

HEALTH SCIENCES

Studying Health Sciences at Stirling means being a part of a team dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of individuals and the wider population. We pride ourselves on our research-led, practice-driven and people-focused ethos.

The Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport is committed to research that makes an impact on society and works closely with partners to ensure our research makes a difference in the world. Our postgraduate courses integrate academic learning, research and professional practice, and are designed to develop graduates with the employability skills required by their sector.

The University of Stirling has won numerous Student Nursing Times Awards and our MSc Early Years Practice Health Visiting course won Education Provider of the Year in 2021.

The Forth Valley University College NHS Partnership is a collaboration between the University of Stirling, Forth Valley College and NHS Forth Valley which aims to deliver transformational change to the health and social care of communities across the region through the delivery of new learning and development opportunities for students and staff.

RESEARCH COURSES

Research excellence underpins all we do. As part of our research community, you will contribute innovative, practical and applied solutions to the challenges facing society today.

We offer the following research postgraduate degrees:

- Doctor of Nursing
- Doctor of Midwifery
- Doctor of Professional Health Studies

Our research focuses on Living Well. We work on three inter-related topics:

- Determinants of Living Well
- Interventions to Support Living Well
- Health, Social Care and Professional Practice to Support Living Well

83% of our overall research in Allied Health Professions and Nursing is classed as world leading or internationally excellent

REF 2021

**Forth Valley
University College
NHS Partnership**

Research - Innovation - Learning - Careers

Many of our courses offer multiple start dates, please check course webpages for details.



Full-time course



Part-time course



To find out more about identifying a supervisor and submitting a research proposal, visit: stir.ac.uk/research

ADVANCING PRACTICE



**Online (Blended for Clinical Practice pathway)
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert**

The health and social care needs of the population are changing globally. Traditional roles have developed and expanded to meet new challenges. This Masters course has been designed to support you to gain skills, confidence and knowledge to work effectively at an advanced level.

Working in partnership with clinical experts, patients, and health care providers, our course is designed for health care professionals working in a clinical, education, management or research role. If you are keen to challenge your thinking, gain new skills and make a real difference to their practice, this course is for you. Teaching at Stirling is practice-focused, with an emphasis on employability and transforming careers.

We're proud to hold a 100% overall student satisfaction rating in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CAREER PROSPECTS

This flexible course aims to help nurses and allied health professionals develop professional roles and leadership skills. You will make a valuable contribution to your specialist area of practice, including clinical practice, management or education, or practice development.

CORE MODULES

- Evidence Based Practice
- Clinical Practice Modules:
 - Advanced Clinical Assessment and Examination
 - Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals
- Dissertation

[Check course web page for optional modules](#)

PATHWAYS

Advancing Practice

Suitable for all registered health care professionals keen to gain advanced knowledge and expertise in contemporary healthcare issues, to lead and influence within their role. Delivered entirely online and available world-wide.

Advancing Practice (Clinical Practice)

Suitable for health professionals practising in the UK who are working towards an advanced practice role, or who require advanced skills to meet the demands of their current role, and whose work is primarily clinically focused. The Clinical Practice pathway involves blended learning with regular face-to-face attendance for teaching and assessment of two compulsory clinical modules; Advanced Clinical Assessment and Examination and Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals.

Course Starts: September and January



EARLY YEARS PRACTICE HEALTH VISITING



Blended
MSc, PG Dip

This award-winning and Unicef UK Baby Friendly accredited course provides registered nurses or midwives, on Part 1 or Part 2 of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) register with the opportunity to influence the health and social care provision of children and families.

The course will equip you with the higher level knowledge and skills to deliver safe and best practice in the role of Health Visitor, as defined in the NMC Standards of Proficiency for Specialist Community Public Health Nurses.

You will be taught by world-leading academics and will benefit from a varied approach to teaching that includes webinars, online guided study, group work, podcasts and master classes that are delivered by expert and key note speakers. Practice and theoretical content run concurrently, will give you the opportunity to connect theory and practice knowledge.

The course will enhance and develop knowledge and expertise in the care of children, young people and their families.

In order to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) practice requirements, you will need to be supported by an NHS Forth Valley Health Board/ Local Authority in an approved practice with a nominated practice assessor and practice supervisor.

CORE MODULES

- GIRFEC – A Multi-Agency Approach to Practice
- Principles and Practice of Child and Family Health and Wellbeing
- Understanding Children and Young People's Experiences: Assessment and Decision Making
- Improving Outcomes for Children and Young People
- Contemporary Leadership in Early Years Practice
- Health Visiting in Practice
- Early Years Practice (Health Visiting) Action Research Dissertation

[Check course web page for optional modules](#)

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will be eligible for employment as a qualified Health Visitor or Specialist Community Public Health Nurse. You will have advanced knowledge and skills in public health, leadership and assessment and decision-making. Career opportunities can include advanced specialist practice, leadership and academic roles.

HEALTH RESEARCH (ONLINE)



Online
MSc, PG Dip, PG Cert

With fast-paced developments in medical sciences comes a need for research on new treatments, as well as research related to the organisation, delivery and experience of healthcare.

This course has been specifically designed to develop the knowledge, skills and techniques necessary to conduct high-quality research. It will suit people from a range of backgrounds, including health and social care professionals or those with qualifications in social or behavioural sciences.

You will carry out a research placement (either remotely or on campus) with world-class researchers working on live projects. You will leave the course with in-depth theoretical and practical healthcare research skills, taught by our team of experienced health professionals and social scientists.

We are proud to hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Health Research (Online) in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Skills for Knowledge Enquiry
- Qualitative Research and Analysis
- Quantitative Research and Analysis
- Research Ethics and Governance
- Study Design in Practice
- Research in Practice
- Dissertation

CAREER PROSPECTS

Our Health Research course suits students who want a variety of careers in health where research plays a core role. It will give you all the practical and theoretical skills and knowledge you need to progress as a researcher or to go on to pursue a PhD.

GO FURTHER

The course meets the requirements for the ESRC 1+3 awards, meaning prospective students are eligible to apply for funding for a studentship providing funding for a one-year research training Masters linked to a three-year PhD.

Course Starts: September



PUBLIC HEALTH (ONLINE)



Online
MPH, PG Dip, PG Cert

This course is for anyone planning a career in public health. It will develop your skills in public health practice, policy and research, and help prepare you to become a future leader in the field.

As the Covid-19 pandemic has demonstrated, public health affects all aspects of our lives. Society is facing complex challenges associated with aging populations, growing inequalities and high levels of preventable deaths. The world needs more skilled public health professionals to create a healthier and fairer society.

This online Master of Public Health course is ideal for anyone who wants to help create a healthier and fairer society as a skilled public health professional. The online and part-time nature of the course will allow you to create a bespoke course that balances your life and work commitments. The course also offers a range of both core and optional modules to suit your own learning needs, interests and goals. You will graduate with in-depth and unique insights into modern public health and the skills to apply them to your work.

We hold a 93% overall student satisfaction rating for Public Health in the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2022.

CORE MODULES

- Introduction to Public Health Practice
- Introduction to Epidemiology
- Public Health Research
- Public Health Policy
- Dissertation

[Check course web page for optional modules](#)

CAREER PROSPECTS

You will graduate with the relevant public health skills and knowledge needed for a career as a public health researcher, policymaker or practitioner across the public, private, voluntary, community and not-for-profit sectors.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Masters is shaped by some of the leading thinkers in public health and will equip you with unique insights into modern public health theory and methods to teach you how to apply them to your work.

Course Starts: September and January

