



Interview Guidance Notes.

BSc (Hons) Mental Health Nursing .

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Congratulations, you have successfully been selected for an interview at the University of Northampton. The interview process will be kept as informal as possible and is aimed at helping us to get to know you and help you decide whether this is the right course for you.

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How to accept your interview

Please accept your interview date through UCAS.

If you have extenuating circumstances which means you cannot attend on the day we have scheduled, please email interviews2019@northampton.ac.uk prior to your interview date and include your UCAS ID. A new date, if available, will be scheduled for you within two working days. Please check your UCAS Track for updates.

Checklist

To do	Done
1. Read this document thoroughly as important instructions are included.	
2. Respond to your interview invite (as detailed above).	
3. Make a note of your interview date and time in your calendar.	
4. Preparation for interview, please see the details below. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare an article to discuss.• Prepare a non-clinic skill to teach.• Watch the video.	
5. Documents you will need to bring with you on the day are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ID (photographic) – more information below.• Copies of qualifications or certificates (originals are not required).	
6. Plan your journey, make sure you know where you're going and how you're getting here.	
7. Put in a request for reasonable adjustment(s), if applicable.	



Interview details

Arrival and structure of the day

The time you have been invited enables you to complete registration and have your documents checked before your interview begins. Should you be running late or unable to attend on the day, please let the [Interviews Team](#) know as soon as possible. If you arrive after this time you may be unable to participate, and you will need to reschedule your interview. On arrival please **report to the Interview Registration Desk** on the ground floor of the [Learning Hub](#).

During the day, you will be able to take a tour of the Campus, speak to current students about what it's like to study here, view on-campus accommodation, visit the Students' Union and drop in with our Student Services team and Employability team to get your queries answered. Our cafés and restaurants will be open for you to grab a bite to eat throughout the day and the town centre is a short 10 minute walk through Becket's Park so be sure to explore during your visit.

Guests are welcome to accompany you to campus and will need to collect a visitor pass when you arrive at registration. Our tours, drop ins and cafés will be available for them to make use of whilst they wait for you to finish your interview.

Guided campus tours (Wednesday Interviews only)

If you would like a guided campus tour during your visit, these are available at 11.30am and 2pm. Please register via the links below for your preferred tour time. Details of where to meet your tour guide will be included in your tour registration confirmation email.

Please **click the time below to register** for the tour of your choice:

[11.30am](#)

[2pm](#)

Documents needed

Please read the information below and ensure that you have all the documents ready for checking on your interview day. The documents you will need on your interview day are:

- **Photographic ID** – to be shown at the registration (Interview Registration Desk, ground floor of the Learning Hub)
- **Copies of your qualifications** - to be brought to Admissions after the registration or throughout your interview day (Students Information Desk, ground floor of the Learning Hub).

Preparation for interview

During the interview, you will be asked to discuss an article relating to nursing, to teach a non-clinical skill and undertake a computer test. This is then followed by a mini multiple interview.

1) Discuss an article relating to nursing

Be prepared to discuss an article of your choosing that relates to Mental Health nursing, justifying its selection and your thoughts on its content.

2) Interview

You will be interviewed by a panel; the panel will normally include a member of the course team, an experienced qualified mental health nurse and a mental health service user. If you need to discuss any confidential matters with the panel, please indicate this to the lead Interviewer.

The interview questions will focus on several areas such as:

- Your reason for choosing the particular field of nursing
- Interests, hobbies and awareness of current health issues
- Personal attributes that make you suitable for nursing
- Your understanding of the 3-year BSc Nursing programme
- How you cope with stress.

The panel will look for:

- a. Your problem-solving skills, team working,
- b. communication and interpersonal skills,
- c. your understanding of the values and beliefs about health care and the 6C's of nursing as a profession.

3) Teach a non-clinical skill

The duration is 6 minutes. You are asked to demonstrate sharing information on a non-clinical skill purposefully with colleagues.

This can relate to any topic which you are comfortable to teach. Please select a topic which shows sensitivity and respect for your colleagues, remembering that like your patients, colleagues will originate from diverse backgrounds.

Your non-clinical skill should be short and simple, require little equipment (as you will have to bring it with you), and enable a colleague to demonstrate the skill back to you.

The steps to teaching a skill:

- Tell them what they are going to learn.
- Show them how it's done.

- Let them do it.
- Review how they did.

4) The Computer Test

The computer test is for you to demonstrate your digital literacy skills. You will be provided with a computer and given a set task. Please let us know if you need reasonable adjustment made for this task (more information at the end of this document).

5) Video

Please also watch [this video](#) before your interview about the vision for Nursing, Midwifery and Healthcare.

Useful resources to aid preparation for interview

Visit the Nursing and Midwifery Council ([NMC website](#)) here is a section related to nurse education with helpful information for student nurses. Also to keep up to date with current health care and nursing issues visit the following websites:

- [NHS Constitution](#)
- [BBC - Health](#)
- [Nursing Standard](#)
- [Nursing Times](#)
- [England NHS](#)
- [Department of Health](#)

As part of your pre-reading do look out for health features in national newspapers such as the Guardian, The Times, Telegraph, and Independent. Also visit our NHS host websites to keep up to date with our clinical placement hosts:

- [Northampton General Hospital](#)
- [Kettering General Hospital](#)
- [Milton Keynes Hospital - http://www.mkhospital.nhs.uk/](#)
- [Northampton Healthcare Trust](#)

Photographic Identification

On the interview day please bring with you **an original** piece of **photographic identification**. The documents most commonly used are:

- Original valid passport
- Photographic drivers licence card.

Qualifications

- You will need to bring **a copy** of your GCSE English Language, Mathematics and Science certificates to the interview day. Please note that original documents are *not* required.
- If you have already achieved A Levels or Level 3 qualifications, you will need to bring a copy of these.
- Please bring the documents to Admissions after the registration or throughout your interview day. Admissions are based at the Students Information Desk on the ground floor of the Learning Hub (10am-4.30pm).
- If you have any equivalent level 2 qualifications, then please email these to admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk before the interview so that they can be checked.

Other documentation

For some courses it is necessary to obtain further documentation from you to complete enrolment, such as Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) documents.

If you accept your offer, and if we need you to provide this information or evidence, we will email you at a later date with details on how to provide the information or the evidence.

How to get here and travel information

For information on transport options, please visit our [website](#).

Travel (Wednesday interviews)

Special Park and Ride interview day discount

Applicants attending an interview and their guests can receive a discounted Park and Ride fare to travel to campus on the day of their interview. The discounted rate is £1.20 per person for a return journey. Cash and contactless payments are accepted. Parking is free of charge.

In order to claim this discount, when you arrive at the Park and Ride car park, you will need to **report to the security cabin, show your interview invite email and collect your Interview Pass**. Please ensure you leave enough time to do this as there may be queues during peak periods (between 11am and 2.30pm).



The image to the left shows the security cabin that you need to look out for. It is near the entrance to the car park. **You must show your Interview Pass to the bus driver on both your journeys to gain your discounted travel so please keep it with you.**

If you cannot show your interview invite email at the security cabin at the Park and Ride car park, they will not be able to issue you with an Interview Pass and you and your guests will need to pay the full fare.

The address for the Park and Ride is:

Claret Car Park and Saints Car Park, Edgar Mobbs Way, Sixfields, Northampton, NN5 5JR.

The buses run every 10 minutes (Monday – Friday) and depart from Edgar Mobbs Way (not from inside the car parks). It's approximately a 2.3 mile journey to the University. For the full timetable visit the [Uno Bus pages](#).

Travel (Saturday interviews only)

If your interview is taking place on Saturday, during one of our Open Days, car parking is available on campus. If you are travelling by car, please access our car parks via New South Bridge Road – the nearest postcode for your satnav is NN4 8RR.

Requests for reasonable adjustment

It is the policy of the University of Northampton that candidates should not be prejudiced as a result of any disability and reasonable adjustments will be made to mitigate unfair discrimination. Therefore, all candidates with disabilities are encouraged to identify and/or request support for actual or potential circumstances in advance. Please contact admissions2019@northampton.ac.uk.

Please note you will be required to provide suitable medical evidence that confirms the nature of your condition and the need for adjustment.
