# **Job Description** – Lecturer in nursing (mental health)

**About the Role**

The Open University (OU) is seeking to appoint a lecturer in Nursing (mental health) to join the School of Health Wellbeing and Social Care. Key responsibilities will include the development and teaching of undergraduate nursing education provision in nursing. Across the entirety of our provision, we believe passionately in co-production and co-delivery, working with stakeholders to deliver a curriculum that responds to the needs of users, employers, and students across all four nations.

The school’s curricula aim to make a significant contribution to the education and skills of the Health and Social Care workforce as required by professional, regulatory, and statutory bodies and in the light of new initiatives within the Health and Social Care sectors.

Academics at the OU play a vital role in the provision of our supported open learning model of education; developing and delivering the core mission of being open to people, places, and ideas.

The successful applicant will work predominantly within the undergraduate nursing team to contribute to the development and production of nursing curricula and support teaching and learning in nurse practice education. Ideally, applicants would have knowledge of technology-enhanced learning in the support of nurse or healthcare practice education.

Applicants should be currently registered with the NMC and have appropriate qualifications and experience in Nursing. Applicants are expected to demonstrate up-to-date knowledge of NMC regulatory standards and experience of bringing in innovation and creativity into their teaching.

Your research (existing or developing) needs to appropriately underpin the discipline teaching materials and help to maintain the leading-edge reputation of teaching within the School of Health, Wellbeing, and Social Care. We commit to supporting your continuing research and scholarship aspirations and you will be expected to join one of the school’s research groups to develop and enhance your academic profile.

The post will be based in Milton Keynes. Remote and flexible working is an option, but the person appointed must be able to travel to Milton Keynes when required and willing to travel to other OU locations as needed (this may be twice per year).

**Key Responsibilities**

You will work individually and collaboratively with the Nursing team and other colleagues across the school to:

* contribute to curriculum development and quality monitoring for nursing
* participate in the delivery and maintenance of existing modules and programmes, including writing assignments, monitoring tutors, and assessment, and attending assessment boards
* develop synergies between teaching and research by developing/enhancing a personal research plan that aligns with one or more of the school’s research themes
* work with key stakeholders to ensure the curriculum in nursing is future focused, innovative, and creative in approach and design
* ensure internal and external compliance with regulatory body requirements
* contribute more broadly to the activities of the curriculum area of the school as required;
* undertake any other duties as required by the Head of School or the Associate Head of School Nursing and Health Professions.
* Be active or show the potential to participate and be successful in bringing research income into the school

**Skills and Experience**

**Essential:**

* Master’s degree or equivalent in a field related to your teaching
* Evidence of current registration with NMC (mental health field)
* A postgraduate teaching qualification and/or membership of the Higher Education Academy;
* Evidence of relevant continuing professional development;
* Experience of working within Higher Education or in an education role;
* An understanding of policy and practice issues facing nursing from a UK-wide perspective;
* The ability to work effectively, flexibly, and collaboratively with others; being reflective and self-critical of personal contributions.
* Excellent command of spoken and written English, with the capacity to communicate clearly and influentially with a range of stakeholders;
* Proven ability to plan and organise work to agreed deadlines, within resource constraints, and sometimes under pressure;
* A commitment to the OU mission;

**Desirable**

* Developing evidence of participation in high-quality research in a relevant field commensurate with career stage;
* An understanding of the role of new technologies within blended teaching and learning, and a commitment to innovation in this area;
* The commitment to develop nursing within an interdisciplinary and multi-professional framework in which there is a strong service-user partnership focus;
* Proven ability to work effectively and flexibly in a team and collaboratively in a team with others;
* An understanding of supported open and distance learning and an ability to write clearly and cogently for diverse audiences;
* Demonstrable energy and enthusiasm for promoting nursing provision at The OU;
* A strong commitment to excellence in inclusive learning and teaching for a diverse student population.
* A commitment to promoting quality services to students;
* Ability and willingness to travel for work purposes.
* Is developing, or able to articulate a clear career trajectory in research or scholarship aligned to school research themes.

*The Open University is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion which is reflected in our mission to be open to people, places, methods and ideas. We aim to foster a diverse and inclusive environment so that all in our OU community can reach their potential.  We recognise that different people bring different perspectives, ideas, knowledge, and culture, and that this difference brings great strength.  We strive to recruit, retain and develop the careers of a diverse pool of students and staff, and particularly encourage applications from all underrepresented groups. We also aspire to make The Open University a supportive workplace for all through our policies, services and staff networks.*

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