

# UNISON

the union for



## healthcare students

Welcome to your new life as a healthcare student. We'd like to congratulate you on choosing a career where you will make a massive difference to people's lives. Welcome to the NHS family.

As you set out on your new life looking after people, who will look after you? Well that's our job. UNISON is the UK's leading trade union and we are proud to be the largest trade union in the NHS.

So, what is a trade union? Well, it's a group of working people who have joined together to achieve better pay and working conditions and a safer working environment. That is UNISON: 1.3 million people coming together to benefit from the strength and security that their membership gives them.

We are proud to represent the whole team of staff, including nurses, midwives, paramedics, occupational therapists, operating department practitioners and many more. We believe everyone plays a vital role in providing quality patient care.

Join us today and be a member of that team.

  
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*Health Care*

## Essential cover from UNISON – the best £10 you will spend this year

As a member of UNISON, we offer you essential cover for the whole time you are studying. When you qualify and pay a monthly subscription that cover continues throughout your whole working career. We are there for you at work, when you study and for you and your family outside of work and university.

Our member benefits and services include:

- Advice, support and help when you need it during your studies and your placement.
- A helpline that is open until midnight.
- Legal help for you at work and our family at home\*
- Financial assistance and debt advice in times of need.

You will also have access to a range of exclusive member discounts that can save you money on a range of products and services.

And you get all this and more for £10 a year while you are a student.

\*Terms and conditions apply – visit [unison.org.uk](http://unison.org.uk) for more details.



## Student learning and development

UNISON offers a range of exciting possibilities for you to get involved in to boost your learning and career opportunities.

- Take part in our free, participatory 'Student Learning Month' every autumn, with bitesize sessions run on helpful subjects.
- Apply for our annual 'Future Health Leaders' programme – helping passionate students to develop your talent and potential.
- Explore the huge range of learning opportunities available to members through the UNISON College – [learning.unison.org.uk](http://learning.unison.org.uk)

## Professional support and guidance

UNISON supports our members in healthcare professions with expert professional support and guidance. We run participatory seminars and other events that give you a voice in professional matters and on health policy.

Keep up to date with the latest events and opportunities at [\*\*unison.org.uk/healthstudent\*\*](http://unison.org.uk/healthstudent)





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### Discounts

As a student in UNISON, you will get 40% off the cost of an annual subscription to Nursing Times, the leading magazine for nurses in the UK that is packed full of essential reading for your studies. Find out more at **[unison.org.uk/healthstudent](https://unison.org.uk/healthstudent)**

UNISON is always looking out for you at work and while you study, but you can also access a range of exclusive deals for everyday life. See our full range of member benefits and discounts at **[benefits.unison.org.uk](https://benefits.unison.org.uk)**

### Your union is there for you

We know it's hard to survive as a healthcare student. As a member of UNISON you can also get free debt advice and financial support from UNISON's own welfare charity, 'There for You'. To find out more go to **[unison.org.uk/thereforyou](https://unison.org.uk/thereforyou)**

### Don't miss out

What are you waiting for? Join now to get the essential cover we offer and to be part of our team of dedicated NHS staff making a real difference to people's lives every day. Look for UNISON at induction and freshers events, call us free on **0800 171 2193** or go to **[joinunison.org](https://joinunison.org)**