



Faculty of Life &
Health Sciences

School of Nursing
**NMC Competence
Test Centre**

ulster.ac.uk



**Shaping
your future**

Welcome to the NMC Competence Test Centre

At Ulster University we provide Part 2 of the Nursing Midwifery Council's (NMC) Test of Competence for nurses and midwives seeking registration to work in the United Kingdom (UK).

The NMC introduced a Test of Competence for overseas registered nurses and midwives in October 2014. The Test of Competence measures candidates against the current UK standards for nursing education. Nursing in the UK comprises separate and distinct fields of practice, each requiring three years of pre-registration undergraduate education.

The distinct nursing fields of practice are:

- Adult nursing
- Children's nursing
- Learning disabilities nursing
- Mental health nursing

In the UK, midwifery is a separate and distinct profession, also requiring three years of undergraduate nursing education.

The Test of Competence is specific to a field of nursing or midwifery practice and consists of two parts. Part 2 is a nursing or midwifery Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). The OSCE can only be undertaken after you have successfully passed Part 1 and only the NMC can authorise you to undertake Part 2. Once you have received confirmation from the NMC of a successful pass in Part 1, you will be directed to Ulster University's Competence Test Centre (CTC) webpage to begin the application process for Part 2.



Why Ulster University Competence Test Centre?

- One of three NMC Competence Test Centres in the UK
- Quality of service – School of Nursing 6th in the UK and 33rd in the world*
- Easily accessed from major UK airports
- No waiting lists
- Purpose-built facilities
- Highly trained professional examination staff
- A personable and helpful approach
- Bespoke days can be arranged for groups
- Positive feedback and success rates
- Discounted travel rates

*QS World University Rankings 2018

Location

Northern Ireland has three regional airports all served by the efficient Airporter ([W: airporter.co.uk](http://W:airporter.co.uk)) and Translink ([W: translink.co.uk](http://W:translink.co.uk)) bus services; Belfast International, George Best Belfast City, and City of Derry, offering regular, affordable flights to the mainland with key airlines including Aer Lingus ([W: aerlingus.com](http://W:aerlingus.com)), British Airways ([W: britishairways.com](http://W:britishairways.com)), EasyJet ([W: easyjet.com](http://W:easyjet.com)), Flybe ([W: flybe.com](http://W:flybe.com)) and Ryanair ([W: ryanair.com](http://W:ryanair.com)).

There are also a number of ferry options available.

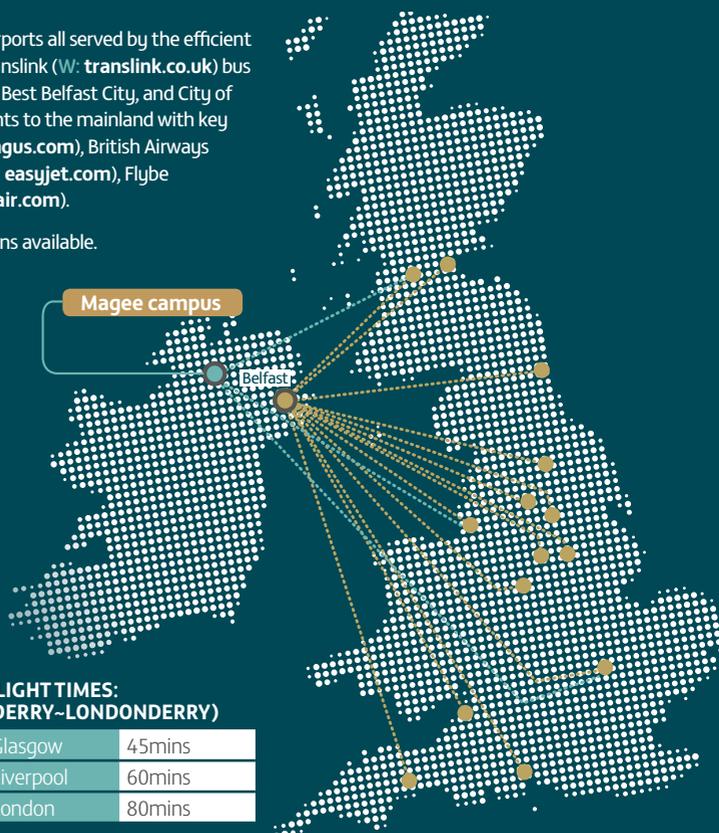
[W: poferies.com](http://W:poferies.com)

FLIGHT TIMES: (BELFAST)

Liverpool	50mins
Manchester	55mins
Birmingham	60mins
Sheffield	55mins
London	75mins
Newcastle	55mins
Leeds	60mins
Exeter	80mins
East Midlands	65mins
Southampton	80mins
Bristol	70mins
Glasgow	45mins
Edinburgh	55mins

FLIGHT TIMES: (DERRY~LONDONDERRY)

Glasgow	45mins
Liverpool	60mins
London	80mins



What our candidates say:

Santhosh Mathew, India

"We reached the test centre well in advance and were surprised to be offered a place to settle ourselves. A warm welcome put me at ease. Detailed and accurate introduction to test criteria and the settings gave me enough time to adapt myself for the test. Before proceeding to individual stations ample time was given to relax. All equipment and settings were explained and demonstrated prior to each station and the criteria of evaluation."

Alia Hoosen, South Africa

"I would just like to thank all the CTC staff for the amazing support, compassion and reassurance that was given to me during a very stressful exam. I was very impressed at how genuine, kind and compassionate the staff at Ulster was, there are no words sufficient enough to express my gratitude for the way the staff conducted themselves and were so willing and eager to help with everything. I would recommend Ulster University to anyone having to do their OSCE."

Location

Our purpose-built designated Competence Test Centre is based on the Magee campus of Ulster University in Derry~Londonderry. This historic city is located in the north west of the island of Ireland and is the second largest city in Northern Ireland. The region is known for its natural beauty and its famous links with Game of Thrones and being where Titanic was built. It can be easily accessed from most of England, Scotland and Wales by a short flight. Our Competence Test Centre is well placed to provide regional and national coverage.

Useful information

Preparation courses are provided by most employers before undertaking the OSCE. In order to qualify for Part 2 you must have successfully completed Part 1 and have provided the NMC with the correct documents.

A candidate information booklet can be downloaded at: ulster.ac.uk/ctc

How much will it cost?

The test costs £992**.

A partial re-sit will cost £496** or a full re-sit will cost £992.

Should you need to book a re-sit please allow ten days between original test date and re-sit to allow for additional preparation and action on feedback.



**Faculty of Life &
Health Sciences**

BOOK NOW

to secure your place

T: +44 (0)28 7167 5540

+44 (0)28 7167 5698

E: ctc@ulster.ac.uk

W: ulster.ac.uk/ctc

**Correct at time of print (March 2018). Visit ulster.ac.uk for up-to-date information on courses, fees and facilities.

