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Choosing a Nursing Union



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As a Faculty of Health & Social Care student, the SU Advice Service advises that it is of the utmost importance that you join a professional union whilst you are studying.

Unlike the Students' Union, which represents students at University level, professional unions can offer representation and specialist support to students when on placement. In order that you join the Union that suits you, this guide gives information about the differences (and similarities) between the two leading nursing professional bodies. Whichever one you choose, *choose one...!!*

The RCN (Royal College of Nursing)

Founded in 1916 *"The RCN represents nurses and nursing, promotes excellence in practice and shapes health policies."*

Cost: £10 per annum (students)

Membership. Nursing and midwifery students working in the NHS and independent health care services. Also, HCAs NVQ Level 1 and providing nursing care in all settings.

Contact Details:

24 Hour help line RCN Direct - 0845 772 6100

Website - www.rcn.org.uk

Address - RCN
20 Cavendish Square
London W1G 0RN

Student Support

'RCN Bulletin' is posted to members fortnightly and reduced subscription rates are available to 'Nursing Standard'.

Other services:

Indemnity insurance, accident protection, education and continuing professional development including on-line access to the largest nursing library in Europe (located in central London). Counselling and discounts on various services e.g. travel, insurance. Legal advice.

Joining: on line at www.rcn.org.uk or by telephoning RCN Direct on 0845 772 6100.

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