

Nursing Studies: The characteristic feature of the four-year course in Nursing Studies, offered by the Department in conjunction with the Middlesex Hospital, will be the continuous integration of relevant professional and academic knowledge to culminate in a B.Sc. degree in Nursing Studies as well as a professional qualification as S.R.N. Throughout the four years, students will undertake clinical experience and training at the Middlesex Hospital and outside in the community, concurrent with appropriate work in the Sociology Department at Bedford College. There will in addition be a period of continuous clinical experience during part of each summer vacation.

The degree will be a course-unit degree, some of the courses being taught in common with those of other degrees in the Department. Approximately half of the total programme will consist of special courses in Nursing, a third of Social Science courses, and a sixth of courses in the Biological Sciences.

The courses in the social sciences will be focused on the contribution of society to the conceptualisation of nursing as an area of study, its antecedents and consequences, its delivery of care, and the execution of its practices. They will concern theoretical enquiry into contemporary issues of sociological theory and will examine comparative social structure. They will also consider issues of health and disease from the standpoint of their occurrence within the confines of the social milieu. This sociological framework will provide an explanatory background against which specific nursing issues will be considered. Courses in social policy and administration will deal with the development of health services and courses in methods of social investigation will deal with issues of particular concern to the study of medicine, health care and nursing. The biological sciences courses will examine those aspects of Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Pharmacology, and Microbiology relevant to the study of nursing. While the overall academic framework of the Nursing units will be sociological, these courses will cover all of the statutory nursing specialities, both their subject matter and appropriate clinical experience and training.

Clinical experience and training during the first year will take place partly in the community and partly in the hospital. The bulk of the specialised clinical experience will follow during the second and third years, leaving the fourth free as a consolidation year. Graduates will then be able to apply for first-line management vacancies (staff nurses).

The degree course in Nursing Studies cannot, of course, provide the wide choice available for other students in the Department, but there will be provision for an optional subject embracing further clinical experience in an area of the student's choice in the fourth year. In addition, students will be required to complete an extended essay on a topic of their choice within Nursing which will count as one course-unit towards their degree. Students registered for Nursing Studies may transfer to a modified programme in another Special Field of Study in the Department at any time during the first year.

Students accepting places will be registered with the General Nursing Council, nursing's statutory body, to whom an appropriate fee must be paid.

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B.Sc./SRN in Nursing Studies

In answer to your recent enquiry, the following are the basic requirements for entry to the above course:-

O-Levels should include English, Maths, and at least two science subjects.

A-Levels: Three of average C grade required, one of which should be a science subject. Candidates with only two A-Level subjects will be considered exceptionally, but these two subjects should be A/B grades and one of them must be a science subject.

Biology is the preferred science subject at A-level (human or social biology is acceptable)

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