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LONDON SOUTH BANK UNIVERSITY **Education**

At the heart of health

London South Bank University's School of Health and Social Care is ideally placed to develop professionals ready for practice

WHEN it comes to study and development, location is all-important – and London South Bank University (LSBU)'s School of Health and Social Care couldn't be better placed. It is located within just half an hour of most of the major teaching hospitals in London.

School Dean, Professor Warren Turner, says: 'Our students are educated in partnership with leading London NHS hospitals and community trusts, and the vast majority progress into employment with these organisations when they graduate.

'Our courses are designed to meet the needs of the sector and we are continually working with our partners to ensure our nurses, radiographers, occupational therapists and other health and social care graduates meet the complex and diverse needs of London.

'We recruit large numbers of students from London and the south east, and many remain in the capital when they graduate to deliver world-class health care.'

Students have the opportunity to benefit from state-of-the-art training facilities at LSBU. The K2 building includes a full working diagnostic imaging facility for radiographers, a mock hospital with a midwifery suite, counselling rooms and wards for adults and children.

'Any environment students would encounter in hospital is simulated within our building but instead of using real patients, they are using mannequins or advanced robots,' says Prof Turner.

'Students get the chance to learn basic skills before they go into a hospital.

'Being familiar with core skills and equipment means they are better prepared.'

Students also benefit from studying at such a large school.

Prof Turner adds: 'Our teaching is interdisciplinary. Bringing students together into multi-disciplinary teams is a vital part of learning today and reflects the way people work within the NHS.'

LSBU has a second campus in Harold Wood for those studying adult and mental health nursing degrees.

■ *lsbu.ac.uk/schools/health-and-social-care*

RESEARCH WITH REAL-WORLD IMPACT

LSBU's focus on highly applied research benefits students.

'We are not doing research that is only of interest to scientists,' says Prof Turner.

'We are making a direct, real-world impact, with most research commissioned by, or done in partnership with, the NHS for patient benefit.

'We are working with one of our NHS partners to help prepare prostate cancer patients for radiotherapy by bringing them into radiotherapy simulation facilities where they are talked through the process by a radiographer and a student.

'Patients are better prepared for the real-life clinical intervention and students gain valuable experience.'

ONGOING TRAINING

LSBU's school is also one of the largest providers of postgraduate and continuous professional development (CPD) courses in London.

It provides training for staff from around 70 different NHS organisations, from simple workshops to complete Master's level degree courses.

BEAT THE RUSH BY APPLYING EARLY FOR YOUR PLACE

WITH 2017 seeing NHS bursaries, which do not need to be repaid, being replaced by student loans for nursing undergraduates, the application process for 2016 will be very competitive, according to Prof Warren Turner [right].

'Applications are expected to be higher than ever,' he says. 'So apply well before the UCAS deadline next month and attend our informative open days. Be aware of the values of the NHS and demonstrate that you share these, practice your interview skills and technique, and research your course.

'Also bear in mind that as many as half of those applying fail the test for numeracy and literacy skills, so be prepared.

'Lastly, if you do not secure a place this year, don't worry. The end of the bursary system may mean you have to take on student loans but the amount of financial support via the loan system is around 33 per cent higher than the current bursary.'

Want to shift your career into a faster gear?

At LSBU our professionally accredited courses and excellent links with industry enables students to climb the career ladder faster.

In 2014 we were ranked a top three modern university in London after 70% of our research was recognised as world leading and internationally excellent. REF 2014

Come down to our open event to find out more – Wed 13 Jan

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