

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PRACTICE

## FOUNDATION SCIENCE DEGREE

### INTRODUCING YOUR DEGREE

This degree is aimed at anyone currently working in health and social care. It delivers the specialist knowledge and skills required in the workplace, together with broad-based academic learning, a balance of theory and practice.

Foundation Degrees are particularly valuable for people in the new roles now being put in place in health and social care at the Assistant Practitioner level.

### WHAT WILL I ACHIEVE?

The degree aims to prepare an Assistant Practitioner to work with a specified range of skills in partnership with others within national, regional and local employment.

These skills are based within the following broad categories:

- Technical and Work-related Skills
- Key Skills –Communication; Application of Number; ICT; Teamwork; Problem-Solving; Improving Learning and Performance
- Increased understanding of the world of work
- Employment involvement

### FURTHER STUDY

You may be able to continue your studies up to Honours Degree level, either full or part-time.

### COURSE CONTENT

The Foundation Degree programme runs over 24 months, during which you can accumulate 240 credits.

#### PART 1 MODULES

- Biological Studies for Assistant Practitioners 20 credits
- Quality Practice: Essence of Care 20 credits
- Communication Skills 20 credits
- Person Centred Planning 20 credits
- Developing Practice 1 40 credits

#### PART 2 MODULES

- Living and Working in a Diverse World 20 credits
- Research Methods in Health and Social Care 20 credits
- Developing Practice 2 40 credits
- Optional module 3 20 credits
- Optional module 4 20 credits

#### The topics you may study during the programme include:

- Concepts of health and well-being
- Socio-economic, biological, psychological perspectives of health
- Essence of care benchmarks
- Ethical and legal aspects of practice
- Personal and professional development
- Practice management
- Mental health and well-being
- Diversity and inclusion
- Physical, psychological and social implications of discriminatory practice
- Health and social needs of a diverse population
- Research design and methodologies
- Evidence-based practice
- Inter-professional working and integrated teams
- Decision-making and problem-solving strategies
- Health promotion
- Risk management



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### STUDY PROGRAMME AND ASSESSMENT

The integration of academic and workplace learning is a strong feature of the Foundation Degree programme, enabling practitioners to use their workplace as the focus for their learning with time spent on both theory and practice.

Part 1 of the programme is on a full-time basis over 12 months, with approximately 3 days spent in practice and 2 days spent on theory.

Part 2 is on a full-time basis over 12 months and the balance of theory and practice is similar. Each student will have a work-based mentor to oversee the integration of their theory and practice.

Teaching methods range from lectures and discussions to seminars and case studies.

Assessment methods are varied and include essays, project work and examinations.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

At least 40 UCAS tariff points in one subject at A level or equivalent.  
3 GCSEs at grade C or above preferably including English Language, Maths and a Science.

Applicants who are unable to meet the academic entry requirements but have relevant experience will be assessed by the partner University on an individual basis.

### FUNDING

Employees of NHS Trusts may be seconded/sponsored full or part-time to undertake the programme. You should contact your Trust Coordinator/Manager for further information.

## UCAS Information

Information required for completion of the UCAS application form

Institution Code Name:	BUWE
Institution Code:	B80
Course Code:	L510
Campus Code:	N (for New College)
Short form of course:	FdScHSCP

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