

# Healthcare Science Career of the Week



## District Nurse

Area of HCS: Primary Healthcare Team

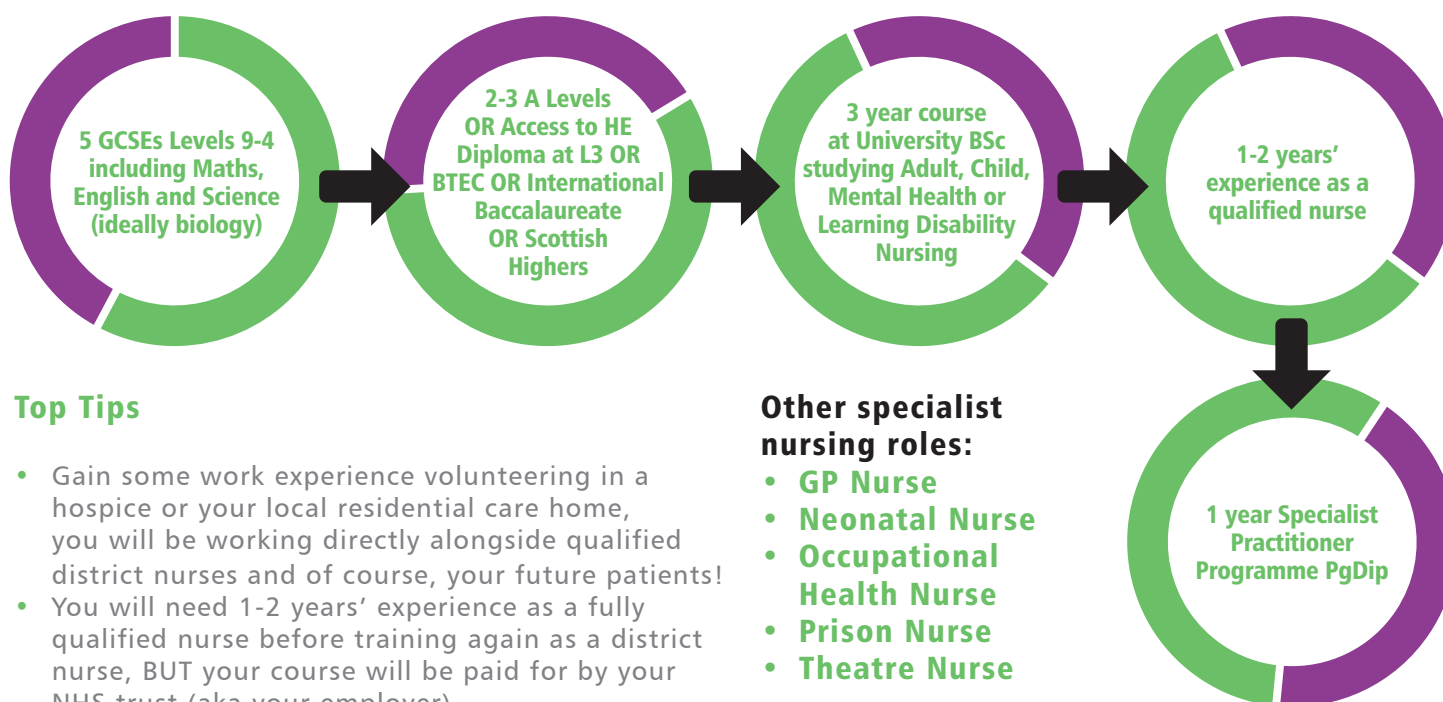
Pay Scale: £26k - £42k

### AMAZING FACT

- Once qualified as a district nurse you can move into teaching or even become part of a CLINICAL RESEARCH TEAM!!!

District nurses work within the primary healthcare team; this means they are often the first point of contact for patients with the health service. They visit patients daily (or more frequently if required) in their own homes, residential care homes and hospices, providing direct patient care. Spending so much time with your patients means you will build up excellent relationships, becoming a vital part of their lives! Patients can be any age but are often elderly. You'll also liaise directly with other groups to provide the best care possible; working with social services, voluntary agencies and the wider NHS helping coordinate hospital admissions and discharges. Support is a massive part of your role, not just for the patients you treat but also for their family and friends. Alongside this you will give advice to help the family care for their loved one and to help maintain your patient's independence.

### What to do to get into this career...



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