideally already be working in the area with the appropriate client base to facilitate study.

Career opportunities

As a graduate of these programmes you will be able to progress your career with an enhanced range of transferable and subject-specific skills, to benefit you, your employer and individual patients and caregivers. We expect your prospects of promotion and career development to be enhanced through your study on these programmes.

Get ahead with Ulster

We have links with the following professional bodies:

• British Association of Urological Nurses (BAUN)
• European Association of Neuroscience Nurses (EANN)
• European Association of Urology Nurses (EAUN)
• British Association of Neuroscience Nurses (BANN)
I am pleased to tell you that my postgrad certificate with yourselves has led to me gaining a full-time post as a specialist nurse within the HSC Trust community brain injury services.

Victoria Adams, Graduate

Get in touch
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