

# Admiral Nursing

## Frequently asked questions

### What is an Admiral Nurse?

Admiral Nurses are qualified nurses with a professional specialism in dementia care. They provide life-changing support for families affected by dementia. Admiral Nurses help families manage complex needs, considering the person living with dementia and the people around them, and can advise other health and social care professionals.

### What qualifications do I need to become an Admiral Nurse?

You will need to be a registered nurse (RN, RNM, RNLD) with a passion for dementia care and experience of supporting families affected by dementia.

Please see the person specification for details of the skills and qualifications required for the role you're interested in.

### Which settings do Admiral Nurses cover?

Admiral Nurses work in different care settings including in the community, primary care, care homes, hospitals, hospices, clinics and on the Admiral Nurse Dementia Helpline.

### What banding is Admiral Nursing open to?

There are opportunities for nurses from Band 6 up to Band 8b in some organisations.

### How should I approach my employer about considering Admiral Nursing as a development or new role opportunity?

If you or your employer would like to discuss Admiral Nursing as an opportunity in more detail, please contact Dementia UK's Business Development Team by emailing [BusinessDevelopment@dementiauk.org](mailto:BusinessDevelopment@dementiauk.org)

### Will I become an employee of Dementia UK as an Admiral Nurse?

Although some Admiral Nurses are employed directly by Dementia UK, most are employed by a host organisation (such as an NHS Trust or local authority) in collaboration with Dementia UK, and are subject to the host organisation's own terms and conditions.

All Admiral Nurses receive ongoing support from Dementia UK.

To discuss the terms and conditions of the role you're interested in, please see the advert and arrange to speak to the host organisation.

### Where does the name 'Admiral Nurse' come from?

The family of Joseph Levy CBE BEM – who founded Dementia UK – named the nurses. Joseph had vascular dementia and was known affectionately as 'Admiral Joe' because of his love of sailing. The name 'Admiral Nurse' stuck, and is now synonymous with specialist dementia care.



## Why should I become an Admiral Nurse?

Here are our top five reasons for becoming an Admiral Nurse:

1. You will have the time and space to be creative and innovative. Admiral Nurses often work independently, collaborating with families to manage complex needs, prevent crises and improve their quality of life.
2. You will have opportunities to attend professional and practice development activities.
3. You'll develop your practice and increase your expertise. As an Admiral Nurse, you are supported to develop your expertise and to access relevant education and development informed by the Admiral Nurse Competency Framework.
4. You will join a network of Admiral Nurses who will support you by sharing best practice, giving expert tips and ideas, and offering advice based on their own experience to help you in your role.
5. You will be part of a nurse-led service that has seen significant growth in recent years. This is an exciting time to be part of a dynamic team that is developing all the time and committed to providing the highest standard of dementia support.

## What support is available to Admiral Nurses?

As well as having a local induction with your employer, you will be enrolled into Dementia UK's Admiral Nurse Academy. This will give you access to a comprehensive support package to help you become a highly skilled and competent practitioner. This includes group clinical supervision and access to a range of online learning opportunities including webinars and masterclasses.

You'll also join the growing Admiral Nurse network, becoming part of a group of specialist dementia nurses who will support by sharing their knowledge and expertise, and offer you advice based on their own experiences to help you in your role.

Admiral Nurses regularly tell us that they've never felt so well supported in their role, and are encouraged to access opportunities to support their development.



## How can I prepare myself for Admiral Nursing?

As well as reading and researching more about the role and gaining any relevant and transferable experience, we strongly recommend that you work through Dementia UK's Pre-Admiral Nurse eLearning module.

This is a free online course for Registered Nurses to find out more about the role of an Admiral Nurse – a great step if you are considering applying for a post in Admiral Nursing.

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## How can I find out about Admiral Nursing vacancies?

Visit Dementia UK's Admiral Nurse job vacancies to find out more about current vacancies.

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