

Entry requirements (public health nurse)

Read more about the entry requirements for public health nurses.

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Experience or a qualification (or both) in one of the following areas may be an advantage:

- community nursing
- school nursing
- staff nurse in health visiting team
- work in A&E or walk-in centre settings
- counselling and psychological help
- occupational health
- infection prevention and control
- health protection
- practice nursing

There are other educational options and courses for those working in infectious disease, health protection, infection control, sexual health, drug and alcohol, smoking cessation and other areas.

A public health nurse may or may not hold a specialty community public health nurse (SCPHN) qualification.

Find out more about the training and development of public health nurses [3]

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[4] <http://www.rcn.org.uk>

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