

DISTRICT NURSING



Starting salary for district nurses in the NHS is Agenda for Change band 6 **£30,401** outside London. ^[1]

'What they say'

"In my last community placement as a student, I was given my own little caseload to work with under supervision. I really loved it." ^[2]

Suzanna Whitwell,
(tissue viability nurse)



Entry requirements

To become a registered nurse, you'll need to study for a degree level qualification in nursing through either a full-time course or a nursing degree apprenticeship. You'll typically need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 4-9/C or above plus two or three A-levels or equivalent qualifications at level 3. ^[3]



Training

District nurses are registered nurses who've undertaken further training at degree, post graduate certificate or masters level. Full-time training is normally one academic year. ^[4]



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Current district nursing vacancies in the NHS. ^[5]

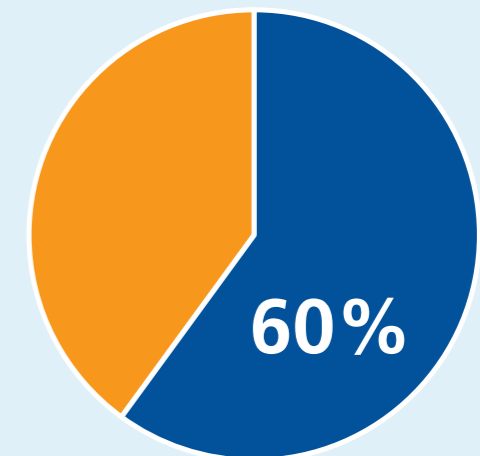


Standard working week in the NHS is
37.5 hours ^[1]



Skills and qualities needed

District nurses require resilience and the ability to be flexible and adaptable whilst working in people's homes, surgeries, and other community settings. ^[6]



60% of the district nursing workforce is aged 45 years or over. ^[6]

Facts and figures taken from; [1] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AfC [2] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/district-nurse/real-life-story-suzanne-whitwell [3] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/studying-nursing [4] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/district-nurse [5] www.jobs.nhs.uk (30/05/19) [6] www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Interactive%20version%20of%20the%20framework_1.pdf