Returning to nursing

We are returning nurses so if you're thinking of coming back, you're in the right place!

You may need to undertake a return to practice course [1] if you are no longer a registered nurse. There's also a specific return to practice programme if you wish to return and work as a general practice nurse [2].

**Sign-up and receive expert information and advice on returning to nursing.** [3]

Depending on how long you have been out of practice, it can take between three and 12 months to complete.

You'll also be given £500 for childcare, travel and book costs.

By the end, you'll have the skills and knowledge to be able to return with confidence.

- Find out more about the return to practice programme [1]
- Find out more about the return to practice programme for general practice nursing [2]
- Read Sarah's story [4]
- Read Willow's story [5]

**Financial support**

NHS Health Education England will pay for your course and placement fees. You'll also be given £500 for childcare, travel and book costs.

"My biggest concern was my first day back on the ward. But I felt incredibly supported."
What do I do next?

Use our course finder [6] to look for return to nursing programmes and trusts that provide placements in your area. You can also use our course finder [7] to look for return to practice - general practice nursing programmes. We also have a useful set of FAQs [8].

If you have additional questions, please contact us on 0345 60 60 655 or use our contact us form [9].

A small number of universities in Wales also run RTP nursing programmes. Visit the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership website [10] for details.

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[6] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/course-finder?field_leading_to_a_career_in_tid=3195&amp;field_qualification_type_tid=All&amp;field_study_mode_tid=All&amp;
[7] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/course-finder?field_leading_to_a_career_in_tid=3239&amp;field_qualification_type_tid=All&amp;field_study_mode_tid=All&amp;
[9] https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/contact-us