

## Nursing Online Offer Holders Event – Q&A

We had lots of questions at our latest event, which were answered by our staff. We have split them into sections so you can just read the ones that are important to you:

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### About the course and admissions questions

#### **Q: When will university start?**

A: Welcome Week begins on 21 September 2020.

#### **Q: With the term starting a little later, will it be extended or end at the normal time?**

A: It will end at the normal time.

#### **Q: When will we receive timetables?**

A: You will initially receive one that covers the first few weeks after you have accepted your offer, and you will receive the full timetable later.

#### **Q: What time do you start and finish each day?**

A: It varies day by day. You will usually start at 10am (occasionally at 9am) and generally finish at 3pm.

#### **Q: What are the holidays like during the year?**

A: You will have holidays at Christmas, Easter and in the summer. More information Can be found on the [key dates page](#).

**Q: How will online teaching work?**

A: There are various systems put in place to help with online learning. The University is ensuring that the best systems are used to enhance your learning experience.

**Q: What will happen with the uniform fitting in Welcome Week?**

A: You will be fitted, but it will be organised differently from previous years.

**Q. What about Year 1 placements?**

The placements should start in January, unless any changes occur by then.

**Q: As it stands, lectures are online in Semester 1. Will we still attend university during that semester?**

A: Lectures will be online due to the large number of people, but we are hoping to have smaller study/teaching groups and academic advisor meetings.

**Q: With the online lectures, what will our days look like? Will it be 5/6hrs of online lectures etc?**

A: You may have a one-hour lecture over Zoom or you may have a recorded lecture. We are looking at providing students with live and recorded sessions, and recommended readings. This is still under development and in preparation for the September start.

**Q: Do you wear the uniform when you are in university?**

A: Yes, but only if you are in the clinical skills suite.

**Q: Do you have any recommendations for books or subjects to have a look at before September?**

A: Enjoy the holiday. You don't need to read before coming to the University!

## Entry requirements

**Q: Is there any leniency with grades due to us not finishing our courses properly?**

A: We will be considering the calculated A-level results that you will receive in August.

**Q: Are private candidates still being considered the same even if they don't get awarded a grade?**

A: Currently, our university still requires English and Maths (predicted) grades. However, each case/applicant will be considered individually.

**Q: I am doing an access course. Will there be any leniency with how many distinctions I need, as I haven't been able to complete the assignments?**

A: We are still waiting for further information about this.

**Q: Do you know when the second part of the Manchester Distance Access Scheme will start?**

A: Please email the University directly for further information:  
[ug.nursing@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ug.nursing@manchester.ac.uk).

## DBS and health queries

**Q: I haven't received a DBS check or any other forms that I'd need to fill out yet.**

A: If you have recently been interviewed, you may not have received it yet, but you will. The DBS and the health forms are only sent to those who have put Manchester as a firm or insurance choice. Forms are being sent online, not via post, due to the university campus closure.

**Q: Could I be sent a DBS and health form?**

A: You can email the admissions team to request a form at [ug.nursing@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:ug.nursing@manchester.ac.uk).

**Q: What health check-ups will student nurses have to do prior to starting the course?**

A: The occupational health form will cover this.

**Q: Following the health checks, what kind of thing provokes problems? For example, would mental health issues be a problem for mental health nursing?**

A: If the form flags anything, a conversation would take place between the offer holder and the Occupational Health team to identify how the student can be supported throughout the programme, and to see if any adjustments are required.

**Q: If we don't have all vaccines stated on the health forms, will we have to get them ourselves before our course starts?**

A: If further vaccinations are required, the Occupational Health team will guide you on this.

## Placements

**Q: Is there a choice in Northern Ireland for your Year 2 placement?**

A: Nobody has chosen to do this before, but it is possible.

**Q: When it comes to elective placements, is there funding available?**

A: The learning support fund has previously helped students with their elective placements.

**Q: When you are on placement, are you on placement with other student nurses?**

A: It depends on the placement. You may be with students from The University of Manchester or students from other universities. Placements are in a variety of settings.

**Q: Is placement still happening in January as normal? Will we have a chance to be in clinical suites before this?**

A: The timetable at the moment still has placements in January, but depending on how the pandemic develops, this could change.

**Q: During the elective placement, does Manchester do HMP placements?**

A: It may be possible. You would need to discuss this further with your placement supervisor.

**Q: During first year placement, what will we do as student nurses? Will this be shadowing nurses mainly?**

A: A lot of the time you will be shadowing, but you will also be able to help with different tasks and develop your capabilities. It depends on how you progress. You will not be asked to do things that you are not comfortable with doing.

**Q: As part of the course, are student nurses required to do some weekends and night shifts?**

A: Not frequently.

**Q: Is it beneficial to be able to drive to placements?**

A: That depends on where your placement is and the public transport that is available.

**Q: Is the uniform the same across all placements or does it depend on the location? If so, what is it like?**

A: It depends on the placement - for some placements, you can wear your own clothes. The uniform is the same for all students. It is a white tunic with The University of Manchester logo on it.

## Finance and fees

**Q: Do you know when we apply for our bursary?**

A: The government has announced new bursaries from September this year. It is possible that they will become available for application around July, but an exact date isn't known yet. You can find more information on the [NHS Business Services Authority website](#).

**Q: Is the bursary available for Welsh students studying at Manchester?**

A: Yes.

**Q: How many instalments do international students pay their tuition in? When do we pay our first instalment?**

A: This information is available on our [finance webpage](#).

**Q: Do European students get the bursary too?**

A: In order to be eligible for the NHS bursary, you need to be eligible for the tuition fee loan and maintenance loan.

**Q: How much are uniforms?**

A: The University provides you with three uniforms for free.

## COVID-19 specific

**Q: I will be flying home from working in Saudi very close to the start of the course. I'm concerned that perhaps quarantine or even flight restrictions will still be in place. Would there be some leeway during this period in terms of actually being present in the UK at the start of the course?**

A: We don't know how things are likely to change, so we will only know for certain closer to the start date.

## Accommodation

**Q: If Manchester is my insurance university, do I still need to apply for accommodation?**

A: You can still apply for accommodation even we are your insurance choice.

**Q: Is accommodation allocated so that all healthcare students are together?**

A: You are integrated with other students from the University.

**Q: Will we be moving into accommodation in September even though lectures will be online for the first semester?**

A: Ideally, people would move into accommodation as, hopefully, we will still be able to have physical attendance for some activities.

**Q: When will we find out which accommodation we have been allocated?**

A: If you have a conditional offer, you can apply to accommodation and you will be allocated one once your offer becomes unconditional.

**Q: Will we receive an email outlining when we can move into our accommodation?**

A: Yes. You can usually move into your accommodation the weekend before Welcome Week.