

DISTRICT NURSING



Starting salary for district nurses in the NHS is Agenda for Change band 6 **£26,041** outside London ^[1]

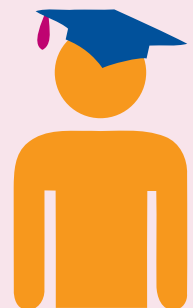


What they say

"In my last community placement as a student, I was given my own little caseload to work with under supervision. I really loved it." Suzanna Whitwell, tissue viability nurse ^[6]



0.6% increase in the numbers of nurses working in the community over the past ten years ^[8]



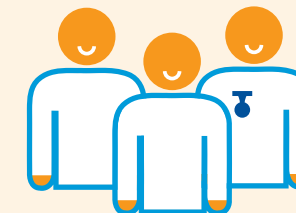
Entry requirements

To become a registered nurse, you'll need to study for a nursing degree. You'll typically need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade C or above (usually in English and science) plus two or three A-levels or equivalent qualifications at level 3 ^[2]



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 ^[3]



498

Health Education England plans to commission 498 district nurse training places in 2016/17 ^[5]



Standard working week in the NHS is

37.5 hours ^[1]



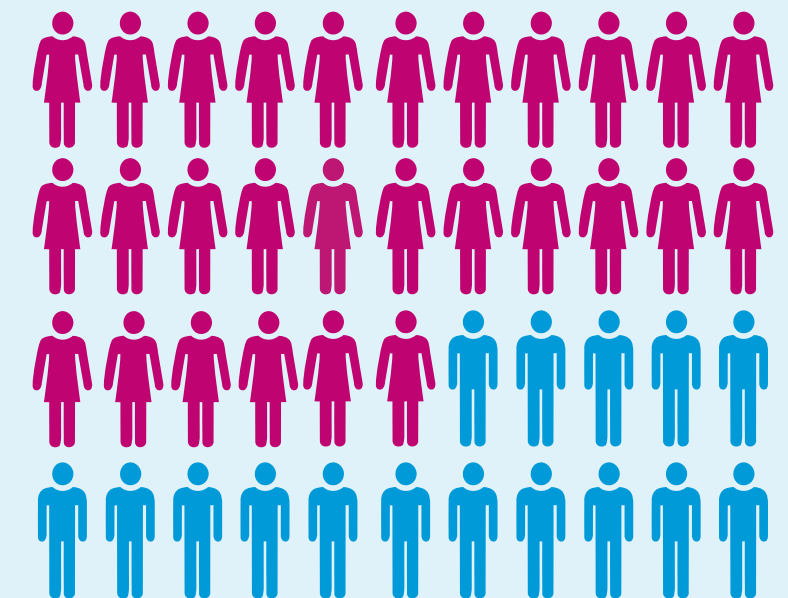
Skills and qualities needed

District nurses require resilience and the ability to be flexible and adaptable whilst working in people's homes, surgeries, and other community settings ^[8]



221

Current district nursing vacancies in the NHS ^[4]



There are **6,527** district nurses in the NHS ^[7]

Facts and figures taken from: [1] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/AfC [2] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/considering-or-university/studying-nursing [3] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/district-nurse [4] www.jobs.nhs.uk (04/02/2016) [5] <https://hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/HEE%20commissioning%20and%20investment%20plan.pdf> [6] www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/district-nurse/real-life-story-suzanne-whitwell [7] www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB16973/nhs-staf-2011-2014-over-hee-hc-tab.xls [8] www.hee.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/documents/Interactive%20version%20of%20the%20framework_1.pdf [8] www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/5yfv-web.pdf