

**University of  
Northampton**



# **BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing.**

## **Interview Guidance Notes.**

Congratulations, you have successfully been selected for an interview at the University of Northampton. The interview process will be kept as informal as possible and is aimed at helping us to get to know you and help you decide whether this is the right course for you.

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## Checklist

To do	Done
1. Read this document thoroughly as important instructions are included.	
2. Respond to your interview invite (as detailed above).	
3. Email your qualifications/certificates to admissions (more information below).	
4. Make a note of your interview date and time in your calendar.	
5. Prepare for your interview, please see details below.	
6. Documents you will need to bring with you on the day are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ID (photographic) - more information below</li><li>• Copies of qualifications or certificates (originals are <i>not</i> required)</li></ul>	
7. Plan your journey, make sure you know where you're going and how you're getting here.	
8. Put in a request for reasonable adjustment(s), if applicable.	
9. Find and read a contemporary article concerning Mental Health Nursing	

# Before your interview

## Accept your interview

Please accept your interview date through UCAS.

If you have extenuating circumstances which means you cannot attend on the day we have scheduled, please email [interviews2020@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:interviews2020@northampton.ac.uk) prior to your interview date and include your UCAS ID. A new date, if available, will be scheduled for you within two working days. Please check your UCAS Track for updates.

## Provide qualifications and certificates

Before your interview please email your certificates to [myqualifications@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:myqualifications@northampton.ac.uk) (original documents are not required). We require the following:

- GCSE English Language, Mathematics and Science certificates
- A Levels or Level 3 qualification certificates (if already completed)
- If you have any equivalent level 2 qualifications, then please email these to [myqualifications@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:myqualifications@northampton.ac.uk) so that they can also be checked

If you are not able to email your certificates they can be posted to the Admissions Office, University of Northampton, Newton, St George's Avenue, Northampton, NN2 6JB.

# Interview details

## Arrival and structure of the day

The time listed on your interview invite is your **arrival time**. This is set 30 minutes before your interview start time, so you can complete registration and have a chance to get settled before you are taken for your interview.

Should you be running late/unable to attend on the day please let the [Interviews Team](#) know as soon as possible. If you arrive after this time you may be unable to participate, and you will need to reschedule your interview. On arrival please **report to the Interview Registration Desk** on the ground floor of the [Learning Hub](#).

## Campus tours

During the day, you will be able to take a tour of the Campus, speak to current students about what it's like to study here, view on-campus accommodation, visit the Students' Union and drop in with your Student Services team and Employability team to get your queries answered. Our cafes and restaurants will be open for you to grab a bite to eat throughout the day and the town centre is a short 10-minute walk through Becket's Park so be sure to explore during your visit.

If you would like a guided campus tour during your visit, these are available at 11.30am. Please register via the links below for your preferred tour time. Details of where to meet your tour registration confirmation email. Please click the time below to register for the campus tour:

[11.30am](#)

## Guests

Guests are welcome to accompany you to campus and will need to collect a visitor pass when you arrive at registration. Our tours, drop ins and cafes will be available for them to make use of whilst they wait for you to finish your interview.

## Photographic identification

You will need to show photographic identification at registration (Interview Registration Desk, ground floor, Learning Hub). The documents most commonly used are:

- Original valid passport
- Photographic drivers licence card.

# Interview

During the interview, you will be asked to discuss a contemporary issue that relates to Mental Health nursing and to undertake a digital literacy test.

Prior to interview please watch [this video](#) about the vision for Nursing, Midwifery and Healthcare alongside finding a contemporary issue relating to Mental Health you are interested in. These things will support you within the interview process.

## 1. Discuss a contemporary issue relating to Mental Health

Please be prepared to discuss a contemporary issue that relates to Mental Health nursing.

## 2. The Digital Literacy Test

The digital literacy test is for you to demonstrate your computer and IT skills. You will be provided with a laptop and given a set task. This is an opportunity for you to demonstrate your digital / IT skills by completing a short exercise on a laptop, lasting approximately 5 minutes.

Please let us know if you need reasonable adjustment made for this task (more information at the end of this document).

## 3. Interview

You will be interviewed by a panel. The panel will typically include a member of the course team, an experienced qualified mental health nurse and a mental health service user. If you need to discuss any confidential matters with the

The interview questions will focus on several areas such as:

- Your reason for choosing the particular field of nursing
- Interests, hobbies and awareness of current health issues
- Personal attributes that make you suitable for nursing
- Your understanding of the 3-year BSc Nursing programme
- How you cope with stress.

The Panel will look for:

- Your problem-solving skills, team working,
- communication and interpersonal skills,
- your understanding of the values and beliefs about health care and the 6C's of nursing as a profession.

Your interview day is expected to finish by 6pm, at the latest.

## Support resources for interview preparation

Visit the [Nursing and Midwifery Council \(NMC\) website](#) here is a section related to nurse education with helpful information for student nurses. Also to keep up to date with current health care and nursing issues visit the following websites:

- [NHS Constitution](#)
- [BBC – Health](#)
- [Nursing Standard](#)
- [Nursing Times](#)
- [England NHS](#)
- [Department of Health](#)

As part of your pre-reading do look out for health features in national newspapers such as the Guardian, The Times, Telegraph, and Independent. Also visit our NHS host websites to keep up to date with our clinical placement hosts:

- [Northampton General Hospital](#)
- [Kettering General Hospital](#)
- [Milton Keynes Hospital](#)
- [Northampton Healthcare Trust](#)

## Other documentation

For some courses it is necessary to obtain further documentation from you to complete enrolment, such as Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) documents. If you accept your offer and if we need you to provide this information or evidence, we will email you at a later date with details on how to provide the information of evidence.

# How to get here and travel information

For information on transport options, please visit our [website](#).

## Travel (Wednesday interviews)

### Special Park and Ride and train station bus interview day discount

Applicants attending an interview and their guests can receive a discounted Park and Ride fare to travel to campus on the day of their interview, either from the Park and Ride site or the train station. The discounted rate is £1.20 per person for a return journey. Cash and contactless payments are accepted. Parking is free of charge. This discounted rate will be available for the number 18 bus only. In order to claim the discount, you will need to **show the bus driver your interview invite email** and they will provide you and your guests with the discounted fare.

If you cannot show your interview invite email to the bus driver they will not be able to issue you with the discounted fare and you and your guests will need to pay the full fare.

### The address for the Park and Ride is:

Claret Car Park and Saints Car Park, Edgar Mobbs Way, Sixfields, Northampton, NN5 5JR.

The buses run every 10 minutes (Monday – Friday) and depart from Edgar Mobbs Way (not from inside the car parks). It's approximately a 2.3 mile journey for the University. For the full timetable visit the [Uno Bus pages](#).

The number 18 bus stops at the bus stops outside the front entrance to the Northampton train station.

## Requests for reasonable adjustment

It is the policy of the University of Northampton that candidates should not be prejudiced as a result of any disability and reasonable adjustments will be made to mitigate unfair discrimination. Therefore, all candidates with disabilities are encouraged to identify and/or request support for actual or potential circumstances in advance. Please contact [admissions2020@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:admissions2020@northampton.ac.uk).

Please note you will be required to provide suitable medical evidence that confirms the nature of your condition and the need for adjustment.