



**Department of Health
and Care Professions**

MSci Nursing & BSc Adult Nursing Admissions Process Policy

2026 entry cycle

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1. Governance and Entrance Requirements

A specific Recruitment and Admissions Group (RAG) will operate in relation to admissions to the MSci Nursing or BSc Adult Nursing programmes and reports from the Panel will be made available to the Admissions Policy Group (APG). The Recruitment and Admissions Group will be chaired by the DPVC for the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences with representation from relevant academic leads, central admissions and Faculty Professional Services staff.

Language requirements for international students:

All applications from international students are considered in line with our standard entrance requirements. Candidates must have the proficiency in English language necessary to succeed on the chosen programme of study and meet the UKVI minimum requirements to obtain a Tier 4 visa.

- Minimum levels and approved tests for English Language proficiency are detailed below:
- IELTS: 7 overall with no less than 6.5 in any element.
- For further details please visit our [English language webpage](#)

Typical offer:

| Qualification | Typical Offer | Required Subject |
|-------------------------------|---|--|
| GCSE | C or 4 | English Language and Math's* |
| A-level | BBB | |
| IB | 30/555 | |
| BTEC | DDM | |
| ACCESS | 24 L3 credits at Distinction Grade and 21 L3 credits at Merit Grade | |
| T-level | Merit | T-Level in Health or Healthcare Science |
| Other accepted qualifications | | View other accepted qualifications |

Whilst the University endeavors to ensure entrance requirements are accurate at the point of publication, there are occasions where changes may be required. However, the University guarantees not to make any changes which would adversely affect an applicant after the 1st September for each new admissions cycle.

NB: All offers will also be conditional on a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and occupational health assessment as well as the signing of the appropriate student agreement. Applicants who have declared previous offences or whose DBS check has outlined an undeclared offence will be assessed according to the University's Admissions Policy:

Applicants not resident in the U.K. will be required to produce an international police check and apply for an enhanced DBS check on arrival in the U.K. Applicants who have spent more than twelve months outside of the U.K. in the last ten years, will also be required to produce a police check for those periods. Please see: <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/dbs/online-dbs/>

*Applicants who have achieved GCSE Math's one grade below the specified requirement will be considered and may be invited to complete the Math's Transition Course and may receive a conditional offer on the basis of successful program completion. The Maths Transition Course is an initiative specific to applicants applying for undergraduate programmes which requires GCSE Maths in participating undergraduate disciplines at the University of Exeter.

Applicants who are Home for fees, and otherwise satisfy all entry requirements for their course of interest, but who hold a GCSE Maths grade one grade below the specified requirement for their course of interest may be invited to complete our 7-week online program, developed by academic staff in participating disciplines and StudyZone team members. The program is specifically designed to support

knowledge and confidence in key areas of Maths linked to first year undergraduate modules.

Enrolment on the Maths Transition Course is by invitation only. Applicants who apply to the University of Exeter by the UCAS equal consideration deadline will be considered, and if eligible will be contacted via email.

Applicants who are successful in receiving an offer for the programme applied for, and have confirmed their interest in completing the Maths Transition Course will receive a conditional offer which will include successful completion of the Maths Transition Course part of their offer criteria. The programme will run from Feb-May, with participants offered places after UCAS equal consideration date.

For questions or further information, please email ug-ad@exeter.ac.uk

2. Admissions selection process

Process:

Submit UCAS application form by 14 January 2026. Applications submitted after this date will be considered where places are available. Assessment of academic credentials (achieved or predicted) are made by Admissions Staff based on information contained within the UCAS application form.

1. Applicants who meet the published entry requirements are then ranked according to their best three A-level (or equivalent) predictions of achievement as shown in the table below.

| Rank | Grades Achieved or Predicted | Standard Offer | Contextualised Offer | International Offer |
|----------|---|----------------|---|---|
| Tier 1 | A*A*A* | BBB | BCC/CCC | BBB |
| Tier 2 | A*A*A | BBB | BCC/CCC | BBB |
| Tier 3 | A*AA | BBB | BCC/CCC | BBB |
| Tier 4 | AAA | BBB | BCC/CCC | BBB |
| Tier 5 | AAB | BBB | BCC/CCC | BBB |
| Tier 6 | ABB | BBB | BCC/CCC | BBB |
| Tier 7 | BBB | BBB | BCC/CCC | BBB |
| Tier 8 | BBC | BBB | BCC/CCC | BBC |
| Reject – | BCC or below (or can't meet requirements) | | CCC or below (or can't meet requirements) | BCC or below (or can't meet requirements) |

2. Applicants who meet the programme entrance requirements but have completed their studies more than 3 years before application will be referred to the Department for assessment.
3. A defined number of applicants will be invited to interview from the top-ranked students downwards. Decisions on how each Tier of applicants are invited to interview will be determined by the overall application position.
4. Interviews held and judgements recorded. This is managed at Department level. The interview process is outlined under section 5.
5. A defined number of offers will be made to those who have been deemed suitable by the interview panel to receive an offer, based on interview.

6. Offers will be made in line with the programme entrance requirements and all offers will include non-academic conditions. See section 1.

3. Widening Participation

In order to help the institution make progress towards its agreed Widening Participation targets with the Office for Students, and to ensure appropriate diversity within the MSci Nursing and BSc Adult Nursing programmes, different processes will be in place for students from widening participation backgrounds.

Please note that these conditions may be subject to change, in accordance with the University of Exeter policy on [widening participation](#).

3a. Contextualised Offers

1. Applicants registered on a specific progression programme run or managed by the University of Exeter including Exeter Scholars, Realising Opportunities, Sutton Trust Pathways to Law (in person and online), Sutton Trust Pathways to Banking & Finance (online), Mature Access Pathway will be offered a contextual offer of 3 grades below bottom of published range, following a successful interview.
2. Students identified as being from a WP background according to University of Exeter definitions will be offered a contextual offer of 2 grades below bottom of published range, following a successful interview.

3b. Care leavers/Care Experienced

1. Submit UCAS application form by 14 January.
2. Applicants assessed against eligibility criteria for Care leaver process¹
3. Assessment of academic credentials (achieved or predicted) are made by Admissions Staff based on information contained in the UCAS application form. Personal statement and reference are not read for evidence of mitigating circumstances.
4. Applicants interviewed will be assessed in the same way as all other applicants.
5. Conditional offers made at 3 grades below the bottom of published range, following a successful interview.

¹ See <http://www.exeter.ac.uk/students/finance/studentfunding/fundingforcareleavers/>

4. Previously enrolled Nursing students

Applicants who have previously studied on an MSci Nursing or BSc Adult Nursing programme will remain eligible for consideration providing all modules and examinations have been successfully completed. If an applicant has failed any part of a nursing programme, they will not be eligible for consideration.

Eligible applicants are to submit an initial request via email to the admissions team at ug-ad@exeter.ac.uk before completing their UCAS application. They should provide a personal statement and evidence of academic ability to date. Such information will be reviewed by the Programme Lead for the MSci/BSc Nursing programme. Eligible applicants will be required to undergo an interview and will be subject to satisfying the standard non-academic conditions of offer as set out in this document.

5. Interview Process

The purpose of the interview is to meet the National Health Service Value Based Recruitment (VBR) requirements.

Interviews will take the form of Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI). The MMI will consist of a series of short, structured interview stations used to assess non-cognitive qualities including active listening, problem solving, decision making skills, empathy, NMC good character qualities and teamwork.

Panelists will be appropriately trained and will be from the following backgrounds:

- Nurse registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council
- Non-Clinical Academic
- Other healthcare professional (nursing or non-nursing background) registered with a regulatory body such as HCPC, GMC etc.
- Patient & the Public Representative
- University of Exeter Student
- University of Exeter Professional Services Staff

At each interview session at least one Healthcare professional or Clinician will be present. Panelists will ask a series of non-academic questions which are scrutinised by a panel prior to use.

Where appropriate we will make reasonable adjustments if it helps you participate fully in the interview process. If you require an adjustment to support your interview or have had adjustments in the past (for example through a support plan such as an Individual learning Plan (ILP) or Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan) please let us know by emailing the admissions team at ug-ad@exeter.ac.uk in advance of the interview. We may follow up with a request for more information in order to put any adjustments in place. Please contact the admissions team as soon as possible after receiving your invitation to interview.

6. Offers

After the interview all interview judgements will be recorded. A threshold score will be set and offers will be made to those who achieve the minimum score set. Students who meet or exceed the threshold score will be made an offer to fill the number of places available.

7. Non-Academic conditions

All applicants will be required to complete the following non-academic conditions, sign a student agreement, undertake the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) screening and undergo occupational health screening. Offers will remain conditional until all academic and non-academic conditions have been met. Students will be required to complete forms and return them within a time schedule advised. Students who are unable to do so may have their offer deferred to the next year of entry.

Applicants not resident in the U.K. will be required to produce an international police check and apply for an enhanced DBS check on arrival in the U.K. Applicants who have spent more than twelve months outside of the U.K. in the last ten years, will also be required to produce a police check for those periods. Please see: <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/study/dbs/online-dbs/>

8. Admissions process for under 18 to protect the public and students

The University of Exeter is committed to equal opportunities and all applications are considered on their individual merits.

Occasionally the University admits students who are under the age of 18 years. In most cases this will be a very temporary situation, as the student will be approaching their eighteenth birthday at the time they register for university.

For Nursing programmes, students must be 18 by the start of the second term within the first year of their course.

Students and their parents/ guardians should understand that the University predominantly admits students who are over the age of 18 years and that they will be entering an adult environment. The University treats all its students as independent, mature individuals and students who are under the age of 18 years will be treated in the same way.

The usual personal and academic support arrangements will apply to students who are under 18 years. This normally includes the allocation of a personal tutor and a comprehensive range of specialist student services.

However, the University acknowledges that anyone under the age of 18 living in England is legally a child and recognises that students under the age of 18 may therefore have additional needs in relation to their wellbeing and require additional support.

Full details on the Under 18 Policy and Process can be found on the [website](#)

9. Review and Ratification

| No. | Date | Committee | Approved/Ratified |
|-----|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | 17 January 2018 | Nursing Board of Students | Approved |
| 2 | 19 January 2018 | Admissions and Selection Advisory Group (Chair's Action) | Ratified |
| 3 | 25 January 2018 | Education Quality Standards Group (for information) | Reviewed |
| 4 | 27 th September 2018 | Nursing Board of Studies | Annual Review |
| 5 | 24 th May 2019 | Claire Galliford (Undergraduate Admissions Manager) | Annual Review (2020 cycle) |
| 6 | 21 st August 2019 | Claire Galliford (Undergraduate Admissions Manager) | Approved, changes to English Language |
| 7 | 10 th March 2020 | Claire Galliford (Deputy Head of Admissions) | Annual Review (2021 Cycle) |
| 8 | 2nd August 2021 | Claire Galliford (Deputy Head of Admissions) | Annual Review (2022 Cycle) |
| 9 | 4 th May 2022 | Aku Clemmet (Student Recruitment and Admissions Manager) | Annual Review (2023 Cycle) |
| 10 | 17 th April 2023 | Claire Galliford (Deputy Head of Admissions) | Annual Review (2024 Cycle) |
| 11 | 29 th April 2024 | Claire Galliford (Head of Admissions Operations) | Annual Review (2025 Cycle) |
| 12 | 31 st March 2025 | Claire Galliford (Head of Admissions Operations and Business Systems) | Annual Review (2026 Cycle) |
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