

NHS Nursing Careers Spark Webinar

School Briefing- Everything You Need to Know

Introduction

Spark is a unique free careers platform for schools - it delivers employer engagement using live stream webinars and helps deliver on many of the Gatsby Benchmarks.

Partnering with NHS England, the aim of the session is to inspire and inform students about careers in Nursing, providing a unique setting to find out more about the professions from a diverse range of people currently working within the NHS.

Benefits of the live stream webinar include:

- Deliver employer engagement using live stream webinars
- Help deliver on many of the Gatsby Benchmarks.
- Provide a valuable resource for a school's careers programme
- Students have direct contact with notable employers and they can ask questions
- Students are not simply passive consumers, but active participants
- A webinar can be recorded and is safeguarded
- Highly interactive with polls, chat and the delivery of rich media
- Increased reach into pupils not at school, bringing the world of work into education in a non-disruptive and seamless way

Format

The event will be a 20-minute live webinar, between our guest panel of experts and your school. The webinar will include a host and 4-5 guests who all have expertise in the field of Nursing and working within the NHS. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the webinar for questions submitted prior to the session, to be answered live by one of our panel members.

It is recommended that schools should allow a minimum of 30 minutes for the session in total.

Equipment required

Schools will require a large screen with audio to broadcast the web stream, with access to a reliable internet connection and YouTube. It is recommended that the webinar takes place within a quiet environment. Pen and paper will be useful for any students who would like to take notes during the web stream.

Is pre-work required?

It is recommended that schools discuss the activity with students prior to the session to provide a full overview of the purpose and content. This enables students to gain as much as possible from the experience, and think about any questions they may have about Nursing, which in turn can be shared with Spark in advance.

Webinar content

The session is designed to allow flexible interaction between the Host and Panel, and the Students and Panel, although some structure has been put in place to ensure timings are kept and key content is covered. The content will also be dependent on the Panels' expertise – each Panel member may have a different area of expertise or level of experience, so content discussed within the webinar can vary, although the key themes listed below will always be included.

Key topics will include:

1. Introduction of the Panel Members and their job roles
2. The role of Nursing
3. What makes a great Nurse? Skills, Qualities and Personality.
4. Who can apply to be a Nurse? Diverse range of opportunities for all.
5. What do I need to study to become a Nurse? Qualifications & entry to study.

If there is a particular objective that you would like to meet and feel that it may not be covered in the above list, please discuss this with a member of the Spark Team to review, or raise it as a question during the Q&A session.

Q&As

How many students should we include?

The sessions can accommodate any number of students as long as they are able to see the screen in which the web stream is shown and can sufficiently hear the streamed audio. For larger groups, it is recommended that schools be mindful of the process for students to ask questions at the end of the web stream.

Who will be on the Panel?

The Panel will be made up of current Nurses who are at various stages of their career, and all have different experiences to provide a broad overview of the roles available, and personal experiences within the NHS. It is not always possible to confirm the exact Panel members until closer to the time but each member will be selected for their expertise, knowledge and passion for the profession.

What age group/student is this aimed at?

The Spark Webinars are aimed at students aged 14- 19

Do the students need to have an interest in Nursing to take part?

No. The session is aimed at inspiring all students to think about a career in Nursing, from those who have a current interest, through to students who have never considered this as a career option. The session will be aimed at capturing the interest of all students and provoke thought into whether this is a career for them. For those students who would like to find out more about NHS careers after the session, there are a number of resources available below.

Will the session be suitable for students who are visually or hearing impaired?

The visually impaired will be able to hear the discussion and there will be subtitles available on the recorded video version afterwards. Any students with their own assistant may benefit from them being present at the session to provide extra help and assistance where needed.

Contacts

Should you have any further questions on the web stream, please contact info@sparkcareers.org

Further Resources

To find more information on careers in Nursing and Midwifery, including the skills and qualifications required, how to train to become a Nurse or Midwife, and the range of roles available within each discipline, register for free and visit sparkcareers.org/nhs-nursing