

Career of the week

OPPORTUNITY: This week on 13th Feb in the library we have a special guest in to talk about a book he wrote and to discuss how he went from mental health nurse to author. If you want to chat to him about his career path you can go to the library after school to ask questions.



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Mental Health Nurse

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Mental health nurses work in hospitals and the community, to support people with a range of mental health issues.

Entry routes:

You'll need a degree in mental health nursing. When applying for courses it may help to have some relevant paid or voluntary experience.

You'll also need:

- current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)
- an enhanced background check which your employer will arrange for you

If you've a health-related degree, you may be able to join a nursing degree on the second year of a course.

Registered mental health nurses: £41,664

Working hours: You'll usually work 37.5 hours a week. This could include evenings, weekends, night shifts and bank holidays.

Health Professionals:

UK growth: +7.2% increase in 118,954 jobs from 2020-2035

West Midlands growth: +5.8% increase in 8,202 jobs from 2020-2035

Character virtues

responsibility, respect, resilience, compassion, courage

Key words

anxiety, depression, stress-related, disorders, assessing, supporting, encouraging, therapies, physical, medication, care