

Could you be...

... an RCN Student Committee member?

Role summary

Committee members act in a representative capacity which, in summary, means you put forward the views of student members in everything that you do.

As a Student Committee member you fulfil a vital role in helping the committee to achieve its purpose, providing a voice for the student members of the RCN within the context of wider health and social care developments impacting upon nursing and patient care.

Key responsibilities

- Ensure that the voice of students is heard in the development of RCN policy.
- Advise and be consulted when the RCN develops strategy.
- Share your expertise and experience with the RCN.
- Work with RCN boards on activity relating to students.
- Liaise and communicate with students in your country or region and put forward their views, ideas and concerns.
- Ensure that students in your region or country are embedded in the activities of the RCN at all levels: local, national, and international.
- Contribute to the committee to encourage, promote, facilitate and support the advancement of nursing in relation to students.

What we are looking for

- An understanding of and commitment to the RCN, its purpose and its work.
- The ability to listen to and can speak up for student members in your region or country.
- A passion for students, nursing and wanting to make a difference.
- A contemporary understanding of nursing education issues within your country or region.
- Objectivity, fairness, independence of mind, integrity, wisdom, discretion and good judgement.
- Integrity and commitment to act in the best interests of the RCN without regard to your personal interest or benefit.
- Strategic vision and the ability to focus on practical issues.
- An awareness of how the world is changing politically, economically and socially.
- The ability to give direct and honest opinions and add value to decision making by offering different perspectives and constructive suggestions.
- A readiness to take and be accountable for decisions.
- To be willing to abide by the RCN's Dignity Charter.
- Awareness of and the ability to use email and social media.

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How to become a Student Committee member

- The term of office is for two years and elections take place every year. Vacancies may also arise in between times.
- Eligible candidates must be a student member undergoing a course for initial registration for a statutory nursing qualification.
- Candidates must be studying in the country or region to which they are standing.
- Candidates must have six months left before qualifying for initial registration after the start of the term of office.
- A nomination form and statement must be submitted and two RCN student members must support your nomination.

All forms and full details of the elections can be found on the RCN website: www.rcn.org.uk/elections

About the committee

The committee is elected by RCN student members. It is made up of:

- two student members elected to RCN Council (elected separately)
- two student members from Northern Ireland
- two student members from Scotland
- two student members from Wales
- one student member from each of the nine English regions:
 - o East Midlands
 - o Eastern
 - o London
 - o Northern
 - o North West
 - o South East
 - o South West
 - o West Midlands
 - o Yorkshire & the Humber

Find out more

www.rcn.org.uk/elections

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