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You can apply to a postgraduate programme at Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) in a number of ways: apply online or download an application form from [www.gcu.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply); alternatively, contact our postgraduate team on +44 (0)141 331 8640 or email them at [postgraduate@gu.ac.uk](mailto:postgraduate@gu.ac.uk)

GCU aims to process all complete postgraduate taught applications and make an initial decision within 48 hours of receipt of application, excluding weekends and bank holidays.

#### Scholarships

Scholarships may be available for this programme. Visit [www.gcu.ac.uk/study/scholarships](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/scholarships) for details.

#### Fees and funding

Visit [www.gcu.ac.uk/postgraduate/feesfinance](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/postgraduate/feesfinance) for details.

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# MSc Nursing: Advancing Professional Practice (Online)

This forward thinking Masters provides registered nurses an online educational platform to meet the challenges of contemporary practice.

# The brilliance is in the detail.

**Our online option allows you to study anywhere, any time, regardless of work or family commitments and saves both time and money, with no relocation or travel costs involved. To ensure you are able to enjoy and get the most from this mode of flexible study, it is essential to have consistent broadband access to the internet and hardware which provides the opportunity to participate in teleconferencing.**

Advancing knowledge, skills and attributes are essential to underpin professional nursing practice. The MSc Nursing: Advancing Professional Practice provides registered nurses with an educational platform for career development by undertaking focused study within specific areas of practice.

The MSc Nursing: Advancing Professional Practice recognises the ever-changing complexity of care and offers a range of flexible and elective study options, which are educationally responsive to changing direction of UK and global health policy.

Contributing staff on the MSc Nursing: Advancing Professional Practice programme are active in leading research and policy development in collaboration with groups such as; Health Protection Scotland; The Scottish Healthcare Associated Infection Institute and The UK Stroke Self-management Network.

## Graduate opportunities

The programme will give you the skills and experience you need to develop your career and to act as a leader and innovator in the field of advanced nursing. This academic award will enhance your employability for opportunities in a number of roles, including advanced practitioners, clinical specialists, nurse educators and researchers.

## Entry requirements and English language requirements

Registered Nurse. Normally Honours Degree.

Recognition of Prior Learning through experiential or accredited learning can also contribute to gaining this named award [www.gcu.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/rpl](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/rpl)

## English language requirements

IELTS 6.5 with no less than 6 in any of the domains. You can find further information on IELTS via [www.gcu.ac.uk/study/ielts](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/ielts)

## Mode of study and duration

- 1 year full-time; 2/3 years part-time
- Distance learning
- September and January start dates

## Fees

Please check our website for the most up-to-date information on fees and finance [www.gcu.ac.uk/money](http://www.gcu.ac.uk/money)

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## Programme structure

As part of a flexible and elective programme of study, you will undertake a number of Core and Optional Modules. Students will also have the opportunity to select inter-professional modules available within School's Masters Framework in Advancing Practice.

## Optional pathways

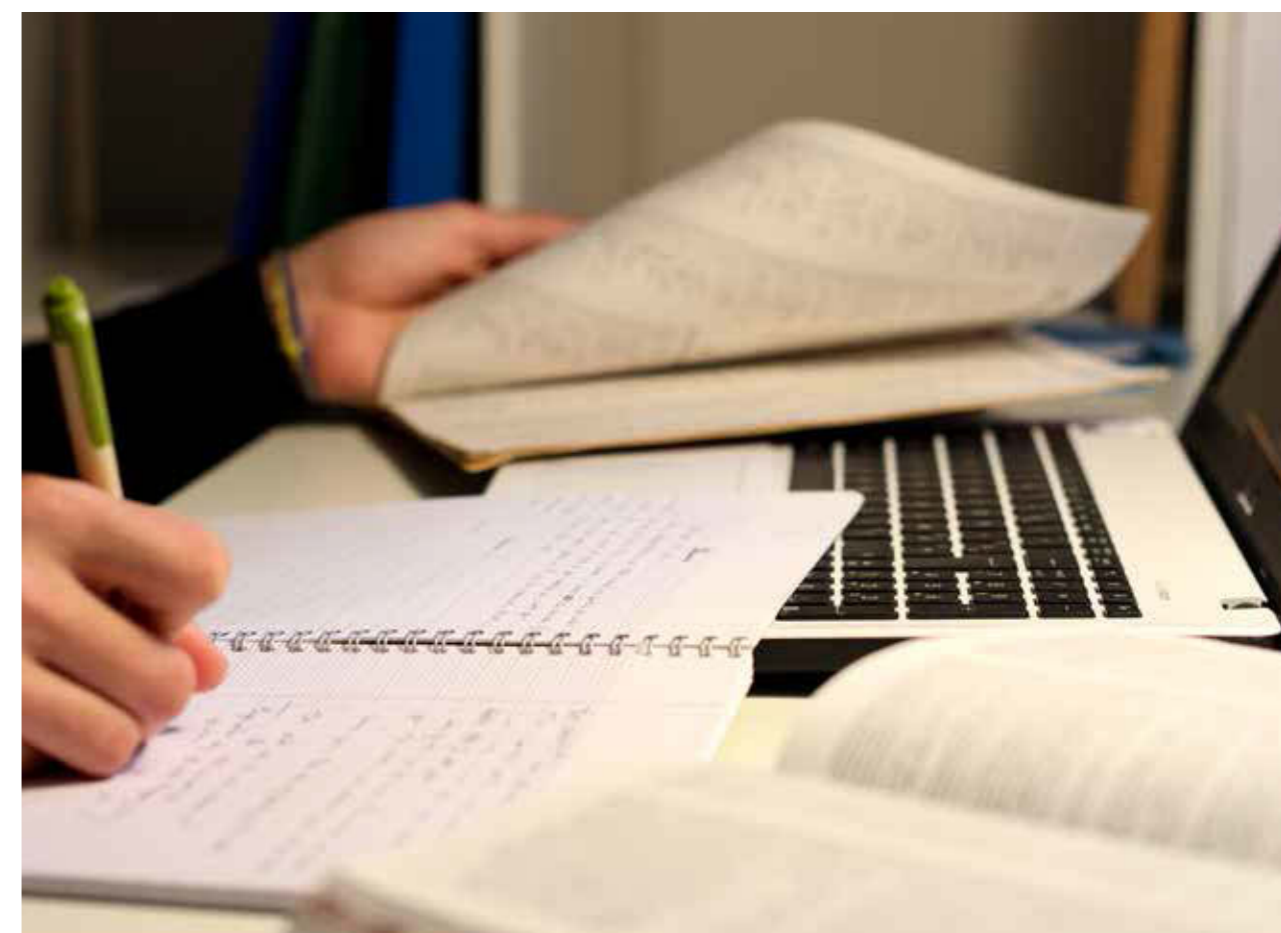
Within the MSc Nursing: Advancing Professional Practice, there are six possible optional study pathways for you to choose from. Each one is based upon contemporary clinical practice and reflects inclusion of the modules hosted by the programme and those available within the Masters Framework for Advancing Practice. The six pathways are:

- Advancing Clinical Nursing Practice
- Applied Public Health in a Global Context
- Policy, People and Effective Systems
- Supporting Long Term Conditions & Caring for Older People
- Flexible Pathway: selection across the range of modules on offer
- Educational Perspectives

## Teaching and assessment methods

A wide range of student centred teaching and learning approaches underpin modules contributing to this award. This is similarly reflected in the variety of assessment methods which are also deployed, but in the main this reflects the use of coursework essays and projects.

All teaching materials are delivered in an electronic format via the University's virtual learning environment, GCU Learn. Teaching materials include pre-recorded lectures and narrated presentations from advanced nursing practitioners and researchers. Additionally, students are provided with weekly study guides in each module which offer directed study on module topics.



Assessment methods include coursework essays, case studies, portfolios, seminar participation, presentations and project work.

## Module information

### Core Modules:

#### Evaluating Evidence to Develop Research and Practice (30 M Level Credits)

This module is designed to enhance knowledge and understanding of the research principles that underpin clinical practice. The module will provide opportunities to further knowledge on appraising evidence from published literature, qualitative and quantitative research methodologies, ethics, data collection and relevant analysis. A key learning objective is for students to be able to discriminate between different research methodologies suitable to answer specific pertinent practice-based questions.

**Mode of Delivery:** Online learning format facilitated by an academic tutor using GCU Learn Virtual Learning Environment. Students are required to engage with online activities equivalent to 7 hours per week for Trimester A.

#### Master's Framework Dissertation (60 M Level Credits)

The module represents the final core component of a MSc degree and involves completing a research project and writing a dissertation based on this project. This requires independent research study, which will enhance project skills in planning,

evaluation and management. Students will have the opportunity to apply the principles of research to an area of interest that also contributes to the body of knowledge in their profession. This dissertation may be undertaken as a structured review or an empirical study.

**Mode of Delivery:** Students will be assigned an academic supervisor who will act as an advisor in the planning, implementation and write-up of the study.

Underpinned by our research expertise, a range of elective programme modules have been creatively designed to provide a stimulating and challenging educational journey:

#### Elective Modules may include:

- Applied Pathophysiology for Advancing Professional Practice
- Quality Improvement to Promote Excellent Practice
- Challenges in Contemporary Global Healthcare
- Chronic Heart Failure: Optimising Health from Diagnosis onwards
- Enabling and supporting self-management in practice
- Health Protection and Wellbeing for Contemporary Society
- Influencing the Direction of Healthcare
- Progressing Care with Older People: Debating new perspectives
- Safeguarding Health: Infection Prevention
- Safeguarding Populations