Course Specification

Course Summary Information			
1	**Course Title**	BSc (Hons) Nursing (Mental Health)	
2	**Course Code**	**UCAS Code**	
	US0610-03		B760
3	**Awarding Institution**	Birmingham City University	
4	**Teaching Institution(s)** (if different from point 3)		
5	**Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation** (if applicable)	Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)	

6	**Course Description**

Our BSc (Hons) Nursing Mental Health degree will provide you with the clinical skills and experience needed to be a professional practitioner. You will spend time on placement in different clinical mental health settings within the Birmingham and Solihull area, as well as learning from our experts at the University.

This course is accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and you will be able to apply for Registered Nurse Status after completion.

What's covered in the course?

Our mental health nursing course will provide you with all the clinical skills, experience and knowledge needed to successfully support those with mental health problems.

As a mental health nurse you will be required to work with people in a range of settings and complex situations. You must display excellent communication and observational skills whilst assisting service users through their problems, to help them lead a positive and healthy life.

During your first year, you will learn core nursing skills to prepare you for years two and three, where you will become increasingly more field-specific and specialise in mental health nursing. Work placements are built into every year of this course, providing you with excellent experience and practical skills for when you graduate.

In addition to your practical experience, you will explore important aspects of values, ethics, research, physiology and social policy to ensure that you are a professional mental health nurse when graduating.

Towards the end of the course, you'll focus on making the transition from nursing student to registered nurse and will be supported by our expert teams every step of the way. Successful completion of the course will make you eligible to apply for professional registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC).

Where will I study?

You will study in our brand new £41 million City South Campus and learn from state-of-the-art facilities which include a simulation facility and skills suite, so that you can continue developing practical skills in real life environments right here on campus.

7	Course Awards		
7a	**Name of Final Award**	**Level**	**Credits Awarded**
	Bachelor of Science with Honours Nursing (Mental Health)	6	360
7b	**Exit Awards and Credits Awarded**		
	Certificate of Higher Education Studies in Health Care	4	120
	Diploma of Higher Education Studies in Health Care	5	240
	Bachelor of Science Studies in Health Care	6	300

8	Derogation from the University Regulations
	For modules with more than one assessment, the pass mark must be achieved in each assessment in order to pass the module overall. All modules are ineligible for compensation.

9	Delivery Patterns		
Mode(s) of Study	**Location**	**Duration of Study**	**Code**
Full Time	City South (and Clinical Placements)	3 Years	US0610-03

10	Entry Requirements
	The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	Fitness for purpose, practice, professional standing and the academic award in the appropriate field of nursing.
2	The ability to safeguard the public and be responsible and accountable for safe, person-centred, evidence-based nursing practice.
3	Partnership working with other health and social care professional and agencies, service users, carers and families ensuring that decisions about care are shared.
4	Professionalism and integrity, and work within agreed professional, ethical and legal frameworks and processes to maintain and improve standards of care.
5	Critical appraisal skills, evaluation and problem solving approaches to evidence base decision-making in nursing practice.
6	Leadership, delegation and supervisory skills that will continually enhance practice development.

12	**Course Requirements**
12a	**Level 4:**

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
NUR4021	Professional Values and Academic Skills	30
NUR4022	Introduction to Nursing Practice and Decision Making	30
NUR4023	Health in Society	30
NUR4026	Mental Health Nursing Practice 1	30

Level 5:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
NUR5065	Professional Values and Evidence Based Practice	30
NUR5070	Mental Health Nursing Practice 2	30
NUR5064	Nursing in Society	30
NUR5071	Mental Health Nursing Practice 3	30

Level 6:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):

NUR6049	Mental Health Academic and Practice Enquiry	30
NUR6050	Mental Health Nursing Practice 4	30
NUR6051	Mental Health Transition to Qualified Practitioner	30
NUR6055	Policy and Politics	30

12b Structure Diagram

Please note list of optional modules is indicative only. Students' choice will not be guaranteed for optional modules but a fair and transparent process will be adopted and shared with students.

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
Core NUR4021: Professional Values and Academic Skills (30 credits)	**Core** NUR4023: Health in Society (30 credits)
Core NUR4022: Introduction to Nursing Practice and Decision Making (30 credits)	**Core (Field)** NUR4026: Mental Health Nursing Practice 1 (30 credits)

Level 5

Core (Field)	Core
Core (Field) NUR5070: Mental Health Nursing Practice 2 (30 credits)	**Core** NUR5064: Nursing in Society (30 credits)
	Core NUR5065: Professional Values and Evidence Based Practice (30 credits)
	Core (Field) NUR5070: Mental Health Nursing Practice 3 (30 credits)

Level 6

Core (Field)	
Core (Field) NUR6049: Mental Health Academic and Practice Enquiry (30 credits)	
Core NUR6055: Policy, Politics and Nursing (30 credits)	**Core (Field)** NUR6051: Mental Health Transition to Qualified Practitioner (30 credits)
Core (Field) NUR6050: Mental Health Nursing Practice 4 (30 credits)	

13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- *Scheduled Learning* includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- *Directed Learning* includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- *Private Study* includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	227
Directed Learning	462
Private Study	511
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	25%
In-Person	25%

Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	220
Directed Learning	420
Private Study	560
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	62%
Exam	0
In-Person	38%

Level 6

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	214
Directed Learning	576
Private Study	410
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	0
In-Person	50%