



Royal College
of Nursing

WE'RE FIGHTING FOR STUDENT NURSES.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT FOR CHANGE.



Student nurses are the future of health and care. And we're fighting for your future.

Student nurses bring skill, compassion and dedication to health and care every minute of every day. You deserve the support, opportunities and investment needed to succeed during your studies and as you begin your career.

That's why the RCN are campaigning for real change for student nurses and newly registered nurses. Together, we can build a stronger future for nursing.

We are the world's largest nursing union and professional body, representing over half a million nurses, student nurses, midwives and nursing support workers in the UK. We are led by nurses, for nurses, and we work alongside our members to shape a better future for nursing.

Campaign with us for better financial support for every student

Nursing is a career that transforms lives and strengthens communities. We want talented people from every background to be able to choose nursing and complete their studies with confidence.

Our campaigning alongside our members has already helped secure upfront funding for placement travel costs for students in England. Now, we want to see further financial support so that cost is never a barrier to becoming a nurse.

We're calling for:

- £5,000 a year in additional, non-repayable support for every student nurse
- More investment in nursing courses and nurse education
- A student loan forgiveness scheme in England, linked to years of service in health and care after qualifying

Nurses choose a career that benefits society. They shouldn't spend decades paying for it.

Join the fight for better access to jobs after graduation

Every nursing graduate brings valuable skills and fresh perspectives to health and care. That's why every nurse who qualifies should have a clear path into the profession.

We're calling for:

- Stronger oversight of recruitment practices across health and care
- An end to unnecessary requirements that lock newly registered nurses out of entry-level opportunities
- A well planned nursing workforce that puts patient care first
- Guaranteed preceptorship for all newly registered nurses in Band 5 roles

Campaign for support that helps nurses take up opportunities wherever they choose

If suitable roles aren't available locally, nurses should be supported to relocate for opportunities that match their career ambitions and personal circumstances.

We're calling for:

- Support for newly registered nurses to relocate for work
- Investment to help employers recruit and retain new nurses
- Opportunities for graduates to develop their skills while waiting for permanent roles



WE NEED MORE NURSES.

Student nurses deserve better support. Every nursing graduate deserves a route into employment. The RCN is campaigning to make that happen.

Join us, and get involved as a student member to use your voice to shape a better future for student nurses and the health and care system.

As a student member of the RCN you can have access to support throughout university and into your nursing career, great learning resources, financial guidance, discounts, support when you need it, and a professional community of peers.

First year student nurses can join free, and student membership costs just 84p per month after their first year



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