



RCN Student Member of Council Election 2018

Candidate Profile for Craig Davidson

Nomination statement

#HelloMyNameIs Craig. I have been honoured to sit on the RCN Students' Committee representing Scotland since January 2018, which has enabled me to work with council members to take our agenda forward.

I am a passionate champion for nursing students, and nursing as a profession, and feel we need to ensure our voice is always at the table. I strongly believe in the student voice being heard within the RCN and outside the organisation. I left Congress feeling empowered and inspired by your passion, commitment and activism in our 50th anniversary. We must build on this. **We are the future.**

I champion diversity, equality and inclusion and will actively encourage students to engage with the RCN on issues that matter to them, so together we can then influence agendas further. **I am committed to advocating for you.**

The Student Member of Council is your representative: influencing policy and strategy on matters relating to nursing students, nursing education and the wider professional agenda. **My role as School Officer has given me this experience.**

My priorities will be to focus on **student mental health support, student funding**, as well as recruitment and retention, **promoting nursing as a diverse, inclusive profession.** Also, to ensure the new **NMC standards for education are implemented fully and consistently.**

Being a student nurse is not easy – I know. I promise to be passionate, committed, honest, transparent and accessible in the role. As was poignantly put at Congress: *“I have your back, you’ve got my ear.”*

#Craig4Council

Education and career Information

Dates (years)	Name of workplace and job title	Main achievements
2017 – present	Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU). BSc Nursing Studies (Adult).	<p>School Officer, Department of Nursing and Community Health: 2018-present.</p> <p>Represent the views of students at meetings of the School Board. Also sits on the Student Voice Committee, the Students' Association's Education Committee and the Student Action Group for Engagement. The School Officer has a responsibility to gather student feedback before meetings and to report back to the Students' Association throughout the year, which includes working with Class Representatives to improve student's learning experience.</p> <p>Secretary, GCU Nursing Society: 2018-present.</p> <p>The society provides peer, emotional and academic support, social events, and extracurricular learning opportunities while fostering a sense of community within the Department of Nursing and Community Health.</p> <p>Class representative: 2017-2018</p> <p>Completed Advanced level of the Student Leaders Programme.</p> <p>Recipient of a travel scholarship for an educational exchange trip to California State University, Long Beach.</p>
2016 – 2017	Glasgow Clyde College. HNC Care and Administrative Practice.	<p>Class representative.</p> <p>Guest speaker at the College Development Network's conference on Gender Equality, speaking about 'Getting Men into Nursing'.</p> <p>Successfully gained entry into year 2 of the BSc Nursing Studies (Adult) course at Glasgow Caledonian University via their Articulation Pathway.</p>

2016 – present	Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow. Medicinema nursing assistant.	
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Other relevant experience

I am active on social media (twitter - **@CraigDavidson85**) and regularly engage in discussions, debates and reflections on matters relating to student nurses, nursing education, and the wider nursing profession.

I have recently been made an editor of the Student Nursing Times. My previous writing has been published in the RCN Bulletin, Nursing Standard and for Alliance Scotland. I have also been interviewed for the Nursing Standard, Nursing Times, Sunday Post, Herald Scotland, Press Telegram: Long Beach, Kingdom FM, BBC Radio Scotland and STV News on a variety of nursing related matters. So, I have represented and advocated for nursing students, and the profession as a whole, locally, nationally and internationally.

In addition, I have recently joined the team as an ambassador for the **Student Nurse Project** (@StNurseProject).

I have a personal blog which can be viewed at:
www.craigconsiderations.wordpress.com

If you have any questions for me at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me via twitter or you can email me: craigdrn@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Craig.

RCN involvement

Dates (years)	Details	Main achievements
September 2018 – present	RCN Debates Steering Group	Student Representative.
September 2018 – present	RCN Suicide Awareness Working Group	Student Representative. Collaborating with the RCN UK Students' Committee and the Suicide Awareness Working Group to conceptualise a communication toolkit for

		student nurses from all fields of practice regards suicidal awareness and what to do.
Jan 2018 - present	RCN UK Students' Committee member for Scotland	<p>Have engaged with Scottish nursing students to feedback to the committee any issues or suggestions relating to nursing education.</p> <p>Assisted with planning and executing the RCN Students' programme at Congress 2018.</p> <p>Supporting lead for RCN Students' School Project.</p> <p>Currently working with RCN Scotland to engage student members with Scottish Parliament.</p> <p>Speaker at RCN Scotland's: Nursing, a career for men: myths, challenges and solutions event.</p> <p>Guest panellist at Holyrood's: Men into the Caring Professions conference.</p>
2016 – present	Student member	