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Course Design

The design of the course has been, and will continue to be, determined through the close, collaborative working relationship between the University of Suffolk, Service Partners and Service Users. The purpose of the programme is to support the development of the apprentice in order to meet the requirements for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) as a Mental Health Nurse.

Nursing is a continually evolving profession, so a key part of this course is about developing the skills to adapt to new situations and ensure the apprentice becomes a resilient practitioner. The course is divided into theoretical (50%) and practice components (50%). The practice learning and assessments takes place in a range of clinical placements.

The curriculum has been designed to be able to respond to changing needs, developments, priorities and expectations in health, healthcare practice and education. It will ensure the apprentice can appreciate the expectation that they will provide the highest quality care in whatever environment acknowledging the opportunities and challenges presented by change. Nursing has not always appreciated the leadership function of the newly qualified nurse. This curriculum will ensure apprentices develop the skills and motivation required to assume this responsibility.

The design of this course has been guided by the following Professional Standards:

NMC Standards framework for nursing and midwifery education 2018a

NMC Standards for student supervision and assessment 2018b

NMC Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes 2018c

NMC Future nurse: Standards of proficiency for registered nurses 2018d

Course Structure

The BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing comprises modules at levels 5 and 6, following RPL for 120 credits at Level 4 and 60 credits at Level 5.

Module Specifications for each of these modules is included within the course handbook, available to apprentices on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

Module

Credits

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	Dissertation	40	M
	Mental Health Nursing Practice: Part 3	0	M

Awards

On successful completion of the course, apprentices will be awarded a BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing and will be eligible to register with the NMC as a Mental Health Nurse. Apprentices who successfully complete 360 credits but do not pass the Mental Health Nursing Practice element may be eligible for a BSc (Hons) Health Studies award but will not be eligible to register with the NMC.

Course Delivery

a range of settings in the Eastern Region. Apprentices are likely to have approximately 152 contact hours at level 5 and 232 contact hours at level 6. The contact hours will be a mix of lectures, seminars, simulated skills sessions. Apprentices

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apprenticeship which will detail the apprentice ,
under the apprenticeship agreement.

Apprentices are expected to pay their travel expenses to and from placement. Some Trusts may reimburse travel costs however it is up to apprentices to liaise with their Trust in this matter.

Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).