**Guide to references to support your Health Sciences application.**

**For applicants for Adult Nursing, Child Nursing, Mental Health Nursing, Midwifery, Paramedic Science and Operating Department Practice programmes.**

In certain circumstances, we will require an additional reference to support your application for a health sciences programme. This is normally if your UCAS reference is written by someone you have not known very long, or if you completed your academic study some time ago.

If we need another reference, we will request that you upload the details of your referee to Surrey Self Service, and we will contact your referee directly.

Students on our professional preparation programmes have privileged access to children and adults who are vulnerable and frequently at risk; we therefore expect students to have an exceptionally high degree of integrity, academic ability and compassion. References are a vital element in helping us select suitable students and also in ensuring public protection and the development of high-quality healthcare.

We can only accept references which are signed and on headed paper or that have come from a work/professional email account. We will accept scanned signatures on email, provided the email includes a company logo and gives details of your referee’s official role.Please note we would not accept a reference from relatives, friends, partners or ex-partners.

 We ask that your referee provides the following information:

* How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
* Has the applicant shown honesty, punctuality, reliability and responsibility?
* Has the applicant demonstrated compassion, empathy and respect for others?
* How does the applicant get on with clients/patients, peers/colleagues and teachers?
* Does the applicant have good interpersonal and organisational skills? Are they able to work as part of a team?
* Do you have any evidence that the applicant has a genuine desire to pursue a professional preparation programme?
* Has the applicant demonstrated motivation and commitment while undertaking work/studies while with your organisation?
* Are you aware of any evidence at all that the applicant might be unsuitable for the course?

If you have any questions about your reference, please contact admissions@surrey.ac.uk.