

Nursing (Mental Health) BSc (Hons)

Interview guidance and admissions process



Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that following your initial assessment by the Admissions team and a thorough academic review, we would like to invite you to attend an interview for our BSc Mental Health Nursing course here at York St John University. We have created the following document highlighting the interview process, expectations and key contact details you may need.


You will receive an email with further information as to how to book your interview date in our Evision portal. It will also outline the details of the interview day, and the expectations. You will also receive a follow up reminder two weeks prior to your interview. If you are unable to attend the interview, we do politely request that you let us know in advance. We appreciate that unexpected circumstances can occur meaning you are unable to attend, however by providing notice means we will then be able to reallocate your interview to a different day.

We do strongly recommend you attend the interview. Please note, we may not be able to reschedule your interview as this is subject to availability. We will endeavour to accommodate this as best we can. We do ask that you submit the response back to ourselves as soon as you know of your availability. If you do not respond, we will presume you are not interested, and your application will be withdrawn from York St John University.

If you have any questions regarding the interview day itself, please can you contact interviews@yorks.j.ac.uk and we will be more than happy to assist. We understand that this may be your first interview, and we would like to offer some reassurance about what to expect on the day.

Good luck!

Yours sincerely,
George Pearce, Admissions Officer
(Allied Health courses within the School of Science Technology and Health)





Structure of the interview

If you have any further questions, email us interviews@yorks.ac.uk and we will be happy to help. We recommend you use this opportunity to ask as many questions as possible – leave no stone unturned!

The interview day itself will have two essential components to it. All need to be completed on the day.

- DBS and certificate check – This is hosted by the Admissions department, and you will meet with colleagues who will check the ID and any certificates requested as outlined in your invitation.
- Interview with the academic

There will also be the opportunity to speak with the Admissions Officer for the course as well as members of our Student Recruitment team who will be able to assist on matters concerning life in York, Accommodation and Finance. You will also have the opportunity to go on a campus tour of our facilities and suites.

Your interview will be:

- Approximately 30 minutes long and will be with one of our academics from the course. Please can you arrive 15 minutes ahead of your interview slot.
- You will be asked questions regarding your knowledge and understanding for the course. You will also be given a scenario-based question. This is for you to demonstrate your knowledge and skills in a semi-practical situation.

Scoring

It will be scored out of 10 marks. You will need to score 6 or higher to be considered for a place on the course. Scores of 5 and below will be declined.

Although a specific dress code is not required, smart casual clothing is recommended. We would like to remind you that this is a professional course, and such attitudes and behaviours should always be reflected from applicants. We encourage you to research the role through the NHS website and explore the, which serves as the accrediting body for this course.

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Post interview information

Depending on the outcome of your interview, your result will be communicated to you by email. We hope to provide you with an outcome within 2 working days after your interview. If additional time is required, we will inform all applicants of the delay and provide the outcome as soon as possible. If you are unsuccessful, we will outline information in our response, further information and feedback can be obtained from the PASS team: admin.NMS@yorks.ac.uk

If you are successful, you will need to wait for all your university choices to respond to your application before you can action these. If you applied before the January deadline on 15th January, all your university choices must have made a decision by Wednesday 13 May 2026.

If you place York St John University as your firm choice, we will send you the relevant information to start the DBS and Occupational Health screening process in May. Please note the DBS component at interview is not the full process, we are merely starting it ahead of this. We will only make you unconditional once all conditions, (academic interview, DBS and Health Screening) are passed satisfactorily. We will be able to send you to enrol after results day in August.

Please note the DBS and Occupational Health screenings are mandatory, and we will only send you to enrol once these are completed and we are able to make the necessary provisions. For further information please review the following pages:

DBS: www.yorks.ac.uk/applicants-and-offer-holders/accepting-your-offer/dbs-checks

Medical: www.yorks.ac.uk/applicants-and-offer-holders/accepting-your-offer/medical-questionnaire

A typical offer from us will be conditional on you obtaining the required:

- 112 UCAS points as well as obtaining your DBS and Medical
- Supplying in colour photos of your certificates

All details of enrolment will be issued from August when we are able to make applicants unconditional.

If you have any queries, please email admissions@yorks.ac.uk or call 01904 876598

Accommodation

You will be given an opportunity to apply for Accommodation once you have been given a conditional offer. The portal to do so will open in the Spring. For further information, please visit: yorks.ac.uk/accommodation or email accommodation@yorks.ac.uk

NHS Learning Support Fund

The UK government provides NHS funding for some courses through the NHS Learning Support Fund. You are eligible for a £6,000 Training Grant which you do not have to repay. This is a priority shortage area within the NHS.

Applications for the NHS Learning Support Fund account normally open in March for September start courses. We recommend that you apply as early as possible. This is to make sure your application is processed in time for the start of your course.

Start your application on the NHS Learning Support Fund website

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