

Your NHS OpenAthens Account

NHS Core Content access for NHS-commissioned health care students

If you are a student on an NHS commissioned programme of study, involving practice and placement with NHS service provider, then you are eligible to have access to NHS Core Content for the duration of your study.

Access to NHS Core Content is enabled through the OpenAthens access management system. You will be provided with an NHS OpenAthens account at the start of your course. Look out for an email from <athens-noreply@eduserv.org.uk> asking you to activate your account and accept the terms and conditions. You may contact <elibrary@brunel.ac.uk> to ask for assistance if you do not receive an email or if you fail to activate your account within 30 days.

Once your account is active you may start using the [resources](#) provided by Health Education England (HEE) and NICE.

Available Content

Your OpenAthens for the NHS account gives you access to the standard core resources, including:

- A number of bibliographic databases provided by: Ovid (**AMED (Allied and Complementary Medicine)**, **Embase**, **Emcare**, **HMIC**, **MEDLINE**), and ProQuest (**APA PsycArticles**, **APA PsycInfo**, **British Nursing Index**, **MEDLINE**, **PTSDPubs**, **various public health and psychology databases including some free coronavirus and publicly available, full text articles** - sign in via Eduserv OpenAthens and select: *Brunel University London NHS*), you may search across these databases using **HDAS (Healthcare Databases for the NHS in England)**
- A range of e-books from **Kortext**.
- **E-Learning for Healthcare** – a number of certified online courses you must complete before you start your placements.

These resources are available for the duration of your course.

Accessing OpenAthens for the NHS resources

You may access these resources via OpenAthens for the NHS (http://www.openathens.net/nhs_users.php) or via NICE's Evidence services (<https://www.evidence.nhs.uk/>). There is also a link to our NHS OpenAthens FAQs on the Welcome section of your [Health Sciences Library Guide](#).

These resources are also accessible directly via suppliers' websites when you sign in via OpenAthens.

However, they are **not** listed on Brunel Library's own Library resources (including the Library search tool, the e-Journals A to Z, or the Databases A-Z web pages) and, therefore, will not be linked when conducting searches using your Brunel accounts.

If you have any issues with using these databases, please contact [Shazia Arif](#) (or contact her via your Health Sciences Library Guide:

<http://libguides.brunel.ac.uk/health>).

Your Brunel OpenAthens for the NHS account will expire automatically when you complete your course - if you need an extension for any reason, please contact [<elibrary@brunel.ac.uk>](mailto:elibrary@brunel.ac.uk).

The NHS Trusts you are placed with may have access to additional content through local purchasing arrangements. You may register directly with your Trust when you are on placement. The same procedure applies after you finish your Brunel course. If you are employed by, or contracted to, an NHS Trust, and you require access to HEE / NICE Core Content, you should use the self-registration form to request a separate NHS OpenAthens account at: <https://openathens.nice.org.uk/>.