

# RCN Student Ambassadors

## Championing the student voice

This is a role for a nursing student who is passionate, who wants to make a difference, who has energy and enthusiasm and who is willing to become active with the RCN to make positive changes.



### Signposting and supporting



Signpost student members to relevant RCN staff, expert services and resources to support their nursing education and practice experience. Support student members to share their experience and encourage peer support.

### Connecting and campaigning



Connect with RCN student members to encourage engagement with the work of the RCN, through forums, local branches and the Students' Committee. Campaigning of student related issues, locally and nationally.

### Questioning and influencing



Enhance the reputation and influence of the RCN student voice through the recruitment of student members and RCN student ambassadors. Question and influence on issues that impact on student education and experience.

The table below outlines the full potential of the role. RCN student ambassadors can choose which aspects of the role they are able to undertake, they are **not** expected to undertake them all.

 <p><b>Role descriptor</b></p>	<p><b>1.</b> Work within the parameters of your role.</p>	<p><b>2.</b> Promote equality of opportunity and inclusion for all RCN student members.</p>	<p><b>3.</b> Organise student members to engage with the work of the RCN on local and national levels.</p>	<p><b>4.</b> Empower student members to access and use information and advice appropriately.</p>	<p><b>5.</b> Develop and support partnership working between the RCN and other stakeholders, sharing intelligence and promoting effective communication.</p>
 <p><b>Signposting and supporting</b></p>	<p>Protect your own health and wellbeing by maintaining a healthy work/life balance. Ask for support when required. Act as a role model for student members.</p>	<p>Signpost student members to the RCN inclusion strategy and to seek expert RCN advice if they feel they have been treated unfairly.</p>	<p>Support students to develop networks so they can help each other through challenging aspects of their course and signpost to national events.</p>	<p>Direct student members to current and credible sources of information and resources to support their nursing education and practice experience.</p>	<p>Signpost student members to their local branch and professional forums to share experience and gain support from other members.</p>
 <p><b>Connecting and campaigning</b></p>	<p>Organise opportunities to be visible and share the scope of your role with local student members, branch, forum and the Students' Committee.</p>	<p>Connect with student members and give them the opportunity to share their experiences of equality and inclusion and contribute towards RCN campaigns.</p>	<p>Encourage student members to engage in wider RCN campaigns and events. Organise groups of members, with the support of RCN staff, to attend RCN Congress.</p>	<p>Promote the professional service of the RCN Libraries and encourage student members to attend local events.</p>	<p>Develop networks and connections with student members to enhance effective communication and work collectively.</p>
 <p><b>Questioning and influencing</b></p>	<p>Promote the RCN and recruit student members, encouraging them to become and remain active with the RCN throughout their nursing career.</p>	<p>Share examples of good and poor practice and organisational culture with the local branch/office to influence the wider RCN inclusion agenda.</p>	<p>Encourage student members to question and influence on student related issues by networking with local branches and forums to influence the Congress agenda.</p>	<p>Use social media to encourage members to share their feedback on the value of RCN resources and generate ideas of how they could be developed further.</p>	<p>Create a link between the university, local RCN office, branch and student members to share intelligence and promote positive partnership working.</p>