

Dear Referee,

MSc Nursing (Mental Health) (Pre-Registration)

This letter is being sent to you, at the request of the School of Health and Social Care at the University of Essex, by a candidate who has applied for admission to undertake the above degree with us. The applicant's name and address appears below.

I would very much appreciate your appraisal of the candidate in regard to his or her academic ability and/or professional suitability for the course. In making this evaluation, you may find it helpful to refer to the 'Person Specification' overleaf, which outlines the entry requirements of the programme along with the characteristics which we look for when considering applications from prospective students. This is a full-time programme of study.

Please ensure that the reference you provide is signed by yourself and on headed paper or alternatively, an e-mail reference from an official academic or professional email account. This should also contain your workplace postal address and daytime telephone number should we need to contact you for further information.

During their period of study this applicant is likely to be working with children and vulnerable adults. We would be grateful if you could indicate whether you are aware of any criminal convictions, cautions or any pending prosecutions relating to the applicant.

Thank you in anticipation of your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Paula Claxon
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Full name and address of applicant

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**The School of Health and Social Care
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This is a demanding, accelerated, programme of study. It allows graduates with appropriate experience to complete both a Master's Degree and achieve professional registration as a Mental Health Nurse. It is a full-time course (46 weeks per year) with students spending 50% of their time at the University and 50% of their time in clinical placements.

In order to gain entry to the programme applicants must demonstrate that they have both academic achievement and appropriate voluntary/occupational experience.

Area	Essential	Tested through
Qualifications/experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second class degree (2.2 or above) in a relevant topic (e.g. Life or Social Sciences) Relevant occupational/voluntary experience in health or social care related area(s). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form Application form
Special aptitude/abilities/characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motivation to become a nurse Has an understanding of the academic demands of the programme Has an understanding of what nursing is Open to different points of view Able to participate in group discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application form, group discussion, interview Interview Group discussion and interview Group discussion and interview Group discussion
Presentation of self	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effective written and verbal communication skills Able to use numerical skills Ability to manage oneself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written work. Application form, group discussion, literacy test and interview Numeracy test Group discussion and interview

Under the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998 the applicant has the right to request a copy of this reference.