



University of
Staffordshire



Welcome to your

OPEN DAY

STAFFORD CAMPUS
SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025
9.00AM – 2.00PM

#StaffsOpenDay



WELCOME

Bringing your place of possibility to life

We are delighted to announce that Staffordshire University has rebranded to become University of Staffordshire. It reinforces our commitment to Staffordshire and beyond. Our brand evolution also heralds an exciting new future, with lots of new opportunities for our students.

Your Open Day is where it all starts. Find out more about our amazing community, where amazing things happen. A place where you can be you.

Explore our campus and personalised approach to student support. Chat to academics and delve into the subject you want to study. And meet current students to find out what it's like to live, study and socialise here.

Our boundary-pushing education and next-level experiences will bring your future closer.

WHY CHOOSE US?

4TH FOR CHILDREN'S NURSING

Guardian University Guide 2025

7TH FOR MIDWIFERY

Guardian University Guide 2025

NURSE EDUCATION PROVIDER OF THE YEAR (PRE-REGISTRATION) FOR BSc (Hons) NURSING PRACTICE (CHILD) COURSE

Student Nursing Times Awards 2024

2ND IN THE UK FOR QUALITY EDUCATION

Sustainable Development Goal 4 THE Impact Rankings 2024

5TH FOR FIRST GEN STUDENTS

The Mail University guide 2025

PLAN YOUR OPEN DAY

We want you to get the most out of your day, so we would recommend you try and experience as much as you can.

1 From 9.00AM



Register

Centre for Health Innovation Atrium
When you arrive, head straight over to the atrium, where a member of our team will register you and explain how the day will work.

2 From 9.30AM



Information fair

Meet staff from a wide range of student services. Have a one-to-one chat with our Accommodation, Finance, Student Support and Welfare teams.

3 From 9.30AM



Why choose University of Staffordshire

Room CH005/7

Hear from one of our influential and passionate leaders about University of Staffordshire and our next generation educational experience.

4 10.00am till 11.15am



Road traffic collision simulation (page 7)

Room CH001

See how our first and second year students work together to extricate a critically unwell patient from a vehicle.



Scan the QR code to find the subject talks and today's activities.



ENJOY YOUR DAY

Don't forget to share it with us using **#StaffsOpenDay**

As a student here, you'll be using some of the best immersive education facilities in the UK at our new £5.9m Centre for Health Innovation.



CENTRE FOR HEALTH INNOVATION

The building has transformed the way we deliver courses to healthcare students. Now you can experience the amazing equipment for yourself at today's Open Day.

The hands-on facilities include one of the world's largest 'immersive' suites – a training space where incredibly realistic backdrops are projected onto three whole walls. You can be placed at the scene of a road accident, with passing cars, street lights and noise. And you can even extricate a casualty from a vehicle parked inside the room.

The spaces enable you to learn in a safe environment before working

in real-life healthcare settings, with a debriefing room for class discussions.

We also use other clinical simulation suites to bring your training to life, including a hospital ward, operating theatre and emergency department. If you're a student paramedic, you'll have access to our training ambulance too.

What's more, you'll be taught by academics who come from a variety of specialist backgrounds, and are passionate about the future of healthcare.



ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION SIMULATION

10.00am till 11.15am - Room CH001

You are about to meet Charlie and Sam. Two strangers whose worlds collide one October morning.

Sam, who is 39 weeks pregnant, forgot to have breakfast and faints while driving. Charlie is struck by the car while walking to work. Both patients require emergency treatment.

Immerse yourself in their medical journeys as experts from different health disciplines spring into action to help. You'll find out about the crucial roles played by paramedics, nurses, operating department practitioners and midwives.

This showcase will give you an insight into our healthcare courses and the exciting careers open to our graduates. You'll also see how we use collaborative working in our teaching. Our approach ensures students gain the skills, knowledge and experience to deliver excellent patient-centred care.



HEALTHCARE CAREERS

All our health and care courses offer rewarding and varied career opportunities.

You could see yourself working on the front line with patients or service users, making a positive impact on their daily lives. Alternatively, you could be working behind the scenes on the science behind medicine or on public health and policy decisions.

What's more, with further study, you could progress into senior roles within organisations such as the NHS, government, private sector or charities.

Many of our courses are accredited, preparing you for specific standards required for certain professions such as biomedical science, midwifery, nursing, operating department practice, paramedic science and social work. Our other courses incorporate communication skill development, practical learning and work experience to prepare you for a wider range of opportunities.

INDUSTRY RECOGNISED AND ACCREDITED COURSES

Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)

- Operating Department Practice
- Paramedic Science
- Biomedical Science

Royal Society of Biology and the Institute of Biomedical Science

- Biomedical Science

Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)

- Midwifery
- Nursing Practice (Adult)
- Nursing Practice (Child)
- Nursing Practice (Mental Health)

Social Work England (SWE)

- Social Work



OUR SIMULATION-BASED LEARNING APPROACH

Improving patient safety through simulation-based learning is at the heart of our health and wellbeing courses and at the forefront of our teaching.

Our clinical simulation suites and skills labs allow you to be immersed in a controlled environment where you can practise your skills safely, before going on to deal with real people.

Our state-of-the-art Clinical Simulation Suites and Skills Labs feature the latest equipment such as observation and AV recording equipment, emergency care equipment and clinical skills manikins. We also have multiple subject-specific immersive rooms, a functioning training ambulance and a simulated operating theatre, which will help you to gain hands-on experience and put your theoretical knowledge into practice.



Simmersive learning



Children's Nursing Simulation

Our Information Fair is the go-to place for your non-course related queries.

INFORMATION FAIR



Come and meet staff from a wide range of student services. You can find out about everything from accommodation to student support. The fair is open to all prospective undergraduate and postgraduate students.

We can talk you through the application process and give you essential information on loans, fees, bursaries and budgeting. You can also find out about part-time work while you study through our in-house recruitment agency Unitemps.

If you have additional health or learning needs our student inclusion team and will be happy to help. We also have a comprehensive range of student support services, including help with academic, personal, financial and wellbeing issues.



REFRESHMENTS

Free hot drinks are available to all our visitors in Dudley's, which will be open between 8.30am and 3pm, serving tea, coffee, cakes, paninis and sandwiches.

You could also visit The Knot and Plough pub, located at the bottom of Blackheath Lane at the end of your visit. Our students love its carvery!



We are dedicated to making your student experience truly exceptional. Our commitment to your success and well-being is at the heart of everything we do. We take immense pride in offering a range of resources and services designed to enrich your academic and personal growth. Get involved, create lasting memories, and forge friendships that will last a lifetime. See you soon!



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Students' Union President

OUR APPRENTICESHIPS

We are leading the way as one of the largest providers of higher and degree apprenticeships in England. Our provision was judged as 'good' by Ofsted at our last full inspection.

As an apprentice, you have a full-time role with your employer and spend regular periods doing 'off-the-job' training with the University. It means you can achieve a university degree by learning while you work. We also offer progression routes, which can take you from Level 4 right through to Level 7.

What is an apprenticeship?

An apprenticeship is a job with approved training to industry standards. At the end of the apprenticeship, you will have an assessment to ensure you meet the required skills and knowledge.

How do they work?

Apprentices must spend an average of at least six hours a week doing off-the-job training. This can also cover shadowing, mentoring, industry visits and attending competitions. You have on-the-job training as well, where you develop specific workplace skills and are supported by a mentor.

We predominantly follow a blended learning model, where apprentices spend some face-to-face time on campus followed by webinars and planned practice learning.

Who are they for?

Employers can offer apprenticeships to new recruits or use them to grow talent from their existing workforce. Our Apprenticeships Team will work with an employer and a prospective apprentice to assess eligibility for the apprenticeship.

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The apprenticeship has been fantastic, with support offered both for personal problems and in study as well. My confidence has grown so I feel like it's made me a stronger, better person and a better nurse. Best thing I ever did!

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Rachel Shingler
Registered Nurse Associate
UHNM

ROUTES INTO STUDY

We're here to support your education journey all the way through to graduation and a successful career.

From taking a first degree to exploring postgraduate options, these are the main traditional routes to studying at University of Staffordshire. But it's always worth speaking with our teams to explore other routes too, which take into account any experience and skills you may have in your chosen field.

1. A-LEVELS / T-LEVELS

The grades you'll need will depend on the course you want to study. You'll find the UCAS tariff entry requirements on the individual course page of our website.

2. BTEC

Many students join us with Level 3 BTECs. If you have a BTEC Level 5 or 6, you may go straight onto the second or third year of a degree.

3. STEP UP TO HE

Step Up to HE is a free 10-week course that gives you a taste of what it's like to study at university. To find out more, visit: www.staffs.ac.uk/stepup

4. ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA

Access to HE courses are offered in a variety of subjects at Level 3.

UNDER-GRADUATE

1. DIRECT

If you studied at undergraduate level and have been in industry, or want to switch career paths, you can apply direct. This will depend on previous qualifications or work experience.

2. PROGRESSION

Your higher education journey can continue after you graduate. If you take your undergraduate degree with us, you may qualify for an alumni discount.

3. STEP UP

If you are a mature student who graduated some time ago or a professional without a degree, you can apply via our step up programme.

POST-GRADUATE

HIGHER AND DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

Higher and degree apprenticeships are the work-based route to higher education, which offer on-the-job training and a qualification. Learn more at staffs.ac.uk/apprenticeships

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MAP KEY

- 1** Main building entrance
Teaching Space
- 2** Flexible teaching spaces and
simmersive rooms
- 3** Library and IT
resources
- 4** Rear entrance to
main building
- 5** Flexible teaching
spaces and
simmersive areas
- 6** The Atrium
- 7** Restaurant and
Coffee
Bar (Ground floor)
- 8** Student social
spaces and offices
(First floor)



Getting around the Centre for Health Innovation



Shops

Please note that distances
are approximate.

Cornwell Chemist
(0.9 mile) Beaconside
Stafford ST18 0BF

Co-op (1.4 miles)
Weston Road
Stafford ST16 3RL

Aldi (1.7 miles)
Queensville
Stafford ST17 4NY

Asda (1.9 miles)
Queensway
Stafford ST16 3TA

Tesco Extra (2.2 miles)
Newport Road
Stafford ST16 2HE

Canalside Farm (3.6 miles)
Great Haywood
Stafford ST18 0RQ



Transport

Bus Route from Stafford Train Station

From Goal Square join the 841 / 841A (Uttoxeter) to Weston Road Academy/Blackheath Lane

www.chaserider.co.uk | www.arrivabus.co.uk | www.firstbus.co.uk

Mini bus service

There is a FREE return shuttle service between Stafford Station and our Blackheath Lane campus on the open day. Times from Stafford Train Station 8.30am, 9.30am and 10.30am. Please note that the last service from the Blackheath Lane campus to Stafford Station is at 3.00pm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Free wifi

Simply select 'WiFi Guest' and choose 'Get online at Staffordshire University' so you can start sharing your day with us from the moment you arrive. Why not try out our Snapchat Geofilter and send us your snaps of the day?



Visitors with disabilities

If you have specific support needs, please let us know by emailing events@staffs.ac.uk prior to your visit so we can make suitable arrangements. If you'd like to speak to someone during your visit, head to the Student Support and Welfare stand at the Information Fair.



First Aid

If you need assistance or first aid help during your visit, it's important not to panic. Speak to one of our friendly ambassadors or staff. They will find the closest first aid trained member of staff for you.



Fire Alarm

If a fire alarm sounds, leave the building by the nearest exit. A member of staff or student ambassador will direct you to the nearest fire assembly point. Do not use lifts or re-enter the building until staff confirm it is safe to do so.



Photography / Filming

Some photography and filming will be taking place during the Open Day for us to use in future University publicity material. Please let the photographer know if you don't want to appear in any photos or video footage.



Social media

Don't forget to share your Open Day experience using [#StaffsOpenDay](https://twitter.com/StaffsOpenDay). Plus, for more exciting coverage of the day, including live Q&As, tours and competitions, visit our social media channels.

www.staffs.ac.uk/socialmedia



We understand that open days can be overwhelming for some so we operate a quiet programme to support visitors who may find this more suitable. **The Quiet Programme can also be accessed by scanning the QR code.**



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ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



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TOP 5 FOR FIRST GEN STUDENTS

The Mail University Guide 2025

TOP 10 FOR CAREER PROSPECTS

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2023

TOP 20 FOR FACILITIES

Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2023

TOP 5 FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

The Times and The Sunday Times Good
University Guide 2025

BEST EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

For Games - TIGA Games Industry Awards
2024

TOP 20 IN THE ENGLISH SOCIAL MOBILITY INDEX

LSBU and Higher Education Policy Institute
2024

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