

BSc in Clinical Practice

Revised for 2011

The revised BSc (Hons)/Graduate Diploma in Clinical Practice offered by Cardiff University allows students to access a range of diploma and degree level modules in healthcare. Students will be able to exit with a Higher Education Diploma in Clinical Practice or a BSc (Hons)/Graduate Diploma in Clinical Practice, depending upon the number and academic level of credits accumulated.

The programme is flexible, student centred and open to all health professionals. It supports the philosophy of lifelong learning and has been developed in collaboration with health board practitioners to ensure that it meets clinical needs.

All modules offered in the programme may also be studied on a "stand alone" basis.

The Programme

The programme is suitable for healthcare practitioners working in any setting. It is a generic programme that focuses on the development of transferable skills to enhance students' clinical practice within their own specific area of work.

To enter the programme, all students must hold a minimum of 120 credits at Higher Education Certificate level, which the majority of registered nurses already possess.

Those who also hold at least 120 credits at Higher Education Diploma level on entry to the programme can achieve a BSc (Hons) in Clinical Practice on successful completion of a further 120 credits at degree level. To do so, students take two compulsory modules – Evidence Based Clinical Practice and Developing Clinical Practice (dissertation) – comprising 60 credits, together with 60 credits of degree-level optional modules. Those already holding a degree qualification on entering the programme will be awarded a Graduate Diploma on achievement of the required 120 credits.

Students entering at Higher Education Certificate level must achieve a total of 240 credits in order to receive the BSc (Hons) in Clinical Practice qualification, of which a maximum of 120 may be at diploma level. In addition to the two compulsory degree level modules listed above, such students must also complete a 30 credit diploma level module – Research Awareness. On successful completion of this module together with at least 90 further credits from optional modules, students may choose to exit the programme with a Higher Education Diploma.

Accreditation of Prior (Experiential) Learning is available within the programme. Please contact the AP(E)L Co-ordinator for further information.

Compulsory Modules

- Research Awareness (not required for those who already hold a HEDip)
- Evidence Based Clinical Practice
- Developing Clinical Practice (dissertation)

Optional Modules

- Achieving Excellence in Care of Older People
- Assessment and Care Management
- Clinical Patient Assessment for Health Professionals
- Cognitive Behavioural Interventions
- Context of Care and Health Promotion (diploma level)
- **Developing Expertise in a Focused Area of Professional Practice - New for 2011**
- Developing Management and Leadership Skills
- Diabetes Care and Management
- Evidence Based Interventions with Families
- Foundation in Caring For Acutely Ill Children
- Foundations in End of Life /Palliative Care for District and Community Nurses (Distance Learning)
- Fundamentals of Community Practice
- Independent Study (student led)
- Introduction to Management and Leadership in Health Care Organisations (diploma level)

- **Leading Through Empowerment - New for 2011**
- Minor Illness
- Person Centred Communication Skills
- Professional, Ethical and Legal Issues Using a Reflective Framework (diploma level)
- Teaching and Assessing in Clinical Practice

Points to Note

- A selection of modules is offered each term, with start dates in September, January and April every year.
- Modules typically run over a 12 week period, choice of module order is flexible to suit your requirements.
- Students entering with a CertHE level qualification may undertake up to three degree level modules prior to completing the compulsory diploma level module, if they so wish.
- Students may exit with a Higher Education Diploma in Clinical Practice.
- Modules can be accessed as 'stand alone' (i.e. without registering for the whole programme).
- On successful completion of one 30 credit degree level module, students may apply to transfer these credits into the MSc in Advanced Practice programme.

Start Date

September 2011. Stand alone modules in advance of September enrolment are available.

Minimum Entry Requirements

120 credits points at HECert or equivalent in subjects relevant to the programme (e.g. Certificate in Professional Practice) OR relevant prior learning or experience that allows for 120 credits at HECert level to be accredited via the University's AP(E)L procedure. Students who enter with an undergraduate degree will obtain a Graduate Diploma in Clinical Practice on successful completion of the programme.

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