



WORK INSPIRATION – Nursing

A career in nursing for many is not a job, but a vocation. Once you have completed your training the day-to-day role of being a nurse can really transform people's lives. A nursing career can also be tough and will tug at your heart strings, but ultimately it is a very rewarding career in which you can thrive.

General Careers Resources/Information

- For those interested in **nursing as a career**, the **BBC** has a current documentary series [Saving Our Nurses](#). For the three weeks preceding the coronavirus crisis, cameras follow the current cohort of newly qualified nurses, providing a unique insight into their world as they decide if they will - or won't – stay
- Celebrating Northern Ireland's nurses and midwives and to mark 200 years since the birth of Florence Nightingale, a special exhibition exploring their work was installed at the **Ulster Museum** in Belfast just before social distancing



measures were introduced. Join a [virtual tour](#) to explore Nightingale's impact here and the contribution nurses and midwives make to our health and well-being today

- **We Are the NHS** YouTube [videos](#) highlighting careers in nursing, allied health and healthcare
- **Nursing Now** is a global campaign to improve health by raising the status and profile of nursing. Explore the '[voices of nursing](#)' a series of blogs and case studies shared by nurses and midwives from around the world, at different stages of their careers
- **NI Direct** Nurses and midwives form the largest group of staff in Health and Social Care and are a crucial part of the healthcare team. They work in every sort of health setting, from

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accident and emergency to working in patients' homes, with people of all ages and backgrounds. [Find out more.](#)

- **BBC Bitesize** [How to Become a Nurse](#) – some [videos exploring](#) different roles:

- Kate – How to become a [critical care nurse](#)
- Keilagh – A [student nurse](#)
- Sarah – [Critical Care Staff Nurse](#)
- Connor – [Orthopaedic Scrub Nurse](#)
- Jake – How to become a [mental health nurse](#)

- A nurse who used to work in the **Belfast Health and Social Care Trust**, retrained and is now working as a [Cosmetic Nurse](#) in a private clinic
- **Royal College of Nursing** video, [This is Nursing](#)

Local Focus

- **Southern Health and Social Care Trust**
 - Read about the work of an [Organ Donation Nurse](#) based in, who is part of a team that covers the ICUs in Northern Ireland
 - [Channel 4 News](#) spent 2 days at Craigavon Hospital on Northern Ireland's coronavirus frontline
 - Trust Talk with [Conor Martin, a Mental Health Nurse](#) working in the Bluestone Unit
 - Have a listen to Lucy, a breast cancer nurse describing "[A Day in my Shoes](#)" in this podcast
 - Meet [Lynne Robinson](#), Lynne is a Neonatal Nurse working in Craigavon Hospital
- **Belfast Health and Social Care Trust**

- [Testimonials](#) from a range of nurses about their careers and learning and development opportunities
- Meet [Wayne Cooke](#), Wayne is a staff nurse in the haemodialysis unit at the Belfast City Hospital
- Meet [Jenny Morrisey](#), Jenny is a Deputy Ward Sister in the Paediatric Emergency Department
- Meet [Olivia Wilson](#), Olivia is an Advanced Care Practitioner in the Emergency Department

- **South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust:**

- Explore the career of a Cardiovascular Research Nurse – [meet Stephanie Kelly](#)
- A selection of nurses and midwives have completed career storyboards. Meet the [nurses and midwives](#)
- 2020 was recognised as the "International Year of the Nurse and Midwife" and the year when the Nightingale Challenge was launched to provide a range of leadership and developmental opportunities to a group of nurses and midwives. [The Nightingales have reflected on their experiences throughout 2020](#) with reference to the COVID-19 escalation and surge.
- Meet the staff and listen back to this virtual Nursing Careers Q&A [recording](#) from the Ulster Hospital (19/10/21)

- **Northern Health and Social Care Trust**

- Explore the role of an [Emergency Nurse Practitioner](#)
- Have a look at this short [nursing recruitment](#) video which was made by staff

- Meet [Gemma Shivers](#), Gemma is a staff nurse caring for patients who have stage 5 renal disease
- **Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service**
 - Meet Laura O'Hare Laura is a [Senior Nurse / Unit leader](#) in the blood transfusion service, her job involves collecting blood donations from volunteers.
- **Nursing NI** - If you wish to become a registered **nurse** in Northern Ireland, this [website](#) has been designed to help in your choice to become a nurse and to help you see the rich diversity of people who study nursing and who are welcomed into the profession
 - Video of male and female nursing students discussing [why nursing is a career for all](#)
 - Male nursing [students discuss why they chose nursing as a career](#)
 - [Short social media clip](#) on a nursing career
 - Chief Nursing Officer of NI [shares her thoughts on nursing as a career for all](#)

Northern Ireland Practice and Education Council (NIPEC)

Nursing and Midwifery Careers in Northern Ireland [website](#).

- Be inspired by the [real life stories](#) of nurses and midwives in NI.
- Explore [150+ staff job profiles](#) across Northern Ireland and search by area – adult nursing, children's nursing, mental health

nursing, learning disability nursing, midwifery and public health nursing

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals

- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals are unable to offer physical work experience to school aged students and have recorded virtual sessions. This [session](#) highlights their apprenticeships, **midwifery**, and **nursing** (Feb 2021)

University Related

- **Trinity College Dublin** Find out about [studying Nursing and Midwifery](#) there
- **Ulster University** Find out all about [studying nursing](#) in their School of Nursing. Explore the range of [undergraduate courses available](#).
- **Queen's University Belfast** Want to study Nursing and Midwifery [explore their school](#)

Speakers for Schools – Virtual Career Talks

- Emma Wadey, Head of Mental Health Nursing for **NHS England and NHS Improvement**, [shares insights](#) into the role of a **mental health nurse** and answers questions about a career in nursing
- Dr Crystal Oldman CBE, Chief Executive of the **Queen's Nursing Institute**. Crystal worked in the NHS for 18 years, the majority of which was in the field of **community nursing**. [Find out](#) about her journey and working in nursing
- Carol Cooper, Head of Equality, Diversity & Human Rights, at the **Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust**, [shares](#) her insights into **nursing** and answers questions from students.

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