

BSc (Hons) Children's Nursing

Interview instructions for applicants

These guidelines are for applicants who, as part of the application process for BSc (Hons) Children's Nursing degree, have been invited to attend an interview at the University of Suffolk.

Interview Day Schedule

Please arrive at the **Waterfront Building** Reception desk on the ground floor by 8:45am on the day of your interview.

The selection day is set out in a 'Multi Minute Interview' format where candidates rotate around several stations which are designed to enable maximum demonstration of skills and attributes relevant to children's nursing. During the rotation, the candidate will be engaging in various activities as well as some mini panelled interviews as part of some of the stations.

The panel of interviewers will be made up of the nursing and midwifery team, practice partners, admissions personnel and maybe service users or current students.

During the selection day, candidates will have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet other potential candidates, meet, and greet current children's nursing students, ask questions of the team/university personnel, as well as partaking in the multi-minute interviews.

The selection day is scheduled to end at 2:00PM, however please be aware that the end time is variable based upon the number of applicants in attendance at your selection day.

Important Information

Interviews are designed to assess the following:

- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Evidence of values which reflect knowledge and understanding of the importance of equality, diversity, fairness, dignity, respect and compassion.
- Your transferable and problem-solving skills.
- Your ability to engage with others and work as part of a team.
- Your understanding of the requirements and responsibilities of being a student nurse on a professional course and the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) code.
- Your understanding of the role of a Registered Children's Nurse.
- Your motivation and commitment to undertake a professional nursing course.
- Your potential to cope with the academic and practical demands of the BSc (Hons) Children's Nursing course.

Outcomes from the interview process could be

Offer: Conditional/Unconditional | Alternative course offer | Reserve list | Reject

What does it mean if I'm on a reserve list?

If you have been offered a place on the 'reserve list', you will initially see a 'Reject' decision in your UCAS Hub and you will receive an email from the university offering you a place on the reserve list. If you would like to be on the reserve list, you will need to respond to that email to let us know. We may call candidates from the reserve list to offer a place on the course any time from August until two weeks after the start of the course. Your place on the list will be determined by the score you achieved at the interview. The reserve list enables us to meet our commission numbers when candidates who accept an offer subsequently chose to withdraw or do not meet the conditions of their offer and their offer is withdrawn, so another space becomes available. Please note that we are unable to inform candidates where they are on the reserve list.

If I am on the reserve list, will I automatically get a place the following year?

Unfortunately, no. Candidates accepting a place on the reserve list will need to reapply to be considered for a place the following year if they are not offered a place from the reserve list.

Feedback to those unsuccessful candidates is available on request via the Admissions office only. Please email admissions@uos.ac.uk and your request will be forwarded to the Admissions Tutor for reply.

Suggested Resources

You may find the resources below useful in preparing for your interview.

Compassion in Practice One Year On (2016) document which can be accessed via the [NHS England](#) website. Whilst you are advised to read the whole document, it is especially important that you familiarise yourself with the following pages:

- Page 4 and 5: Compassion in Practice, our vision.
- Page 28: The Deteriorating Child Project: the courage to change.
- The NHS Long Term Plan
- NMC Code
- NMC — standards for pre-registration nursing programmes
- Royal College of Nursing: a philosophy of care
- NHS Values
- Working together to safeguard children (2018) PDF

Some useful websites are:

National Institute of Clinical Excellence: www.nice.org.uk

Department of Health and Social Care: [Department of Health and Social Care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://Department of Health and Social Care - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk))

Children's Commissioner: [Homepage | Children's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](http://Homepage | Children's Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk))

Outlines the future direction of the NHS: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-term-plan/>

Note: These links are suggested as a general guide only and are not specifically endorsed or published by the University of Suffolk; this is also not an exhaustive list, and you should ensure that you prepare for your interview fully through wider reading

You may also wish to refer to current articles and reports in publications which are concerned with health and social care delivery, within hospital and community settings.

Additionally, you may contact your local hospital/community volunteering section to explore possible opportunities for gaining experience or, insights into the children's nursing role.

We hope that you will find this information useful. However, if you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Centre (01473 338833 or studentlife@uos.ac.uk), where the staff will be happy to assist you.

Finally, we look forward to speaking with you soon and wish you well in interview. Please give yourself the best chance of success, by ensuring that you are well prepared.

Best wishes on behalf of the Course and Admission teams

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