

Student Nurse (Adult)

Maintain and develop the skills as a military nurse in order to provide the highest possible levels of nursing care in peacetime and on operations.

KEY POINTS

- Be treated, trained and supported as a professional. Join the RAF, get paid whilst undertaking a fully funded BSc(Hons). After graduation, RAF Registered Nurse pay is equivalent to NHS Band 7.
- Aeromedical Evacuation - transferring patients by air (fixed/rotary wing aircraft).
- Fully supported clinical rotation programme for newly qualified nurses. Options to undertake post-registration specialist courses.

TRADE OVERVIEW

After Basic Recruit Training at RAF Halton you will commence undergraduate professional training as a Student Nurse (Adult) within Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service (PMRAFNS). This is a 3-year Academic pathway within Birmingham City University (BCU) and on successful completion you will qualify as a RN(A) within part 1 of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) register.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS:

In addition to the leadership and management training that threads throughout your career, you may undertake professional nursing courses and study days. These courses are fully accredited, fully transferable and recognised by the NHS.

RECRUIT TRAINING

Your career will start with a 10-week Basic Recruit Training Course at RAF Halton in Buckinghamshire. The course is designed to help you adjust to a military environment. As well as fitness and military training, you will also learn about the RAF lifestyle.

SPECIALIST TRAINING

It is required that all candidates have some nursing/caring experience (voluntary or paid employment). Any declared experience should be accompanied with a reference.

On completion of BRTC at RAF Halton you will commence undergraduate professional training as a Student Nurse (Adult) within PMRAFNS. This is a 3-year academic programme within Birmingham City University (BCU) and on successful completion you will be awarded a BSc(Hons) in Adult Nursing and qualify as a RN(A) on part 1 of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) register.

Following appropriate experience there may be an opportunity to specialise in accordance with Service requirements. The Nurse Education Advisor (NEA) will provide guidance for those wishing to advance in practice.

REWARDS FROM RAF LIFE

- Competitive pay and pension
- Training and lifelong learning
- Six weeks paid leave and public holidays
- Free medical and dental care
- Subsidised food and accommodation
- Free gym and sports facilities
- Adventurous training opportunities

REGULAR ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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Age: 17-47 *

* Must attest before 48th birthday.

Age waivers may be considered – discuss with Nursing Services Recruiting Team.

If we accept a recruit at 17 onto BRTC then they will be held there until the next available BSc(Hons) Adult Nursing Course at BCU after their 18th Birthday.

Qualifications:

- A minimum of 120 UCAS tariff points.
- A minimum of three GCSEs at Grade 4 or above (previously Grade C) or SCE Standard Grades at Grade 2 / Scottish National 5 (Grade A – C), must include English Language, Mathematics and one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Science Double/Triple Award or equivalent.

Please refer to the BCU link for all entry requirements:

<https://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/nursing-adult-bsc-hons-2020-21>

Birmingham City University entry requirements are in addition to any RAF entry requirements you must fulfil **both** criteria.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

After you have qualified as a RN(A) you will be expected to maintain your currency in clinical practice and undertake CPD. In consultation with the NEA you will have the opportunity to undertake further education and training throughout your career.

ONGOING TRAINING/DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Once you have qualified as a RN(A) you will complete a period of Preceptorship, Trade Management Training and your Deployed Operational Nursing Competences (DONC) in preparation for your Operational role. RAF personnel are also eligible to apply for Eagles Scheme Adventure Training.

YOUR FIRST TOUR

You will progress to Birmingham City University (BCU) to complete the 3 year BSc (Hons) degree in Adult Nursing. On completion you will be posted to your first unit in the rank of Acting Corporal. On completion of the Junior Management and Leadership Course and Trade Management Training you will be eligible for promotion to the rank of Corporal. Further promotion to the rank of Sergeant and beyond is by competitive selection.

YOUR FUTURE CAREER PROSPECTS AND PROGRESSION:

You will initially join the RAF on a 12 year Notice Engagement. On completion of Student Nurse Training you will be subject to 3 years Return of Service (ROS). You can apply to leave at the end of your ROS but this is subject to 6 – 12 months minimum waiting time. You do have the option to leave at the end of your ROS providing you have given 18 months' notice of your intent to leave. Pay, pension and Service beyond the initial engagement (up to a maximum of age 60 years) are linked to your performance and rank progression.

PMRAFNS prides itself on equipping you with the necessary skills to operate to the highest level in your peacetime and operational role; You will be prepared fully for your Operational role with a planned Pre-Deployment Training package.

Once qualified as a Registered Nurse (Adult) and having completed 24 months appropriate clinical practice you may apply to Commission as a Nursing Officer.

Pay: Visit

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/medical-and-medical-support/student-nurse-adult>

Selection: You will be assessed on physical fitness and medical eligibility. You will also be interviewed by one of our Nurses in the Nursing Services Liaison Team and our Nurse Education Advisor.

Residency: Whether or not you were born in the United Kingdom, you should have resided there for the 5 years immediately preceding your application but candidates with a minimum of 3 years will be considered.

Nationality: You must be a citizen of the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland, holder of dual UK/other nationality or have been a Commonwealth citizen since birth.

A Modern Force: The RAF recognises the value of a person's ability no matter their ethnicity, social background, religion or belief, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status/civil partnership.



Register your interest in this role:

Online:

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/medical-and-medical-support/student-nurse-adult>

or

Telephone: 0345 605 5555

ROYAL AIRFORCE Nursing

To talk with an RAF nursing specialist contact:

RAF Nursing Services Recruiting Team
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CRN-RecruitSelect-NSLT-shared@mod.gov.uk

This information was last updated on 03 Aug 21, but may have changed since. If you have any queries, please check with RAF Staff at any Armed Forces Careers Office.

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<https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment>



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