Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences  
School of Health Sciences

Surgical First Assistant  
Module Code HCR3007

Credits / Level of Study  
15 credits at Level 6

Module Aims  
The aim of this module is to enable practitioners working within the perioperative environment to increase their knowledge, understanding & clinical judgment in relation to providing competent & skilled assistance to the operating surgeon. Practitioners will be expected to carry out this role within the clinical governance framework. This module will allow practitioners to critically analyse practice in this area of healthcare.

Module Content  
- Principles of Pathology
- Wound Healing & Closure
- Effective Communication
- Surgical Haemostasis & Retraction
- Catherisation
- Legal & Ethical Aspects Related to Extending Practice
- Clinical Decision Making
- Human Factors
- Minimal Access Surgery
- Clinical Risk

Pre-requisites of Study  
The SFA is an extended role for registered practitioners. You must work in the specialist area of operating theatres for 2 years and an ability to work in the Surgical First Assistant role; you are also required to have the support of a consultant surgeon who can assess your surgical practice and an experienced practitioner who can assess your professional skills.

Assessment  
- Portfolio consisting of competencies
- Case study

Key Information

Study Dates  
May 2018: 21  
June 2018: 5, 19

*Please check our website to ensure that there have been no revisions to the course dates listed

Location  
Duke of Kent Building, University of Surrey

Cost  
£950.00

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