

Learning disability nurses



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What we do

Learning Disability (LD) Nurses work with people who have a learning disability and often also alongside their support network. LD Nurses listen and support the person to make their own, or to have supported decisions. Their role is to improve or maintain the person's physical or mental health, reduce barriers to receiving healthcare and utilise reasonable adjustments to promote equity and access and to support the person to live a fulfilling life.

They utilise a variety of skills and resources such as signs, pictures, symbols, and easy read to make sure the people they support can understand and be understood. They are an educator, advocate, and leader, empowering people with learning disabilities to reach their full potential and lead healthy, independent fulfilling lives. Learning disability nurses are creative communicators.

As an LD Nurse You will collaborate as part of a broader team that may include GPs, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, dieticians, teachers, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, and physiotherapists.

Where we work



LD nurses work in multi-agency partnership which includes Integrated Care Boards, GPs, acute hospitals, community health services, social care, advocacy, residential and care homes.



LD nurses work in variety of settings including community and inpatient. They work as part of a multi-disciplinary team alongside psychiatry, psychology and allied health professionals.

What we earn

Full time

£30,000 - £60,000

£29,970 (band 5) to £46,148 (band 7), and in senior roles from £60,500 (band 8a) which may involve specialist, teaching or clinical research, operational management, leadership, and director roles.

LD nurses are great at:



Being caring and patient



Improving or maintaining a person's physical and mental health



Reducing barriers to a person living an independent and fulfilling life



Creativity and innovation



Communication (advanced and creative)



Empowering people and working in partnership with people with learning disabilities



Advocating for their patients, promoting human rights and preventing discrimination



Problem solving

How to get started:

- You need GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A to C) in Maths and English, or equivalent qualifications such as Functional Skills Level 2 in Maths and English,
- To become a Learning Disability Nurse the main route is through a degree course at university. Entry requirements for these courses can vary depending on where and how you'd like to study so it's important to check with universities. If taking the university route: you'll need two A levels or equivalent level 3 qualifications, such as a T level or BTEC for an undergraduate degree. Some universities may ask for three A levels or equivalent. If you already have a degree, you might be able to study for a postgraduate qualification.
- You can also take the nursing degree apprenticeship or Nursing Associate route, Student nursing associate places are usually advertised on NHS Jobs but some places are available through direct application to universities.

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