

Fact-Checking Claims Relating to Nursing Qualifications and Training

Comparison of Public Statements vs Verified Records

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Executive Summary

Claim	Verified Fact	Verdict
BA Nursing at Cardiff	Cardiff awards BN/BSc only. No BA Nursing exists.	✗ False
Diploma in Biochemistry	Cardiff offers Biochemistry as BSc, not a diploma.	✗ False
Degree & Diploma in Nursing	No dual award. Cardiff awards BN/BSc Nursing only.	✗ False
PhD claim	No evidence of PhD enrolment. Not NMC registered.	■ Unverified
Exempt from A&P	NMC requires all students to study Anatomy & Physiology.	✗ False
Unconditional university offers	Nursing offers are conditional (academic, DBS, health).	■ Not substantiated
Offered nurse job in interview	Universities cannot offer NHS employment at interview.	✗ False
Fully qualified nurse	Not on NMC register. Cannot claim nurse status.	✗ False
GMVQ Level 3 as entry	Insufficient alone. Cardiff requires A-levels/BTEC/Access.	■ Misleading

Degree, Diploma and PhD Claims

Claim: Claims of BA Nursing, Diploma in Nursing, Diploma in Biochemistry, and PhD study.

Fact: Cardiff offers BN/BSc Nursing only. Biochemistry is a BSc, not a diploma. No record of PhD enrolment. NMC registration absent.

Verdict: ✗ False / ■ Unverified

Registration and Professional Status

Claim: Claims of being 'fully qualified nurse'; retired/sick nurses still nurses without NMC fees.

Fact: Only those on the NMC register may lawfully call themselves nurses. Annual fee = £120. Retired/sick not legally recognised if lapsed.

Verdict: ✗ False / Misleading

Training and Placements

Claim: Claims of mandatory health visiting, social services, midwifery hours, oncology, orthopaedics, and prison nursing.

Fact: NMC requires 2,300 hours practice learning. Placements cannot be refused. Midwifery requires a separate BMid degree.

Verdict: ✗ False / Inconsistent

Entry Pathways

Claim: Claims of GMVQ Level 3 or Diploma in Biochemistry providing direct entry and A&P; exemption.

Fact: Cardiff requires A-levels/BTEC/Access. GMVQ alone insufficient. Biochemistry does not exempt A&P.;

Verdict: ■ Misleading

Professional Authority

Claim: Claims of being a 'qualified health practitioner' and making referral decisions.

Fact: Only NMC/GMC/HCPC registrants are health practitioners. Charity models do not confer clinical authority.

Verdict: ✗ False

Interview and Offer Claims

Claim: Claims of unconditional offers and being offered nurse job at interview.

Fact: Nursing offers are conditional. Universities cannot offer NHS employment in interviews.

Verdict: ✗ False

References to Nursing Bodies

Claim: Mentions of RCN/RCM and 'nursing qualification' training (defibrillator, CPD sessions).

Fact: These are support/CPD references, not accredited nursing education.

Verdict: ■ Misleading

References

Cardiff University degree types:

<https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/types-of-degree/bachelor-degrees>

Cardiff BN (Adult):

<https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/course/adult-nursing-september-intake-bn>

Cardiff Biochemistry BSc:

<https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/course/biochemistry-bsc>

NMC Standards for pre-registration nursing programmes: <https://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/standards-for-nurses/standards-for-pre-registration-nursing-programmes/>

NMC Programme standards PDF: <https://www.nmc.org.uk/globalassets/sitedocuments/standards/2024/standards-for-pre-registration-nursing-programmes.pdf>

NMC Registration and annual fee (£120):

<https://www.nmc.org.uk/registration/your-registration/paying-your-fee/>

UK Government (12 May 2025): Fake nurse crackdown to boost public safety:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fake-nurse-crackdown-to-boost-public-safety>

RCN Update on nurse title protection (15 July 2025):

<https://www.rcn.org.uk/news-and-events/news/uk-protect-the-nurse-title-an-update-150725>