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# Good reasons

FOR **NURSES, MIDWIVES** AND ALLIED **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** WORKING IN **HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION** TO JOIN UCU

With 120,000 members, University and College Union is the largest post-16 education trade union in the world. As a health educator you can be a member of your professional association and also join UCU. Post-16 education employs a wide range of specialist staff which is why we have joint membership agreements with the unions that represent health professionals. This is useful when your career spans higher education and the health care sector. Join UCU today at: [join.ucu.org.uk](http://join.ucu.org.uk)

**Further information:**

[www.ucu.org.uk/whyjoin](http://www.ucu.org.uk/whyjoin)

**UCU Health Educators:**

[www.ucu.org.uk/healtheducators](http://www.ucu.org.uk/healtheducators)



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## UCU is recognised by employers

UCU is the largest union recognised by higher education employers, with national collective bargaining rights for health educators.

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## Joint membership with the health unions

Our joint membership agreements are designed to offer you all the benefits of belonging to two unions at less than the cost of the combined full subscription rates. Joint membership with BAOT will cost nothing extra.

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## Working with the health unions

Through its joint membership agreements, UCU is part of the Health Educators Joint Liaison Committee with the health professional unions. Through this committee, the unions work together on health and education issues that affect our joint members.



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## A national voice

UCU negotiates with employers nationally to win better pay and conditions for members. We also seek to influence government and the other key players in health education, such as Health Education England (HEE) and Local Education and Training Boards (LETBs) on behalf of members.

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## Tackling the issues that matter to you

UCU hosts an e-network for health educators so the union can consult members and highlight relevant issues. UCU organises specific events and surveys for health educators, so that UCU can campaign on the issues that matter to you. You can find out more about this work at:

[www.ucu.org.uk/healtheducators](http://www.ucu.org.uk/healtheducators)

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### Supporting members

UCU reps support members in the workplace making sure staff are treated fairly and offering representation when required. They get support from regional and national officials, who can help members access UCU's legal scheme. However, you need to be a member before seeking help for a problem – so join us today.

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### Saving you money

Our joint membership agreement is designed to offer you all the benefits of belonging to two unions at less than the cost of the combined full subscription rates.

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### UCU prioritises training for members

Helping members to access education and training is a key priority for the union. And UCU training is the perfect opportunity to learn from, and network with, other education professionals.

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### Confidential support 24/7

As a UCU member, you have access to confidential support by phone or online, provided by trained professionals at Education Support – an independent organisation providing personal and practical help with issues such as stress, financial problems and dealing with difficult people.

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### TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Pay, workloads, continuing professional development, grade drift and work-life balance are issues we raise with management on your behalf. The more members we have, the more we can achieve. There has never been a better time to join your union.



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