

GETTING INTO NURSING!



I'm taking the HNC Healthcare Practice Route via College

- **Who:** School leavers & those with the relevant qualifications
- **Duration:** 1 year to complete HNC with the possibility of 2nd year entry to university.
- **Entry requirements:** 2 Highers incl English, N5 Biology and N5 Maths
- **Where:** West Lothian College & Edinburgh College

I'm taking the Modern Apprenticeship Route

- **Who:** Anyone Between 16 – 24 years of age or to the age of 29 if you have a disability or are care experienced
- **Duration:** 12-18 Months to complete a SVQ with progression onto the internal HNC Route then University
- **Entry requirements:** N4 English & Mathematics
- **Outcome:** Study while working in a clinical role

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I'm taking the University Route, My options were: Adult, Mental health & Learning Disability Nursing

- **Who:** School leavers & college students
- **Duration:** 3–4 years (depending on university)
- **Entry requirements:** Typically 3 Highers (at Grades B,C,C) inclusive of N5 English & N5 Maths and some universities require a Science
- **Where:** University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh Napier University, Queen Margaret University & The Open University

I'm employed by NHS Lothian and I'm taking the OU Route

- **Who:** NHS Lothian Healthcare Support Workers
- **Duration:** Around 4 years
- **Requirements:** N5 Maths & English
- **Outcome:** Study part-time while working in a clinical role
- **Where:** The OU Via NHS Lothian

I am taking the SWAP University Access to Nursing Programme

- **Who:** People who have been out of formal education for at least 3 years
- **Duration:** 1 year to complete SWAP then progression into university
- **Entry requirements:** No formal requirements
- **Outcome:**
- **Where:** West Lothian College & Edinburgh College

Are you a school leaver looking for careers advice? Get in touch with Developing the Young Workforce (DYW).



No matter where you start, there is no wrong path into a career in nursing.

Everyone's journey is different and that's completely okay. Some people go straight into university, while others take a college access course first, or discover nursing later through work experience. If you sit your exams and don't get the grades you hoped for, there is still a way forward.

To find out more information on a specific route, please scan the QR codes provided below

