

NEWS RELEASE

Nursing graduates from Informatics are likely to be employed in the UK

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Informatics, a provider of quality lifelong learning services, offers the Bachelor of Science (BSc (Hons)) in Applied Nursing Science by Northumbria University, UK. This Flexi-Learning degree programme will provide graduates with the ticket to a nursing career in the UK.

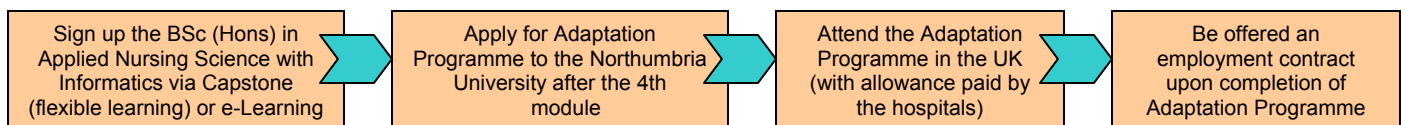
The advancement into a recognised University from the UK allows for a route to an accredited nursing degree allowing graduates international mobility and a ticket to a nursing career in UK. Upon completion of the degree, nurses will be able to apply to Northumbria University to undertake an ‘adaptation’ module of study. This module will be approved by UK’s Nursing and Midwifery Council. Upon passing this module, students will have to be qualified to seek employment with hospitals and nursing homes in the UK.

To many young working adults, nursing is seen as a passport to an employment overseas; it is the major concern of many to get a recession proof profession like nurses. With the partnership with an established university like the Northumbria University in the UK, Informatics is providing a career path to its nursing graduates.

Being offered an employment contract

When the Nursing Midwifery Council (UK) approves a University to offer students an adaptation course, the University enters into a partnership with the local hospitals and nursing homes.

Northumbria University is working with the Strategic Health Authority in the UK to ensure that their University links with all the local hospitals and nursing home providers who wish to participate in adaptation programmes. As such, once Informatics students complete the fourth module of the degree programme, they can then apply for the adaptation programme directly to the University. The University will work with the local hospital/nursing home providers and consider each student’s application and where they will be placed depending on their experience.



(Conditions apply)

This arrangement will be ready within the next six months, in time for the first batch of nurses who are successful in gaining a Northumbria Degree with Informatics.



The Nursing and Midwifery Council (UK) is very careful and selective of the adaptation courses and especially the marketing of the course because many overseas students have been misled by other institutions in the past.

“When we run our adaptation programme, we will be working in partnership with local Trusts. The Trusts intend to employ these students while they undertake their adaptation course and also will be offering contracts on completion, as long as they get on.” Said John Miller, Associate Dean - International and Business Development of Northumbria University.

John added that, “The hospitals we work with are already our partners and like most hospitals in the UK, they need to consider the nursing resource. The hospitals will need to meet and interview the applicants; besides paying the students while they do the adaptation course over here, the intention is to offer them contracts.”

The hospitals that Northumbria University works with are members of NHS Trusts. Each NHS Trust has several hospitals; Newcastle upon Tyne Acute Hospitals, NHS Trust uses: Freeman Hospital, Royal Victoria Hospital, Newcastle General Hospital. Northumberland Acute Hospitals NHS Trust uses North Tyneside District General Hospital, Wansbeck District Hospital. The University also works with the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Gateshead, South Tyneside Hospital, South Shields and The Royal Sunderland. In addition, the University also work with several smaller hospitals in Alnwick, Berwick, Blyth, Gateshead, Hexham.

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About Northumbria University

Northumbria University is a large metropolitan university, first established as a polytechnic in 1969 and inaugurated as a university on 1 September 1992. The largely modularised curriculum is delivered to almost 22,000 students about 15,000 of who are full-time. The remainder study on a wide range of part-time and short courses.

School of Health, Community and Education Studies at Northumbria

The new School of Health, Community and Education Studies (known formerly as the Faculty of Health, Social Work and Education), brings together a comprehensive range of expertise in the caring and enabling professions. We have over 300 academic staff supporting courses and research in health, nursing, health promotion, midwifery, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work and social care and teacher education.

Northumbria has a teaching record that many traditional universities struggle to match in terms of the number of subjects rated excellent and the proportion of teaching assessments receiving top scores. [Source: The Sunday Times University Guide]

*"Ranked 2nd in the UK for Nursing..."
[Times Good University Guide, 2005]*

About Informatics Group

The Informatics Group, listed on the mainboard of the Stock Exchange of Singapore, was established in 1983, and is a multinational corporation providing lifelong learning services in information technology and business management. Informatics presently has a global network spanning more than 50 countries,



offering programmes from O/A Levels (for international students) to undergraduate and postgraduate degree completions. The Company has won many awards including the Singapore Brand Awards 2002 and 2003, the Singapore Quality Class for Private Education Organisations (SQC for PEO) as well as the People Developer Standards Award. For more information, please visit <http://www.informaticsgroup.com>.

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