

Frequently asked questions:

I currently live in the UK – can I train as a student nurse in Guernsey?

Yes.

I know that Guernsey has strict housing laws – will I be able to obtain a permit to live in Guernsey?

Yes – you will be granted a 3-year permit whilst training with a guaranteed extension of this permit upon appointment as a Registered Nurse. After working lawfully in Guernsey for 8 years you will become an Established Resident meaning you are entitled to live and work in Guernsey in any role although if you leave the Island, your Established Resident status will be lost. After 14 years you will become a Permanent Resident which means that there are no restrictions whatsoever regarding you living and working in Guernsey.

How much is the bursary?

You will receive £19,000 per annum towards living expenses.

How is the bursary paid?

You will receive the bursary in equal monthly instalments into a bank account of your choice.

Do I have to pay tuition fees?

Your tuition fees will be covered by the States of Guernsey.

Will accommodation be provided?

If you are moving to Guernsey to undertake student nurse training, you can either rent accommodation privately or can be provided with accommodation owned or leased by HSC. If you opt for HSC accommodation you will receive a lower bursary of £11,000 per annum but will not be charged for your accommodation.

If I opt for HSC accommodation will I have to pay utility bills?

No, the £8,000 reduction in your bursary covers rent and all utility bills

What happens if I don't complete the training?

If you do not complete the training for any reason you will be liable to repay an element of, or all of the funding provided in respect of tuition fees, i.e. a maximum of £27,750. You do not need to repay any of the bursary

Will I be guaranteed a job in Guernsey once qualified?

You will need to apply for a job towards the end of the programme. If you are offered a contract of employment you will be required to undertake a mandatory two year rotation programme upon qualification. You will work in Medical, Surgical, and Community and in an area of your choice for six month periods.

How long do I have to work for the States of Guernsey for?

The funding is subject to you committing to work within the States of Guernsey as a Registered Nurse on a full-time basis (37.5 hours per week) for a period of three years immediately following registration.

What if I resign after working for HSC as a Registered Nurse after two years?

If you resign after two years you will be liable to repay £9,250, i.e. one third of the fees.

What if I want to work part-time?

If you require an Employment Permit, i.e. you do not hold local residential qualifications, then you will need to work a minimum of 35 hours per week. You cannot work less than 35 hours per week on an Employment Permit and any application for part-time or flexible working will be dependent on whether the service can accommodate your request.

If I do hold residential qualifications and want to work part-time do I still only have to work for 3 years once qualified?

If you work on a part-time basis you will be required to work for longer than three years on a pro rata basis. For example if you work for 18.75 hours per week you will be required to work for a six year period instead of three.