



**June 2026**

Welcome to the **June 2026** edition of the **AI Nurses Network** newsletter.

We hope this monthly newsletter will keep you up to date with opportunities in this global network as well as insights into what is happening with artificial intelligence (AI) in nursing and healthcare. AI is a busy space so we will do our best to keep you informed! More information is available on our [website](#) and [LinkedIn group](#).

**Webinar series:**

**Ryan Chan**  
Western University,  
Canada



**Webinar Series**

This month we have a great webinar from [Ryan Chan](#) at Western University in Canada who discusses using machine learning in nursing.

Our webinar series is hosted on our dedicated [YouTube channel](#) and more webinars will follow each month from nurses around the world researching different aspects of artificial intelligence in healthcare or introducing AI tools into clinical practice, education or research.

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## Intermediate Python and Software Engineering

## Course Overview

- Written by experts
- Intermediate level
- 100% online
- Video content
- Multiple choice quiz
- Approx. 30 hours to complete
- Completion certificate

[Enroll on this course](#)

Innovation Scholars  
Pillar 3: Intermediate Python and Software Engineering



## About this course

Leading on from Demystifying AI or for participants with a base level understanding of AI already this course will give participants an introduction to writing their own code to be used on AI platforms. Over four weeks participants will be taught Python fundamentals including:

- Data visualisation
- Loops
- Functions
- Errors and exceptions
- Debugging
- Data I/O

## Training on Artificial Intelligence

If AI is new to you and you want to learn more, we recommend watching our introductory webinar on [artificial intelligence in nursing](#) and completing a short, free, online course called [Demystifying AI](#). An AI [dictionary](#) is also available online with a glossary of key AI terms and concepts.

If you want to learn more about AI, why not try the [Intermedicate Python and Software Engineering](#) course. This is an asynchronous course provides relevant knowledge and skills for good practice in Python and software engineering including data visualisation, loops, functions, errors and exceptions, debugging and data I/O.

[Find out more](#)

## Research and reports on AI

A selection of recent research studies on artificial intelligence in nursing and healthcare as well as relevant reports and strategies are summarised below to showcase the development and application of AI in health and care. More research and reports are posted regularly on our [LinkedIn group](#).

### AI saves time—but for whom? A qualitative study of clinicians, AI developers and competing notions of efficiency in healthcare

This study aims to understand experiences of clinicians using AI in practice, understand the values clinicians and developers prioritise in the deployment of AI in healthcare and consider the ethical question of how the doctor–patient relationship can be positioned within healthcare systems focused on increasing productivity.

[Read More →](#)

### General-purpose large language models outperform specialized clinical AI tools on medical benchmarks

This study evaluated two clinical AI tools, OpenEvidence and UpToDate Expert AI, built on large language models (LLMs) against three frontier LLMs: GPT-5.2, Gemini 3.1 Pro and Claude Opus 4.6 and found that frontier LLMs outperformed clinical AI tools in all three evaluations. [Read More →](#)

## Deep learning for predicting cardiac procedure outcomes: A scoping review of recent advances

This scoping review summarises recent advances in DL-based prediction of outcomes for four major cardiovascular procedures: percutaneous coronary intervention, coronary artery bypass grafting, aortic valve replacement, and mitral valvuloplasty. [Read More](#)

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## Is AI ruining our skills? Early results are in – and they're not good

A Nature article discusses how reliance on artificial-intelligence tools degrades the abilities of physicians and software engineers. [Read more](#) →



## Funding for AI research

A selection of UK and other funding programmes that are available to support research on artificial intelligence in health and care are summarised below to help you identify suitable funding streams to support your ideas for AI research. More funding opportunities are published regularly on our [LinkedIn group](#).

### RCN Postdoctoral Bridging Research Fellowship

To support early career nurses and midwifery researchers follow a career in research (be that within clinical practice as a clinical academic, or within a university setting as an academic), the RCN Foundation has launched a postdoctoral bridging programme (£15,000) which will support early career nursing/midwifery researchers to make the transition to early career researcher, as part of a programme of support for postdoctoral nursing and midwifery early career researchers. [Find out more](#) →

### NIHR Innovation Catalyst 2026

The NIHR Innovation Catalyst is a pilot initiative that is looking to fund research about interventions that enable care beyond the hospital, supporting a shift towards a neighbourhood health service. There is no maximum funding level and we encourage ambitious projects with the potential to make a real impact. This is a one-stage, full application funding opportunity with a closing date of the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026. [Find out more](#) →



## News and events on AI

A selection of recent news items and upcoming events on artificial intelligence from across the UK and beyond are summarised below to help you network with and learn from researchers, industry and other stakeholders working in the AI space. More news and events are posted regularly on our [LinkedIn group](#).

**NEWS - AI Nurses Network Student Scholars 2026** Two final year undergraduate adult nursing students at King's College London, Saba Qaisar and Ka Wai Mui, were awarded the AI Nurses Network Student Scholarship for 2026. They will work with the team running the global research network to undertake research on AI in nursing, in particular looking at AI scribing tools (ambient voice technology) to improve clinical documentation and reduce nurses workload and burnout, while improving their knowledge and skills in research methods. [Read online →](#)

### NEWS - Nurses Write Notes 85% Faster with Epic AI

By drafting end-of-shift notes, Art—Epic's AI for clinicians—is reducing clinician workload, and supporting smoother transitions of care. At Mercy, one of the 15 largest health systems in the U.S., average end-of-shift documentation time fell from 3.5 minutes per note to about 32 seconds—an 85% reduction—while the number of notes completed fully and on-time increased by 225%. [Read more →](#)

### NEWS – 500,000 NHS staff to get new artificial intelligence tools to help free up more time for patients

More than half a million NHS staff are being given access to new artificial intelligence (AI) tools that could free up an average of 2 days every month from admin duties, freeing up more time for the duties that matter most for patients and staff. The AI personal assistant helps clinicians to draft documents and analyse data more efficiently to focus more time on patient care. [Read online →](#)

### REPORT – WHO: Artificial intelligence and evidence-informed policy - emerging challenges and opportunities

This discussion paper examines the intersection of AI and evidence-informed policy-making, outlining how AI can support problem identification, policy design and implementation through enhanced data integration, predictive modelling, scenario simulation and adaptive feedback. [Read more →](#)

## AI Nurses Network Team

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