



**NEXT  
GEN**  
EDUCATION

**HEALTHCARE  
AND  
WELLBEING**

# WELCOME TO HEALTHCARE AND WELLBEING

Train for a rewarding career where you can make a difference to people's lives every day.

Whether you want to become a midwife, nurse, paramedic, biomedical scientist or social worker, we can help you realise your dream.

We offer a range of courses across the health and care sectors. With many of our courses offering work placements and simulated learning, we'll help you become a competent practitioner when you graduate.

You'll get far more than just a qualification with us. We have excellent placement opportunities, including a network of partner NHS trusts. It means you can apply your skills in a real-life environment.

There will also be lots of scope to get ready for the workplace at University. We have clinical simulation suites at both our Stoke-on-Trent and Stafford campuses, along with a giant immersive space that puts you at the heart of the action. In addition, we have a purpose-built Science Centre with specialist laboratories for you to practise your skills, and if you study Social Work, you could be acting out scenarios in our Community House and Immersive Suit.

Whichever subject you choose, you'll be taught by experts who have worked in the field and have up-to-date knowledge to help you succeed.



TAKE A TOUR OF  
OUR CLINICAL  
SIMULATION  
SUITES





Clinical Simulation



Immersion Room



Operating Department Practice Simulation



Fully functioning training ambulance

# WHY CHOOSE STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY?

## TOP 5 FOR CHILDREN'S NURSING

Guardian University Guide 2023

**PRACTICAL LEARNING  
REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE  
AND PLACEMENTS**

**SECTOR-LEADING  
IMMERSIVE FACILITIES**

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COURSES APPROVED BY THE  
**NMC, SWE AND HCPC\***

\*NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COUNCIL, SOCIAL WORK ENGLAND, HEALTH AND CARE PROFESSIONS COUNCIL



Operating Department Practice - Virtual Reality



Simmersion Room



Stafford Centre for Health Innovation

## WHY CHOOSE STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY?

**Our School of Health, Science and Wellbeing is leading the way in providing innovative teaching to students.**

It means you get plenty of hands-on experiences, practising your skills in a safe environment before going into a real workplace.

We've recently invested £5.8m in our Centre for Health Innovation in Stafford to add cutting edge simulation suites which can be transformed into different settings, such

as a hospital ward, emergency department or community house. Through virtual reality technology, you can also become immersed in topics to explore your subject in exciting new ways.

We have placed digital innovation and hyper-personalised support at the heart of the student learning experience.

It's a key reason why students rated Staffordshire University as one of the top 5 places to study in the UK (StudentCrowd University Awards 2022).

Our highly practical, career-focused courses are also designed to ensure you graduate work-ready.

If you take Paramedic Science, you'll spend some of your study time on the road gaining experience of real-life emergencies. Placements also form a major part of our degrees in Nursing Practice, Midwifery, Operating Department Practice, and Social Work.

The School oversees a number of other academic disciplines too, including Biomedical Science, Health and Social Care, and a degree in Working with Children, Young People and Families.

Our vision is to create graduates who are innovators, ready to seize opportunities and to thrive in their chosen fields in Staffordshire, the UK and the world.

# FACILITIES STOKE-ON-TRENT

## CLINICAL SIMULATION SUITES

These state-of-the-art facilities allow a number of clinical procedures to be simulated on mannequins, enabling students to safely experience real-life scenarios and reach a level of confidence and proficiency before carrying out procedures on real patients.

## CLINICAL TRAINING FACILITIES

Our labs provide the environment for you to learn fundamental skills that you will need to deliver high quality care in your future role of pre-hospital care. This includes advanced patient assessment techniques, airway management, obtaining intramuscular, intravenous and intraosseous access and advanced life support skills.

## SCIENCE CENTRE

Our £30m Science Centre is a hive of exploration, discovery and eureka moments. It contains specialist labs that delve into the areas of psychology, biomedicine, biology and more where you can practice and refine your practitioner skills.

## COMMUNITY HOUSE

Our fully furnished house is used for simulated, scenario-based training. The Community House includes audio and video facilities to record simulated exercises and allow detailed tutor and peer feedback.

## CELL CULTURE FACILITY

A specialist environment for the culture and study of both cancerous and non-cancerous human and mammalian cell lines. The facility is used by students to culture cell lines in vitro in dedicated incubators providing environmental conditions as close to the human or mammalian body as possible.

## SEQUENCING HUB AND ROOM

Specialist hub for performing molecular biology laboratory techniques. Facilities for genetic and gene expression analysis, cellular imaging and growth of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells.



Science Centre



Clinical training facilities



Immersive Suite

TAKE A  
VIRTUAL  
CAMPUS  
TOUR



# FACILITIES STAFFORD

## STAFFORD CENTRE FOR HEALTH INNOVATION

Our Centre of Excellence in Stafford is a specialist campus dedicated to healthcare education\*, featuring bespoke facilities and excellent practice-based learning opportunities with local and regional health and social care organisations.

It's benefitted from recent substantial investment to ensure it offers the latest specialist facilities for healthcare learning. Our state-of-the-art simulation and skills labs allow you to experience real-life scenarios, helping you to hone your clinical and technical skills in a safe but realistic environment so that you're able to confidently carry out procedures on real patients.

We also have a dedicated healthcare library with study spaces to suit your needs, whether that's group learning or silent study.

Our brand new £5.8m building at our Stafford campus includes a state-of-the-art simulated and immersive learning centre, as well as some fantastic landscaped social spaces.

This latest development forms part of our ambitious plan to transform and modernise the future workforce of the healthcare industry, using advanced digital technology such as virtual and augmented reality.

This will help us to continue our commitment to driving the patient safety agenda across the region and enable us to achieve our aspirations of creating the very safest graduates to the health and social care professions, as well as developing new patient safety techniques.

\*Courses based at our Stafford campus include all Nursing courses, Midwifery, Paramedic Science and Operating Department Practice. All other Health and Wellbeing courses are run at our main Stoke-on-Trent campus, while our popular Adult Nursing degree, is run at both Stoke and Stafford.



# 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. We can realistically recreate various situations, allowing you to be immersed in a controlled environment where you can practise your skills safely, before going on to deal with real people.

Replicating the challenges that professionals face means that you'll be highly employable when you graduate and can confidently enter the complex, demanding and high-risk healthcare environment with all the skills you need to succeed. You'll learn through realistic simulation demonstrations, and innovative digital delivery methods, as well as in laboratory work and collaborative simulation exercises.

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 mannequins.

We also have a fully furnished community house, immersive room, 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.

## THE 5-STAGE APPROACH

- 1** Keynote lectures with written and video content.
- 2** Facilitated skills sessions for perfecting your technical abilities.
- 3** Facilitated simulation sessions with focus on technical and non-technical skills.
- 4** Simulation activity and debrief with a focus on non-technical skills and human factors.
- 5** Practice placement for applying your knowledge and skills.

Clinical Skills Simulation facilities



Children's Nursing Simulation



Immersive learning





## 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

#### 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

“ The university **works very closely with different placement areas** and provided a great combination of experiences for me towards my transition to becoming a registered nurse.



**AMY BASFORD**

NURSING PRACTICE: ADULT

“ The lecturers are more like colleagues. They don't talk down to you. **They are sharing their experience.**



**JULIE BROWN**

OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTICE

# MEET THE EXPERTS



**DR ANNA  
TSAROUCOA**

HEAD OF  
DEPARTMENT,  
SOCIAL WORK AND  
WELLBEING

After graduating with a doctorate in Psychology, Anna worked for several years as a researcher developing expertise in dementia, mental health and ageing, which has resulted in several publications in peer review journals. Anna has been instrumental in the restructure and revamp of the health and social care course, which is contemporary, innovative, and fully research informed.



**ALEXANDRA  
BIRCH**

LEAD MIDWIFE

Alexandra is the Lead Midwife for Education and has a passion for leadership, service improvement and creating low-risk environments for high risk women in midwifery care. She has held a variety of senior roles in the NHS and her experiences enable her to ensure that theory is linked to practice and students go on to become high quality midwives of the future.



**REBECCA  
WRIGHT**

COURSE LEADER  
(OPERATING  
DEPARTMENT  
PRACTICE)

After graduating in Operating Department Practice at Staffordshire University in 2010, Rebecca has worked at several hospitals across the West Midlands in both the NHS and private sector's covering various roles within the operating theatre, including Urology Theatre Lead, Gynaecology Theatre Lead/Deputy Theatre Co-Ordinator alongside being a Practice Educator for learners.



**REBECCA  
FORD**

SOCIAL WORK,  
COURSE DIRECTOR

Having had 15 years' experience in direct practice with children and families involved with statutory services, Rebecca moved into academia several years ago and joined Staffordshire University. She has a range of areas of expertise including, social work with children and families, safeguarding and working with older children, looked after children and young people leaving care, social work law with children and families and social work practice education.



**HELEN  
ASHWOOD**

COURSE LEADER  
(NURSING PRACTICE  
- MENTAL HEALTH)

Helen is dedicated to supporting and mentoring students through their training to help them realise their ambition of becoming an adult nurse. She has a wealth of clinical experience including in emergency care and is a member of the NMC, RCN and a Senior Fellow of the Health Education Academy.



**REBECCA  
BODEN**

COURSE LEADER  
(NURSING  
PRACTICE - CHILD)

Rebecca has a wide range of general paediatrics experience within acute clinical settings. She's cared for children with a range of medical, surgical and orthopaedic conditions, as well as working in high dependency care before working as a Children's Oncology specialist nurse. Her current interests include developing online learning strategies.



**KIRSTY  
APPS**

COURSE LEADER  
(PARAMEDIC  
SCIENCE)

Kirsty has worked in varied roles within the Ambulance Service including as a Technician, Paramedic, Mentor and Clinical Team Mentor, as well as an Advanced Care Paramedic in Australia. She is also a trained Emergency Care Practitioner and is also the Practice Lead for Paramedic Science, continuing to contribute to the development and delivery of all teaching and learning across the programme.



**DAWN  
LAWRENCE**

WORKING WITH  
CHILDREN, YOUNG  
PEOPLE AND  
FAMILIES, COURSE  
LEADER

Course leader Dawn Lawrence joined the University in 2019 and has been instrumental in the design of the new BA (Hons) Working with Children Young People and Families. She has an interest in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and is very proactive in driving this forward.

# MEET THE EXPERTS



**DR RICHARD  
HALFPENNY**

COURSE LEADER  
(BIOMEDICAL  
SCIENCE)

Richard spent 16 years working within a business setting before returning to university to study a PhD on the discrimination of cryptic *Culex* mosquito species. He is actively working on various research projects and is a member of the Microplastics Research Group, the Green Wall Centre Research Group and the Invertebrate Research Group at Staffordshire University.



**IAN  
DAVIES**

SENIOR LECTURER  
(BIOMEDICAL  
SCIENCE)

Ian previously worked within the NHS as lead biomedical scientist and operational manager, and has also worked in a team assisting in the diagnosis and monitoring of disease. He is active on several training committees and also acts as an external verifier for Health and Care Professions Council registration portfolios for pre-registration biomedical scientists. Amongst several achievements, in 2023 Ian was awarded the prestigious UK Advancing Healthcare Award of "Biomedical Scientist of the Year".

# OUR COURSES

## COURSES AT OUR STOKE-ON-TRENT CAMPUS

Course title	Award	UCAS Code	UCAS Offer	Duration in years
Biomedical Science	BSc (Hons)	B900	112-120	3
Biomedical Science	MSci	C900	120-128	4
Biomedical Science (with foundation year)	BSc (Hons)	B908	48	4
Biomedical Science (with placement year)	BSc (Hons)	B901	112-120	4
Health and Social Care	BSc (Hons)	L512	96-112	3
Health and Social Care (with foundation year)	BSc (Hons)	L516	48	4
Nursing Practice (Adult)	BSc (Hons)	B744	112-120	3
Social Work	BA (Hons)	L500	112-120	3
Working with Children, Young People and Families	BA (Hons)	L517	112-120	3

## COURSES AT OUR STAFFORD CENTRE FOR HEALTH INNOVATION

Course title	Award	UCAS Code	UCAS Offer	Duration in years
Midwifery	BMid	B720	128	3
Nursing Practice (Adult)	BSc (Hons)	B742	112-120	3
Nursing Practice (Child)	BSc (Hons)	B731	112-120	3
Nursing Practice (Mental Health)	BSc (Hons)	B760	112-120	3
Operating Department Practice	BSc (Hons)	B902	112-120	3
Paramedic Science	BSc (Hons)	B780	112-120	3



Clinical Simulation

# BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE



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## JOINT FIRST IN ENGLAND FOR OVERALL STUDENT SATISFACTION

National Student Survey 2022



Find out more  
about the  
course here



Biomedical scientists are leading the fight against disease and their work touches on the lives of virtually everyone in the UK. Now's your chance to make a difference by joining the scientists who are winning the battle against global health challenges.



### WHY CHOOSE US...

- Guaranteed work placement with local, regional and national employers. Choose your dream placement with support from our staff.
- Practical and applied learning combines with field trips and real-world challenges to give you plenty of opportunities to put skills and knowledge into action. You'll develop skills that are highly sought after by employers.
- Become part of an active research community and work with experts on live projects. From day one on the course, you'll be treated as a University scientist and not just a student.
- £30m Science Centre with fantastic facilities, including dedicated bioscience labs, specialist cell culture facilities and an analytical centre.
- Strong links with industry, including the prestigious companies at Alderley Park in Cheshire, the UK's largest single site life science campus.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

You'll cover the principles of biological and biomedical medicine, address biology and diagnosis of disease and focus on training through clinically based modules. In year 3, you'll conduct your own independent piece of research.

#### Module examples:

- Global issues and professional development
- Genetics and diversity
- Molecular and cellular biology
- Practical skills for life scientists
- Interventions and disease management

### WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Many of our graduates find work within the NHS - beginning as medical laboratory assistants and progressing to biomedical scientist roles. Common employment routes include specialised areas such as the Blood Transfusion Service, microbiology, immunology and clinical biochemistry, working in either NHS, governmental or private laboratories.

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



If you want to help some of the most vulnerable people in society, our Health and Social Care degree is a great place to start. Gain the skills, practical knowledge and experience you need to deliver effective support. Become a successful professional, who can positively address future health and social care challenges.



Find out more about the course here



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Teaching is multi-disciplinary and research-led, delivered by knowledgeable lecturers with extensive sector experience. They will help you relate study topics to current policy and practice.
- Complement your classroom-based studies with work experience placements within various health and social care organisations. We'll support you in finding your placements in an area you aspire to work in.
- Tailor your learning and choose your specialism that's in line with your career goals and aspirations. From public health or caring for the elderly through to supporting young people and families.
- Access state-of-the-art simulation facilities to enhance your learning, such as our Community House, equipped with video and audio recording technology, allowing you to experience real-life scenarios and hone your client interaction skills.
- Complete a research project in your final year on a topic of your choice.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Explore a range of health and social care topics and issues, including human development, health policy, the structure of the NHS, research and leadership, all underpinned by current practice and cutting-edge research. Employability skills are embedded throughout the course, with a clear focus on how studies can be applied within the workplace.

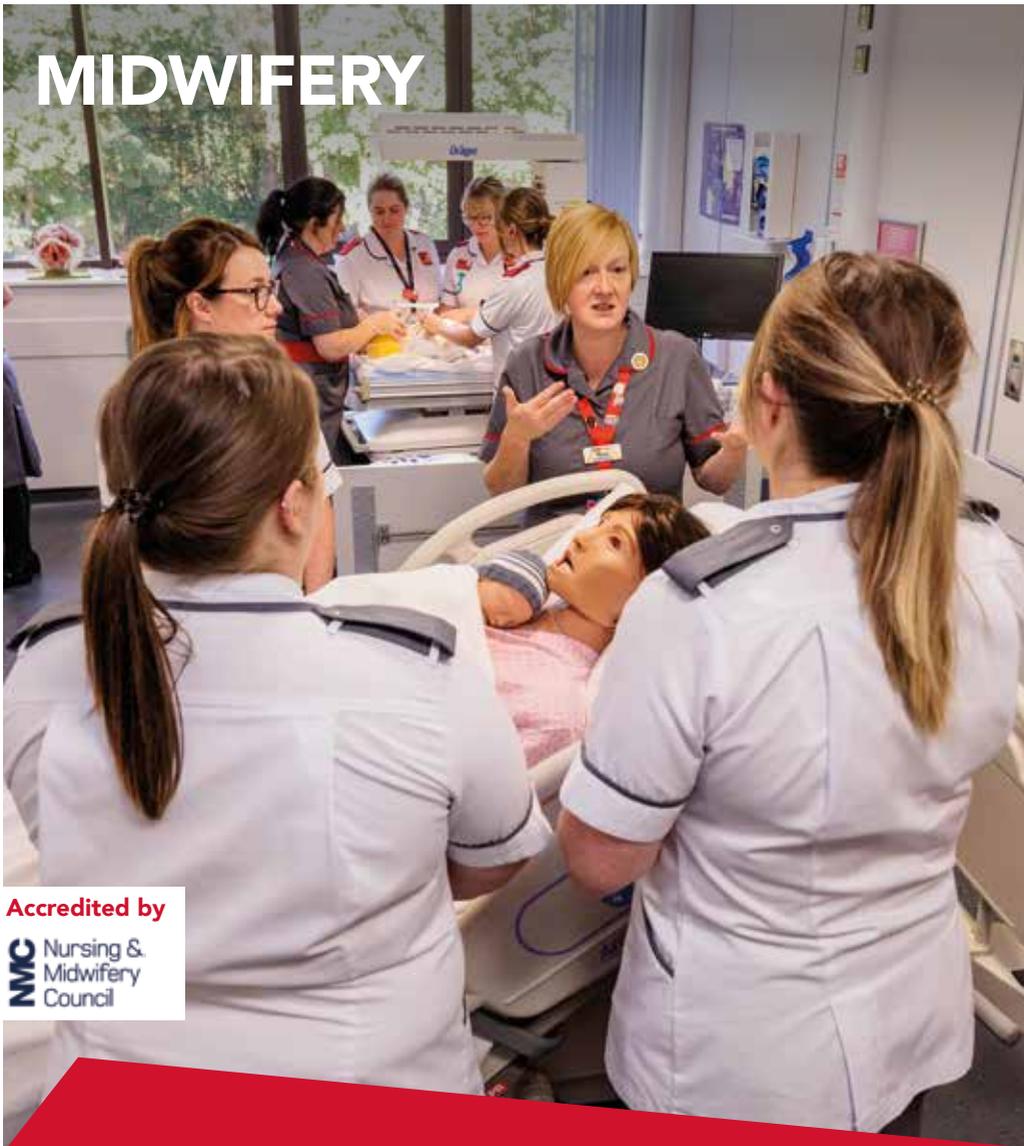
### Module examples:

- Youth Crime and Criminal Justice, Alcohol and Substance Use
- Human Growth and Development
- Leadership and Management
- Understanding Health and Social Care Organisations

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Our graduates go into various rewarding careers in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Many support the elderly, children, people with drug and alcohol dependency, mental health issues or disabilities. Other careers include strategic or managerial roles, including hospital management or health policy development.

# MIDWIFERY



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Midwifery  
Council

Want to join a rewarding career where you make a difference every day? Our Midwifery course will teach you how to provide evidence-based, holistic and woman-centred care. Experience a range of teaching methods, facilities and placements as you build the confidence, skills and expertise to enable you to become a compassionate and confident midwife.



Find out more  
about the  
course here



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Our course has been updated to reflect current midwifery standards and practices, it will be certified by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC); a professionally recognised accreditation that enables you to register as a midwife upon graduation.
- Hone your skills in the safe, controlled environments at our Centre for Health Innovation – the dedicated midwifery skills lab is equipped with a resuscitative automated birthing mannequin and robotic baby.
- Learn from an expert team of qualified, registered midwives with a wealth of experience in clinical practice, who'll bring your learning to life using the most up-to-date skills and technologies.
- Spend around half of your study time in practice learning placements across a range of healthcare settings within our partner NHS trusts and independent providers across Cheshire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Derbyshire and the West Midlands.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Midwifery is a career that requires lifelong learning in a dynamic healthcare system and this course will provide a foundation for your professional midwifery practice. Our course maximises opportunities for students to learn from various health professions and learn together in a multi-professional environment.

### Module examples:

- Holistic Health Across the Reproductive Lifespan
- Professional, Legal and Ethical Considerations
- Altered Health in Maternity Care
- Optimising Neonatal Health

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

We foster a lifelong learning environment that prepares you to deliver high-quality, family centred-care. Upon successful completion of this course, you will be eligible to apply to register as an NMC registered Midwife. You could work in hospital or private settings and continue your learning into different specialisms.

# NURSING PRACTICE (ADULT)



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Midwifery  
Council

Our Adult Nursing Practice course opens up a range of exciting and rewarding career opportunities working as a caring, committed, competent and compassionate healthcare professional. Gain the essential skills and qualities needed to plan and deliver care for individuals when they need your support most.



Find out more  
about the  
course here



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Our course meets the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) standards, an internationally recognised accreditation that enables you to register as an Adult Nurse upon successful completion.
- Hone your skills in the safe, controlled environment of our cutting-edge simulation and immersive facilities, including: Simulation suites, immersive room and clinical skills laboratories
- Opportunity to study at our main campus in Stoke-on-Trent or our Centre for Health Innovation in Stafford.
- Learn from an expert team of registered nurses with a wealth of experience in clinical practice, who will bring your learning to life using the most up-to-date skills and technologies.
- Access a wide range of practice learning placements, where you'll spend around half your study time. You will grow your skills in a variety of areas of Adult Nursing and put your skills into practice with real patients.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Develop the essential skills needed to deliver safe clinical care, integrating theory and practice through learning placements and simulation-based exercises. The curriculum covers topics such as human factors, ergonomics and patient safety. Learning is focused on evidenced-based, value-driven philosophy working independently and as part of a team.

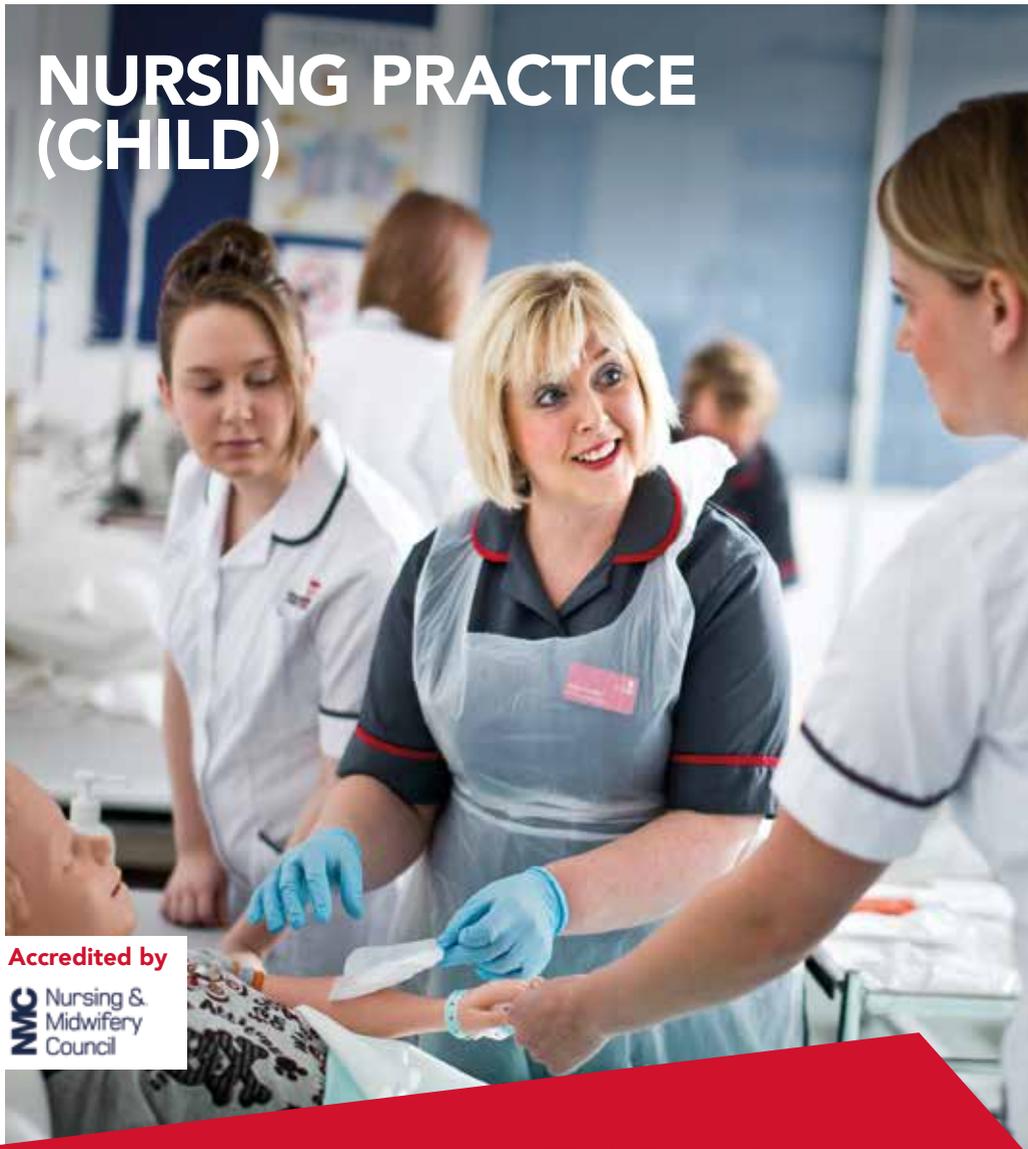
### Module examples:

- Mental Health and Physical Health Through the Lifespan
- Professional, Legal and Ethical Considerations
- Adult Nursing Practice

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Typical adult nursing roles including becoming a staff nurse in an acute hospital or community setting, or a specialist practitioner in areas such as intensive care, sexual health, long-term condition management or older adult care. There are lots of opportunities for further study to progress your career.

# NURSING PRACTICE (CHILD)



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## TOP 10 FOR CHILDREN'S NURSING

Guardian University Guide 2023



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about the  
course here



Make a difference every day as a Children's Nurse. Our Nursing Practice course helps you to gain the practical skills, knowledge and qualities to provide committed, competent and compassionate care to children, young people and their families, as well as addressing children's changing healthcare needs.



### WHY CHOOSE US...

- Our course meets the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) standards, an internationally recognised accreditation that enables you to register as a Children's Nurse upon successful completion.
- Hone your skills in the safe, controlled environment of our cutting-edge simulation and immersive facilities, including: Simulation suites, immersive room and clinical skills laboratories at our £5.8m Centre for Health Innovation.
- Learn from an expert team of registered nurses with a wealth of experience in clinical practice, who will bring your learning to life using the most up-to-date skills and technologies.
- Access a wide range of practice learning placements, where you'll spend around half your study time. You will grow your skills in a variety of areas of Children's Nursing and put your skills in to practice with real patients.

### WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

You will develop essential skills, values, attitudes and behaviours for professional practice. Experience inter-professional education and simulated learning and undertake an elective placement in an area of your choice. You'll focus on evidence-based, value-driven practice both independently and as part of a team.

#### Module examples:

- Children and Young People's Nursing Care
- Mental Health and Physical Health Through the Lifespan
- Physical Assessment and Preparation for Prescribing

### WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Graduates specialising in children's nursing include those working within internationally renowned children's hospitals, as well as NHS settings and private settings. You could also undertake further study to help progress in your career into management or specialist roles.

# NURSING PRACTICE (MENTAL HEALTH)



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Support individuals with mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, psychosis, trauma and dementia as a Mental Health Nurse. Our course will prepare you to work on the front line of nursing as a committed and competent healthcare professional. Grow your skills with simulated and real-world learning.



Find out more  
about the  
course here



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Our course meets the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) standards, an internationally recognised accreditation that enables you to register as a Mental Health Nurse upon successful completion.
- Hone your skills in the safe, controlled environment of our cutting-edge simulation and immersive facilities, including: Simulation suites, immersive room and clinical skills laboratories at our £5.8m Centre for Health Innovation.
- Learn from an expert team of registered nurses with a wealth of experience in clinical practice, who will bring your learning to life using the most up-to-date skills and technologies.
- Access a wide range of practice learning placements, where you'll spend around half your study time. You will grow your skills in a variety of areas of Mental Health Nursing and put your skills in to practice with real patients in different environments.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Develop an understanding of a wide range of mental health issues and become skilled in a variety of ways responding to mental disorder. You will gain practical experience working with patients as well as developing your confidence in simulated scenarios before going out in to practice.

### Module examples:

- Mental Health and Physical Health Through the Lifespan
- Mental Health Nursing in Practice
- Professional, Legal and Ethical Considerations

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Our close links with mental health trusts mean most students specialising in mental health nursing line up jobs for straight after graduation. They could be working for community, inpatient, charities and specialist services. With further education, you could also progress your career into management roles.

# OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTICE



Learn how to play a major role in patient operations as they go under anaesthetic through to their recovery. Our Operating Department Practice degree will prepare you for a career as part of a hospital theatre team. The role is varied with lots of career opportunities in different areas of the hospital setting.



Find out more about the course here



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Our course is accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).
- On campus, you'll be based at our £5.8m Centre for Health Innovation, where we offer some of the best immersive education facilities in the UK including VR backdrops and a simulated operating theatre. Hone your skills in a safe environment.
- Gain practical experience as you spend around half your time on placement working alongside surgeons, anaesthetists and nurses covering everything from basic care to managing emergency situations.
- Learn from our expert teaching team with industry expertise and knowledge to bring you the most up-to-date skills, techniques and technologies.
- Our course structures your studies within the context of professional practice to give you the hands-on experience and skills you need to deliver essential care in the operating theatre.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Our innovative course structure places your studies within the context of professional practice, working alongside surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and other healthcare professionals to cover everything from basic care to emergency situations.

### Module examples:

- Professional Context of the Operating Department Practitioner
- Clinical Practice, Wellbeing and Simulation
- Post-Anaesthetic Care and Advanced Pharmacology
- Enhancing Operating Department Practice and Emergency Care
- Leadership and Service Development

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Operating Department Practitioners provide skilled care and support to patients in the anaesthetic care, surgery and recovery phases. Our graduates provide services in operating departments and associated areas such as resuscitation, intensive care or emergency departments. ODPs can progress to become managers or specialise in various areas.

# PARAMEDIC SCIENCE



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Become a paramedic student with us and you'll spend part of your time gaining knowledge and practical skills at our Centre for Health Innovation, and the rest out on the road gaining experience of real-life emergencies. You'll also take part in large scale, multi-disciplinary simulation events that take place on campus.



Find out more about the course here



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Our course is accredited by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) meaning upon successful completion you can apply to become a registered paramedic.
- Learn in our cutting-edge simulation facilities at our £5.8m Centre for Health Innovation, including a fully functioning training ambulance and immersive room with projections of scenarios and incidents to practice your skills in a realistic but safe environment.
- Placement opportunities including a partnership with West Midlands Ambulance Service where you'll be doing shifts alongside experienced paramedics.
- Learn from our expert team of teaching practitioners with industry expertise and knowledge, who will bring your learning to life using the most up-to-date skills, techniques and technologies.
- Take part in large-scale, multi-disciplinary simulation days alongside nursing students, working as teams to treat patients.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Our Paramedic Science degree will teach you the lifesaving skills to provide on-the-ground care to patients. As we follow the College of Paramedic's guidance, you'll also cover physical, behavioural and life sciences, social health, ethics and law and evidence based and research practice.

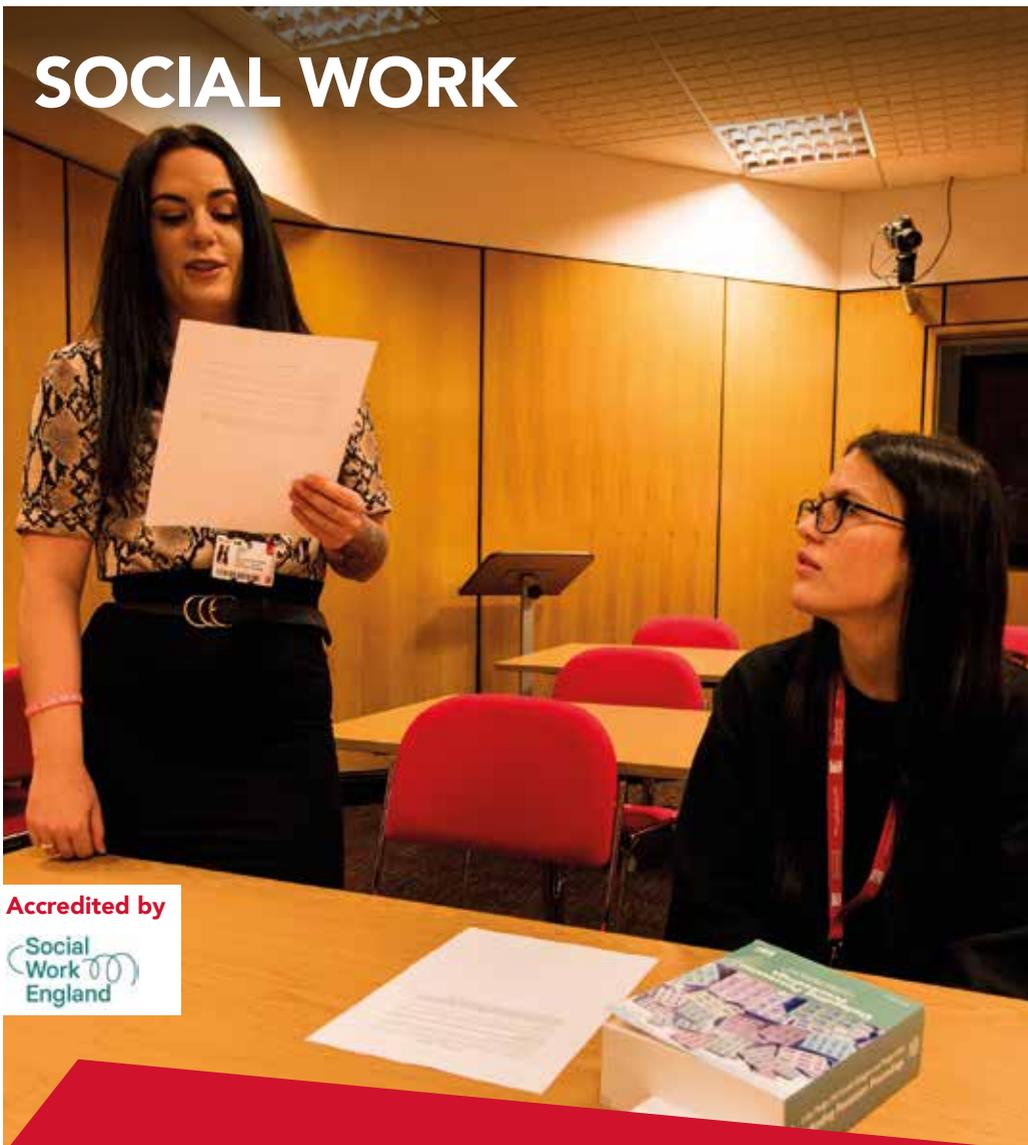
### Module examples:

- Principles of Patient Safety and Paramedic Practice
- Applied Clinical Skills
- Inclusive Pre-hospital Care
- Non-technical Skills and Simulation

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

The HCPC registration means our graduates can apply for jobs within any NHS or private pre-hospital organisations. They will typically gain employment with NHS ambulance trusts and private providers. They start off in generalist roles as paramedics, but with at least two years' experience as a registered paramedic, you can take on a more specialist role.

# SOCIAL WORK



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Start your career journey to delivering effective social support to vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and families. Our Social Work course provides the practical learning and knowledge you need to become a confident and highly skills practitioner, fully prepared for a future in this rewarding profession.



Find out more about the course here



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Our course is approved and regulated by Social Work England (SWE).
- Learn utilising bespoke immersive and simulation facilities in our Community House, equipped with video and audio recording technology, allowing students to experience real-life scenarios and hone their client interaction skills.
- The teaching team at Staffordshire University are qualified and experienced social workers with a diverse range of backgrounds and experience in specialty areas, who can help you relate your study topics to current policy and practice.
- Access to excellent practice learning placement opportunities, allowing you to implement your knowledge across all areas of Social Work, boosting your work experience and employability.
- Transferable skills are embedded throughout the course, with a clear focus on how your learning can be applied for your future career.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Our curriculum spans both children and young people's and adults' social work. You'll grow your skills and knowledge across areas such as safeguarding, community and therapeutic services. Learn how to effectively support a wide range of demographic groups and help them to achieve positive change in their lives.

### Module examples:

- Evidence Informed Practice in Mental Health
- Working with Risk and Complexity
- Preparation for Practice
- Sociology for Social Work

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Our graduates have an excellent employability rate upon completion of the course, with many of them gaining employment with our placement providers. The course will prepare you for a career in social work across a diverse range of social welfare settings.

# WORKING WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES



Bring about positive change and benefit the lives of children, young people and their families. You'll expand your communication skills to enable you to become a competent practitioner who can work with families and empower them to take sustainable actions that will improve their lives.



Find out more  
about the  
course here



## WHY CHOOSE US...

- Take part in regular simulation exercises that will enable you to build on your communication skills and prepare you for working within the community.
- Learn the knowledge you need to become a confident and competent practitioner.
- Gain career support from the outset, understanding how what you are learning can be added to your portfolio ready to share with employers.
- Learn from a passionate team of qualified and experienced practitioners with a diverse range of backgrounds and expertise who will help you relate your study to current policy and practice. In addition, guest speakers will enhance your learning, bringing in knowledge directly from the sector.
- You'll have access to a range of practice learning placement opportunities and support in finding work experience in an area that is relevant to the field you want to go in to.

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN...

Study aspects of child development, looking at how society understands the concept of family and the rights of children, explore the issue of child safeguarding using models such as THRIVE, recognise and assess complex needs, understand crisis intervention and consider current legislation and policies to determine how practitioners can help protect children.

### Module examples:

- Communication skills and improving family communication
- Safeguarding Children/Adults
- Supporting Health and Wellbeing

## WHAT YOU COULD DO NEXT...

Working with Children, Young People and Families graduates could go on to work in many settings, such as children's residential care, family support work, substance misuse roles, youth justice, early intervention roles and advocacy.



## APPRENTICESHIPS WITH STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY

Our apprenticeship courses allow you to gain a qualification and earn while you learn, as your employer will cover your tuition fees. As an apprentice, every day will be different - you'll have the unique opportunity to learn in varied environments, giving you both the practical and theoretical knowledge to become an expert in your field.



Explore full details of our apprenticeships



### NURSING ASSOCIATE

#### Level 5

This apprenticeship has been developed by Staffordshire University to cater for the role of Nursing Associate which was put in place to help ensure continued high-quality care within the health environment.

The apprenticeship recognises, develops and maximises the talents of staff, building on these to produce highly trained Nursing Associates that are job-ready and meet the standards for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

The Nursing Associate is a new role created in response to political initiatives to continually improve the way care is delivered. The training is primarily aimed at staff that are currently providing care to patients and their relatives across the NHS and want to progress and become better equipped to deliver high quality care.

On successful completion of study, we will issue the following award: Level 5 Foundation Degree.

### REGISTERED NURSE

#### Integrated Degree Apprenticeship – Level 6

The purpose of this apprenticeship is to both prepare you for entry to the professional Nursing Register and to award you an academic qualification commensurate with your learning outcomes.

Your chosen course meets the statutory requirements for nurse education (NMC 2018) and comprises both field-specific (where you have sessions with students studying the same field of nursing as you) and shared modules (where you have sessions with students studying other fields of nursing). Successful completion of your apprenticeship allows you to apply for professional registration with the NMC as a Registered Nurse (Adult), Registered Nurse (Mental Health), or Registered Nurse (Children), according to your course.

Our aim is to provide a high-quality degree apprenticeship that will enable you as a graduate, to be successful throughout a challenging and rewarding career. Nursing is a career that requires life-long learning in a dynamic health care system and your course will provide the academic and practice-based foundation for both nursing care and further development. This curriculum fosters a learning environment that prepares caring and compassionate nurses committed to both professional and personal values, and responsibility.

## SOCIAL WORKER

### Integrated Degree Apprenticeship - Level 6

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**This apprenticeship is for health and social care employees who are working in a team where they are providing front facing intervention wanting to gain a professional qualification in social work.**

The delivery of the course includes one day a week of 'off the job learning' for the duration of the course. There will be a strong emphasis on activity-focused learning and the apprentice will be expected to engage actively in all sessions.

On successful completion of study, we will issue the following award: BA (Hons) in Social Work Practice. In addition, you will be able to register with Social Work England as a Social Worker.

## ASSISTANT PRACTITIONER

### Higher Apprenticeship in Perioperative Care – Level 5

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**This apprenticeship has been designed for Support Workers working in an Operating Theatre setting to prepare them for employment as a Band 4 Assistant Practitioner (Health) in Perioperative Care.**

The course includes one day classroom based and independent study per week, with the remainder of the time spent in supervised practice-based learning in the workplace. The course is delivered using a variety of methods including face-to-face teaching and distance learning. During their studies, apprentices will learn from a number of experts in perioperative care including academic staff from the University, guest speakers, service users and carers.

On successful completion of study, we will issue the following award: Foundation Degree Science (FdSc) in Perioperative Care.

## OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTICE

### Integrated Degree Apprenticeship – Level 6

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**The Operating Department Practitioner degree features an integrated degree to ensure you have the necessary academic and practical experience to become a confident Operating Department Practitioner.**

ODPs must continually make professional decisions to ensure the patient receives the best care before, during and after their surgery. They ensure that the operating theatre environment is safe and effective, and therefore have expertise in the management of specialist equipment and materials in a highly technical environment, for example handling surgical instruments, checking anaesthetic equipment, moving patients and giving medication.

ODPs must demonstrate confidence, compassion, competence and effective judgement; being responsible for their decisions. They must use evidence based practice to inform and evaluate the effectiveness of the actions they take with the aim of continually improving outcomes for patients. They are responsible for ensuring their own professional knowledge and skills through continuous professional development (CPD) and support the development of others.

## HEALTHCARE SCIENCE PRACTITIONER

### Integrated Degree Apprenticeship – Level 6

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**Study an engaging Healthcare Science programme and specialise in Life Sciences.**

This apprenticeship has been designed to provide apprentices with the knowledge, skills and behaviours needed to apply for registration as a Biomedical Scientist working within a clinical pathology laboratory. Biomedical Scientists are responsible for the analysis of a wide range of diagnostic tests that contribute to the clinical assessment of patients for the presence of disease, the monitoring of health and the effectiveness of treatments. Within the clinical laboratory setting they are required to practice autonomously, use scientific and clinical judgement, and deal with ambiguity. Their work impacts directly on safe and effective patient care, and they contribute to the supervision and training of trainee practitioners and the pathology support workforce.

The course is accredited by the Institute of Biomedical Science and is approved by the Health and Care Professions Council. Upon successful completion of study, we will issue the following award: BSc (Hons) Healthcare Science (Life Sciences).

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## SUBJECT TO APPROVAL/VALIDATION

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**We're always striving to deliver the most current and relevant degrees, both by creating new courses and regularly reviewing our current offering.**

Each time we make changes, the course goes through a rigorous approval process to ensure that it's the perfect fit for our students, employers and other relevant stakeholders.

Some of the courses inside this guide may be marked as 'subject to approval' or 'subject to validation', but don't worry, this just means some of the details of the course won't have been finalised yet. As soon as new courses are approved and validated, up-to-date information will be provided on the online course pages at [www.staffs.ac.uk/courses](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/courses)

If you have been offered a place and there is a significant change to the course, or for any reason, the course doesn't run – we will contact you immediately and fully support you in finding the best suitable alternative.

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At the time of printing in May 2023, the courses listed in this guide represent those we intend to offer for the 2023/2024 academic years. Very occasionally, however, we need to make changes to our courses, including their content and the way in which they are delivered. In some instances, courses can be discontinued or combined with other courses.

Reasons for withdrawing courses can include insufficient student numbers and courses not receiving the necessary accreditation or approval. Changes to course information may include operational and academic reasons.

If circumstances beyond our control mean we cannot provide particular educational services, all reasonable steps will be taken to minimise any disruption to those services. However, the University will have no liability for any loss or damage suffered by any prospect or student as a result.

As a prospective student of Staffordshire University, it's your responsibility to ensure you have fully reviewed up-to-date course information before you

apply, and that your chosen course fully meets your requirements. You should also check the course still meets your requirements before accepting an offer to study with us.

Student satisfaction scores have been provided by Unistats and are correct at the time of going to print. For more information, visit: [discoveruni.gov.uk](http://discoveruni.gov.uk)

If we discontinue a course or programme and you're not happy with the alternative offered, or if a programme is changed and you're not happy with the changes, you'll be given the opportunity to withdraw from the programme. Up-to-date course information can be found on our website ([www.staffs.ac.uk](http://www.staffs.ac.uk)), or by calling us on **01782 294400**.

If you're offered a place at Staffordshire University, your offer will be subject to the University's Terms and Conditions of Offer. If you become a student of Staffordshire University, you will enter a contract with us and be bound by our rules and regulations. These, too, may vary from time to time ([www.staffs.ac.uk/rulesandregs](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/rulesandregs)).

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**IN THE UK FOR  
QUALITY EDUCATION**

Sustainable Development Goal 4  
THE Impact Rankings 2023

**TOP  
10**

**FOR CAREER  
PROSPECTS**

Whatuni Student Choice  
Awards 2023

**TOP  
20**

**FOR  
FACILITIES**

Whatuni Student Choice  
Awards 2023

**TOP  
10**

**FOR SOCIAL  
INCLUSION**

The Times and The Sunday Times  
Good University Guide 2023

**87%**

**OF RESEARCH IMPACT  
IS 'OUTSTANDING' OR  
'VERY CONSIDERABLE'**

Research Excellence  
Framework 2021

**68%**

**OF RESEARCH IS  
'INTERNATIONALLY EXCELLENT'  
OR 'WORLD LEADING'**

Research Excellence  
Framework 2021

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