



Review of Nursing codes

Purpose

The Department of Health had indicated that the nursing codes needed to be reviewed as the coding frame did not provide sufficient detail, was out of date and did not reflect current nursing practice.

Experts consulted

- Responses and further comments were received from
- Head of Planning & Statistics at the University of Greenwich
- Director of Admissions and International Development
- Professional Lead Adult Nursing
- Academic Lead Learning Disability Nursing
- Senior Lecturer in Mental Health at the University of the West of England
- Senior Lecturer in Health and Social Care Faculty at the Open University and Royal College of Nursing Agenda for Change Lead and Non-Medical Education and Training at the Department of Health

Changes to be implemented

- Analysis of HESA 2006-07 data indicated that the whole of the B7 area was fairly crowded with B700, "Nursing" and B740 Adult nursing had the greatest usage.
- Analysis of UCAS accepted applicant data indicated that the use of B700 appeared to have dropped, with other areas expanding, most notably B740 Adult nursing.
- For many of the codes, revised wording is proposed as the descriptions were considered to be out of date.
- Code B711 District nursing is to be discontinued as District Nurses are now referred to as Community Nurses.
- B730 Paediatric nursing is to be renamed Children's nursing and code B741 Geriatric nursing changed to Nursing older people as the former titles were considered out of date.

- The wording for B770 Medical nursing has been revised to differentiate it from Surgical nursing, which has been added as a separate code B772.
- What had been coded as B780 Paramedical nursing is to be renamed Paramedical science and recoded to B950 under subject line B9 Others in subjects allied to medicine and a new code of B773 Emergency nursing to be introduced to enable differentiation between the subjects.

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2.0 Code	JACS 2.0 Title	JACS 2.0 Description	JACS 3.0 Description
B700	Nursing	Vocational science concerning the practical care of sick, injured or infirm patients in hospital and the community. May include allied subjects in behavioural, social and biological sciences.	The study of principles and techniques for assessing, managing, treating and monitoring patients.
B701	Palliative care nursing	The study of principles and techniques for the provision of palliative care of the sick, disabled and infirm.	The study of principles and techniques for assessing, managing, treating and monitoring the provision of palliative care for individuals with life limiting conditions.
B710	Community nursing	The study of principles and techniques for the provision of care for the sick, disabled and infirm within a community.	The study of principles and techniques for assessing, managing, treating and monitoring the health care needs of patients and families outside of a hospital environment.
B711	District nursing	The vocational study of principles and techniques associated with the peripatetic care of individuals within a community.	To be discontinued as District Nurses are now referred to as Community Nurses.
B712	Health visiting	The study of the techniques of assisting elderly, convalescent or disabled persons in their homes, and providing for their physical, mental and social healthcare needs.	The study of the promotion of health, and health education specializing in working with families with children under 5 years old and older people.
B713	School nursing	The vocational study of principles and techniques for the provision of care within a school setting.	The study of principles and techniques for the provision of nursing care within a school setting or to children and young people of school age.
B714	Practice nursing	The vocational study of principles and techniques associated with a doctor's surgery.	The study of the principles and techniques for the assessing, screening, treating, care and education of patients within general practitioner practices.
B720	Midwifery	The vocational study of principles and techniques to allow midwives to deliver babies and treat mothers in the pre-natal, delivery and post-delivery periods.	The study of principles and techniques to allow midwives to deliver babies and treat mothers in the pre-natal, delivery and post-delivery periods.
B730	Paediatric	The vocational study of the principles	Children's nursing - The study of the

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	nursing	and techniques to allow nurses to provide care for children, from infancy to adolescence.	principles and techniques to allow nurses to support and provide care for children and their families, from infancy to adolescence.
B740	Adult nursing	The vocational study of the principles and techniques to allow nurses to provide care for adults.	The study of the principles and techniques to allow nurses to assess, manage, treat and monitor the provision of care of adults in a variety of settings.
B741	Geriatric nursing	The vocational study of the principles and techniques to allow nurses to provide care for the elderly.	Older people nursing - The study of the principles and techniques to allow nurses to assess, manage, treat and monitor the provision of care for older adults.
B750	Dental nursing	The study of principles and techniques in providing assistance to dentists undertaking dental procedures and care to persons undergoing such procedures.	No changes
B760	Mental health nursing	The study of principles and techniques to allow nurses to provide care for persons with mental, emotional or behavioural disorders.	The study of the principles and therapeutic interventions that allow nurses to provide care for people with mental health needs.
B761	Learning disability nursing	The study of the principles and techniques to provide support for learning needs.	The study of the principles and techniques to provide support for children and adults with learning difficulties.
B770	Medical nursing	The study of principles and techniques to allow nurses to provide care to patients before and during surgery and to provide assistance to surgeons.	The study of the principles and techniques to allow nurses to assess, manage, treat and monitor the provision of care for patients undergoing investigations that do not require surgical intervention.
B771	Critical care nursing	The study of principles and techniques for care of critically ill patients.	The study of the principles and techniques to allow nurses to assess, manage, treat and monitor the provision of care to critically ill patients.
B772	Surgical nursing	New Code	The study of the principles and techniques to allow nurses to assess, manage, treat and monitor the provision of care for patients undergoing surgical intervention.
B773	Emergency nursing	New Code	The study of the principles and techniques to allow nurses to assess, manage, treat and monitor the provision of care for patients at first contact and in the Emergency department.
B780	Paramedical nursing	The study of principles and techniques to allow nurses to provide on-site care for persons with acute	To be re-coded as B950 Paramedical science under subject line B9 Others in subjects allied to medicine - The study of

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		illnesses or injuries.	principles and techniques to allow provision of on-site care for persons with acute illnesses or injuries.
B790	Nursing not elsewhere classified	Miscellaneous grouping for related subjects which do not fit into other Nursing categories. To be used sparingly.	
B960	Physician assistant studies	New code	The study of the principles and techniques required to take medical histories, performing examinations, diagnose illnesses, and analyse test results under direct supervision of a doctor.