The Foundation Degree in Health & Social Care Practice
Looking for the ideal opportunity to develop in Health & Social Care?

The Foundation Degree in Health & Social Care Practice is a 2 year work based programme, which aims to develop knowledge and skills for the Band 4 Assistant Practitioners.

If you are a health or social care support worker or HCA who wants to progress in your practice, professional development and academic ability, this programme is an ideal opportunity for you.

The University of Surrey is a well-established high profile university and has a highly respected Faculty of Health and Social Care. The University is ideally located for transport, adjacent to the rail station in Guildford.

What benefits can you expect from studying at Surrey for the Foundation Degree?

You will develop a critical and knowledge based approach to care. Participants on this programme really appreciate the amount of knowledge they gain during the course. Comments such as “I cannot believe how much I have learnt” are common. All the topics are directly relevant to your practice. The work based personal development and portfolio help encourage your development, as well as patient outcomes and service improvement.

Because this is a work sponsored course, it is more likely that you will be able to progress in your career to Band 4 Assistant Practitioner. As a Foundation Degree, it can also help you gain access to further academic study.

Based on feedback we have had from past student’s employers and managers, they also find the development worthwhile, participants are able to work in new, more effective ways to become vital participants in the care team.

Enjoying the stimulation of knowledge is only part of the benefit of study at this level. The course is designed to help participants to explore the wider aspects of the health and social care setting, such as legal, ethical, service developments and innovation in practice. These themes are woven into the core modules:

• Principles of health and social care
• Communication
• Applied anatomy and physiology
• Core care skills
• Personal & professional development
• Leadership & management
• Reflective Practice
• Practice audit

Option modules in the second year focus on:

• Long term conditions
• Mental health
• Child & family health
• Acute & critical care practice
• Individualised outcomes based on service need
As well as providing a solid foundation, the course has been developed to provide you with a flexible and relevant programme.

**Do you want to know more?**

**Entry Criteria**
You will need to have NVQ level 2/3, a minimum of GCSE Mathematics and English Grade C or above (or equivalent). The Programme is supported by your employer, so you will need support of your manager.

**Work load**
You will need to attend classes at the University for one day a week (this is the same day each week) over 32 weeks. You will also be required to achieve 500 work based hours per year which demonstrate ‘new’ practice based learning. Alongside this, you will need to spend time each week completing assignments, reading and other learning activities. There are four taught modules and two work based modules each year. Taught modules are usually assessed through a written assignment, work based modules will include portfolios of practice experience and assessment.

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