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The programme at Glasgow Caledonian University provides the students with the choice of two academic awards commensurate with registration as a first level nurse or midwife. The choice of pathway leading to academic award of diploma or degree will be optional at the end of year 2.

PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

DIPLOMA / DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Diploma of Higher Education (Nursing) / Bachelor of Nursing and registration on the Professional Register as:

Registered Nurse - Adult
or
Registered Nurse - Mental Health
or
Registered Nurse - Learning Disabilities
or
Registered Nurse - Children

Diploma of Higher Education (Midwifery) / Bachelor of Midwifery and Registration on the Professional Register as:

Registered Midwife

CONVERSION PROGRAMME

Bachelor of Nursing and registration on the Professional Register as:

Registered Nurse - Adult (offered on-site)
or
Registered Nurse - Mental Health (offered on-site and distance learning mode)
or
Registered Nurse - Learning Disabilities (offered on-site)
or
Registered Nurse - Children (offered on-site)

Length of programme undertaken will be dependent on previous experience

PRE-REGISTRATION MIDWIFERY PROGRAMME (SHORTENED)

This programme leads to a Bachelor of Midwifery, and Registration on the Professional Register as:

Registered Midwife – offered on-site (this is currently an 18 month programme, however, this is under review and it is anticipated that from 2008 it will be a 2 year programme)

COMMENCEMENT DATES

DIPLOMA / DEGREE PROGRAMMES - The Diploma of Higher Education in Nursing / Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery programmes - one intake each year in September.

CONVERSION PROGRAMME - one intake each year in September.

SHORTENED MIDWIFERY PROGRAMME - one intake each year in January. (from 2008 commencement is in September each year)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

All candidates must satisfy the NMC minimum educational requirements plus:

- Candidates must have two Highers at C pass banding or above with Standard grades which include English, mathematics and preferably a science subject.
- Candidates for the Midwifery programme must have a minimum of 3 Highers at band C or above with 5 Standard grades or Intermediate 2 passes that include English, mathematics and a science subject.)

Candidates with acceptable equivalent qualifications e.g. a minimum of 12 selected SQA modules will be considered on an individual basis. Evidence of recent study in the last 4 years is essential.

All applicants to the Conversion programmes must be registered on the appropriate part of the Professional Register and be working within that branch of nursing when applying.

All applicants to the shortened Midwifery programme must be registered on the Professional Register as a Registered Nurse - Adult.

HEALTH INFORMATION

A satisfactory medical report indicating fitness of the applicant to pursue a nursing/midwifery programme will be required before a place on the programme is confirmed.

CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

All applicants require to under-go an enhanced criminal records check by Disclosure Scotland.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

Suitably qualified applicants for the nursing/midwifery programmes will be invited for interview following a short-listing procedure. However, this may be subject to change as the programme is under review at this time.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

BACHELOR OF NURSING/DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION (NURSING)

Students undertake a three year programme (135 weeks) of theory and practice. The academic year is 45 weeks in length and comprises three units of study:

- i. September to January
- ii. February to May
- iii. June to August

Study throughout each period is configured on a theory and practice split over all three years. Students undertaking the degree pathway will complete 6 units of study in year 3.

For the first year, students follow a programme common to all nursing students (Common Foundation Programme). Thereafter, one of four branch specific programmes is undertaken: - Adult, Child, Learning Disability or Mental Health.

Subjects taken in the programme include:

- Year 1 - Nursing, Life Sciences, Psychology, Sociology.
- Year 2 - Nursing.
- Year 3 - Nursing.

BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

Students undertake a three year programme of 135 weeks. The academic year is 45 weeks in length and comprises both theory and practice. At least 50% of the programme is clinical practice. There are 7 weeks holiday each year which due to the nature of the course are programmed.

Midwifery students follow the same programme throughout. Students consider the impact of childbearing on women and society. The role of the midwife as a partner to women throughout the childbearing experience is highlighted. The course is based on a salutogenic philosophy and integrates a variety of topic areas within an inquiry based curriculum.

SHORTENED MIDWIFERY PROGRAMME

During the first six months the students undertake separate studies from those undertaking the three year Degree programme and then they join in with the third year of the Degree programme.

CLINICAL AREAS AND UNIVERSITY BASED EXPERIENCE

Students will gain practice experience in a variety of settings to meet the particular requirement of their programme. For nursing students this will involve allocation to Health Board and private sector establishments in both hospitals and in the wider community. Special schools, nurseries and social work centres also contribute experience. This will involve working 12-hour shifts, night duty, weekends. Holidays are pre-determined and cannot be changed throughout the programme.

Students pursuing a midwifery programme will gain the majority of their practice experience within integrated maternity units, hospitals or community settings. The nature of midwifery practice requires students to work a variety of shift patterns throughout the duration of the programme. This will often involve working 12 hour shifts, night duty including over weekends and holiday periods.

University based experience will take place at Glasgow Caledonian University's City Campus.

CRITERIA FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PROGRAMMES

The nursing and midwifery programmes are jointly validated by Glasgow Caledonian University and NHS Education for Scotland. On successful completion the student is awarded a Higher Education diploma / degree and is eligible to register on the appropriate part of the Professional Register held by the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

A satisfactory standard in clinical assessments and in course work and examinations must be achieved at defined stages in the programme to allow progression. A satisfactory level of attendance is also mandatory. Failure to achieve these criteria may result in temporary suspension or exclusion from the programme. In these situations students may require to pay back a proportion of bursary.

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING, MIDWIFERY AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Community Health is one of eight University Schools within Glasgow Caledonian University. It provides programmes of education, theory and practice to prepare individuals for the nursing and midwifery professions.

The School aims to ensure that learning and research are closely linked to practice. In addition to excellent library and computing facilities, students of nursing and midwifery also have access to a simulated hospital suite which is located in the Govan Mbeki Building. The simulation laboratory wards also provide intensive care and child facilities and an interactive suite.

Individuals in all age groups who are interested in caring for people are welcomed to the nursing and midwifery programmes. A student centred approach is adopted to support study but students are also expected to have a commitment to learning. The Diploma / Degree programmes offer grounding for further study and professional development within the student's chosen sphere.

RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION

Details of available accommodation can be obtained from the Department of Facilities Management, please contact the Accommodation Office on 0141 331 3980.

THE SURROUNDING AREA AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Community Health is located within the Glasgow Caledonian University City Campus, situated, as the name suggests, within Glasgow city centre to the north of George Square and east of Sauchiehall Street.

The University has a Recreation Centre on the campus, which is located in a purpose built facility with state of the art sports equipment and provides students with the opportunity to try out different activities.

Situated in the heart of campus, the Saltire Centre is the focus of learning and student services at Glasgow Caledonian University and is one of the most ambitious and innovative learning environments in the UK. There are over 1,800 seats in the Centre designed to provide users with a variety of different spaces, from noisy interaction areas for group work to places for silent study. The Learning Centre is a wireless environment, enhancing the flexibility of the learning space.

Glasgow, former European City of Culture and United Kingdom City of Architecture and Design designate in the year 1999 has much to offer students. It has excellent shopping centres and there is a variety of eating places, cinemas, theatres, museums and sports/recreation facilities to sample.