

## **Our Reputation**

The School is a leading provider of nursing and midwifery education in Scotland and the UK and has built an outstanding reputation for producing patient focused, capable, and highly employable graduates who have the skills and professionalism needed to succeed. We strive to be the best modern University provider of nursing, midwifery and healthcare education in the UK.

Our key strength lies in providing highquality teaching from a supportive team of qualified practitioners, enabling our students to benefit from their clinical and research knowledge in a variety of settings.

We have excellent links with clinicians and managers in hospitals, community, and industrial settings throughout Scotland and beyond; these relationships help us to ensure that our education provision is contemporary, evidence-based, and meets the needs of healthcare providers across the globe.

The School is also strongly committed to inter-professional learning. Our students are given the opportunity to work in interdisciplinary teams with students from across the breadth of health and social care disciplines our overarching Faculty encompasses.

The School provides nursing and midwifery support for practitioners at every stage of their professional lives. Our extensive portfolio of continuing professional development (CPD) courses have been developed to enable nurses, midwives and other health care professionals to develop their skills and progress their careers. Our broad course portfolio ranges from community nursing and occupational health, to cancer care and intensive care nursing.

Our postgraduate level qualifications focus on enhancing and advancing the clinical and leadership skills of the practitioner. The Masters courses are innovative in their approach, with a strong emphasis on practice based learning, allowing students to apply their new knowledge to their own area of practice.

## **Our Learning Environment**

The School of Nursing and Midwifery is based in the multi-million pound purpose built Faculty of Health and Social Care building at our stunning riverside campus, located within Aberdeen City. Our facilities include a Clinical Skills Centre, where our students are able to develop their skills through simulation with state-of-the-art equipment. Senior clinicians also work with our students to ensure that clinical skills can be rehearsed and assessed by their expertise. This 'real world' experience also allows them to develop vital interpersonal skills and strengthen their confidence in their own abilities.

The School is also renowned for its flexible approaches to providing teaching and learning experiences. Our distance and blended learning courses enable our students to study at a pace and time that fits in with their work commitments and home life, learning occurs both individually in a classroom and within a group environment, with formal and informal discussion forums taking place with their student peers and tutor through our virtual learning environment – Campus Moodle. Consultant practitioners, clinicians and guests also contribute to the students' learning experience.

## **Our Commitment to Applied Research**

Robert Gordon University strives to be internationally recognised for excellence in applied research in key thematic areas, and to demonstrate tangible success in applying that research for the benefit of the worldwide community. Our research grant income has doubled to £2.7m over the last 5 years. Staff from the School of Nursing and Midwifery contributed to this success by investing significantly in their number and quality of researchers and providing solutions to real problems within organisations.

## **Our International Course Portfolio**

The School has developed a focused and innovative portfolio of courses to support the rising demand for professional nursing education overseas. These courses can be delivered face to face, online through the University's Campus Moodle, or through blended learning. Course include but are not restricted to Bachelor of Clinical Practice, Master's in Nursing (Nurse Led Practice), and MSc Clinical Practice. The School is extremely keen to attract international students to our post graduate and CPD portfolio, which is constantly expanding and developing in response to local, national and international healthcare dynamics.

## **Areas of expertise**

- Midwifery
- Critical Care
- Mental Health Nursing
- Community Nursing
- Occupational Health
- Remote Health care
- Care of the Older Person

**Our academic team can develop bespoke programmes at a continuing professional development level encompassing top-up degree studies in nursing and midwifery to masters programmes in advanced practice all of which can be delivered using a variety of modes.**

## **Aims of the Visit**

- To assess opportunities for partnership working in the delivery of nursing and midwifery education
- To explore the possibility of establishing a 'hub' for delivery of TNE within the wider region
- To evaluate the potential for transnational education programme delivery within Malta and Libya, from pre-registration to continuing professional development and higher degrees.
- To ascertain the market for potential student recruitment for study in Aberdeen
- To identify consultancy opportunities regarding infrastructure development in relation to nursing and midwifery education across the region.

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Professor Ian Murray has been the Head of School of Nursing and Midwifery at Robert Gordon University (RGU). The school is part of the Faculty of Health and Social Care, which is one of the UKs leading providers of applied, practitioner focused education for science, health and social care offering a wide range of professionally accredited undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Professor Murray joined RGU in May 2013 from the University of Stirling where he worked as Deputy Head of the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health.

Ian trained as a Mental Health and General Nurse at Perth College of Nursing and Midwifery and began his career as a nurse in Perth before becoming a clinical teacher in Aberdeen and then Dundee.

Following a number of academic roles he was appointed as Senior Lecturer in Curriculum Development at Dundee University and has held several senior positions at the University of Stirling as well as seconded roles to the National Board for Nursing and the Council of Deans before joining RGU.