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As a Nurse you will support the Army both at home and overseas, providing world-class nursing in the most challenging of environments.

Army Nurses have taken care of the Army's health for over a century and continue to provide outstanding healthcare. Wherever the British Army operate you will find Nurses delivering high quality, safe and effective nursing care. Our Nurses provide primary and secondary healthcare in various locations across the world; from NHS trusts or Medical Regiments in the UK, to a Mobile Field Hospital on overseas operations.

You will apply to join the Army as a Nurse and dependent upon your knowledge, skills and experience; we will ensure you are given all the information needed to choose your career pathway, as either a soldier or an officer.

As part of the Army Medical Services you will be part of a team that provides some of the highest standards of clinical care in the world. You will have the support and opportunity to continue to study, gaining further qualifications in a variety of clinical specialities, military skills, sport and Adventurous Training.





BENEFITS

- 38 days' paid annual leave
- Travel and adventure
- Fully funded CPD in a variety of specialities
- Non-contributory pension
- Free medical and dental care
- Free sports and gym facilities
- Subsidised food and accommodation

For the most up to date Army rates of pay, please visit apply.army.mod.uk

ARMY RESERVE

If you like the idea of a career in the Army, but do not wish to leave your current job, joining a Reserve unit could provide you with the opportunities for professional development, sport and Adventurous Training. Reserve Army Nurses commit to a minimum of 19 or 27 training days (depending on your unit) a year. This training will then provide you with the skills required to be deployed as an Army Nurse on exercise or on operations.

You will get paid a day rate according to your rank; plus, if you complete all your annual training days, you're entitled to a tax-free bonus payment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

STUDENT NURSE – ADULT AND MENTAL HEALTH

ARMY STUDENT NURSE

Apply as a Student Nurse – Adult and Mental Health in the Army, and you will attend Birmingham City University full-time for 3 years and be paid as a full-time soldier. Birmingham City University offers the opportunity to undertake clinical placements in both military and NHS settings. By the end of your 3 years you will be ready to complete your preceptorship training under the guidance of an experienced Military Nurse, who will support you in your transition to professional practice.

- Tuition fees paid for
- Full-time salary whilst at university
- Subsidised accommodation costs
- Monthly food allowance

Entry requirements:

120 UCAS points plus 5 GCSE passes grades C/4 or above (must include Maths, English and a Science).

Please refer to the website for age requirements.

NURSE BURSARY

The Army also offers financial support to those who have secured a place on, or have already commenced a degree in nursing at a UK university of your choice. Apply for the Nurse bursary and you will receive taxable payments – an annual payment of £5,000 for up to three years plus a lump sum of £27,000 upon completion of your initial military training on joining.

Entry requirements:

Currently undertaking a nursing degree at a UK university, or have secured a place on a nursing degree course at a UK university.

Please refer to the website for age requirements.



REGISTERED NURSE

ADULT NURSE

If you are a Registered Adult Nurse, or studying to become one, the Army offers great opportunities to practice in challenging and rewarding environments both at home in the UK and on operations overseas. As an Army Nurse you have access to a wealth of Continued Professional Development (CPD) throughout your career. This includes opportunities to specialise in order to further develop your nursing career.

If it is required, the Army can provide a full preceptorship programme under the guidance of an experienced Military Nurse to support you in the transition to professional practice.

Qualified Specialist Nurses can receive substantial financial incentives to join as an Army Nurse.

Please refer to the website for age requirements.

Financial incentives:

A one-off payment of £20,000 may be available for the following Qualified Specialist Nurses (subject to change dependent upon Army requirement):

- Emergency Care
- Critical Care
- Burns and Plastics
- Perioperative Practice
- Trauma and Orthopaedics
- Primary Care

MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

Being an Army Mental Health Nurse is a challenging and rewarding career. Your role is the promotion of self-management and recovery of the mental health of soldiers. You will work closely with other healthcare professionals, regiments and families within the military community.

As a Mental Health Nurse you will deliver initial assessments, provide acute and prolonged care, both in the UK and on operations within Field Mental Health Teams around the world.

Entry requirements:

Registered Adult Nurse or Registered Mental Health Nurse.

Please refer to the website for age requirements.



TRAINING

As an Army Nurse, you have a choice of whether you become a soldier or an officer. As a soldier you will follow a regular nursing career pathway. Officers will take on additional management responsibilities within the military, alongside their nursing duties.

Throughout your application process we will give you the information and support needed to determine the best route for you and your career. Depending on which route you take, the training you undertake will differ.

SOLDIER

Your Army career will begin with Basic Training (14 weeks) at either Pirbright or Winchester. This will teach you all the fundamental skills of being a modern soldier, and provide the opportunity to take part in Adventurous Training and sports.

Following completion of Basic Training, and university for student nurses, you will be assigned to a Defence Medical Group Hospital (DMG) to commence your preceptorship and begin life as an Army Nurse.

OFFICER

As an Army Nursing Officer you will commence your training with the Commissioning Course (9 weeks) at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS). The course will develop your leadership and management skills.

On completion of the course you will be awarded a commissioned rank, which will be determined by your experience. Prior to starting your preceptorship with your new unit, you will attend the Army Medical Services Entry Officers' Course (EOC) which provides you with the specific knowledge required to begin your career as an Army Nurse.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All Army Nurses have the opportunity to undertake advanced practice and specialities throughout their career, the following areas are available:

- RN(A) Burns and Plastics
- RN(A) Critical Care
- RN(A) Education
- RN(A) Emergency Care
- RN(A) Infection Prevention and Control
- RN(A) Occupational Health
- RN(A) Perioperative Practice
- RN(A) Primary Healthcare
- RN(A) Sexual Health*
- RN(A) Trauma and Orthopaedics
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner
Emergency Care
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner
Primary Care
- RN(A) Gynaecology*
- RN(A) Otorhinolaryngology*
- Registered Nurse Child Health*
- Registered Midwife*

*Reserve only



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