

Courses for Ambulance Service staff

The Accelerated In-service Foundation Degree

The In-service Foundation Degree is a three year part time course designed for practicing ambulance technicians who hold an IHCD Ambulance Technician Award and have evidence of Continuing Professional Development. The course provides the theoretical knowledge and skills to give immediate assistance to patients in emergency and non-life threatening situations.

You will study many of the same modules covered by the Foundation Degree for new entrants, but the accelerated course is tailored to reflect the significant skills and knowledge already acquired as an existing ambulance technician.

Examples of Modules studied on the course

- Introduction to Emergency Trauma Care for Qualified IHCD Ambulance Technicians
- Foundations of Paramedic Practice
- Gastro-urinary and Endocrine Care

- Foundations of Ambulance Practice 2
- Introduction to Emergency Medical Care for Qualified IHCD Ambulance Technicians
- Medical Care Across the Lifespan
- Emergency Care of Injuries

Theoretical course elements are delivered predominately online, allowing maximum flexibility to fit study round day to day work. Other teaching methods include lectures, group work, self-directed study and extensive practical work-based learning.

Students will graduate with a nationally recognised Foundation Degree and gain eligibility to apply for paramedic registration with the Health Professions Council. You may also have the opportunity to progress to BSc Honours (level 3) study at the Faculty.

Entry Criteria

- 1 An IHCD Ambulance Technician Award;
- 2 1 'A' Level (preferably in a science subject) and 5

GCSEs (Grades A-C including English and Maths). Mature students without these formal qualifications can discuss entry requirements on an individual basis

- Candidates whose first language is not English must attain a score of 7 in the IELTS test.
- Candidates must be supported by their employing Ambulance Trust.

Students tuition fees are normally paid by the sponsoring Ambulance Trust. You should contact your education/training department to discuss the admissions process for the In-service courses. **Please check with your employer that they are willing to support you on this course.** For further information please contact: fdadmiss@hscs.sgul.ac.uk

Emergency Care Practitioner/ Paramedic Practitioner Programme

This Programme is aimed at developing an Emergency Care/Paramedic Practitioner workforce to respond to patients who require a face to face assessment and/or physical assistance, but who are not facing a serious or life threatening emergency. The team will assess people's condition; determine the most appropriate care pathway and treating them at home wherever possible.

Examples of Modules studied on the course

- Applied Pharmacology
- Care of Patients with Minor Injuries
- Clinical Decision Making

- Management of Minor Health Problems
- The Nature of Physical Assessment

Entry Criteria

To be eligible you will need to be one of the following:

- a state registered Paramedic for at least two years;
- a registered nurse for at least two years with a primary care or A&E background;
- an Emergency medical technician with at least four years post Millar's A&E experience who will be

required to register as a paramedic as part of the course;

- a physiotherapist or occupational therapist with two years post registration experience with A&E or primary care/community services background.

In addition, staff are usually sponsored by their employer for the academic component of the programme and the development of skills in practice. For further details please contact cpd@hscs.sgul.ac.uk

Cert/Dip/BSc (Hons) in Health Care Practice – Major Emergencies Programme

This new interprofessional programme is designed to support the development of Hazardous Area Response Teams as part of the Civil Contingencies Act (2004). This interprofessional course was designed with leaders in the Police Force, Ambulance Trusts, Fire Agencies, Coast Guards and Medical Emergency Physicians.

Examples of Modules studied on the course

Core Modules

- Responding to Major Emergencies in Special Circumstances
- Command, Control and Co-ordination in Major Emergencies

Option Modules

- Responding to Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear (CBRN) Major Emergencies
- Responding to Major Emergencies at Sea
- Responding to Police Firearms Operations and Blast Injury

Entry Criteria

- Entry into the programme will be restricted to employer sponsorship from Ambulance Trusts, Police Forces, Medical Doctors, Fire Agencies and other government agencies that are required to provide care in special circumstances, in a Major Emergency
- Staff accessing this programme are selected according to joint criteria developed by the Centre and employer Trusts.

This programme leads to either a Certificate or BSc (Hons) in Health Care Practice (Major Emergencies) awarded by St George's, University of London. For further information please contact Susan Heatley on T: 020 8725 2285 or E: sheatley@hscs.sgul.ac.uk.

MSc/PgDip/PgCert. Advanced Practice

This is a two-year (part-time), day release, interprofessional MSc programme. It is aimed at experienced practitioners who wish to develop and advance their level of knowledge and skills, within their own field of practice. The programme has been developed in response to new roles and ways of working in practice and is suitable for any advancing healthcare practitioner.

Due to the flexibility of this course, students will be supported individually, by an education and practice mentor.

Examples of Modules studied on the course

Core Modules

- Personal, Professional and Leadership Developments in Advanced Practice
- Research Methods
- Research Project planning and Management
- Dissertation

Option Modules

- Globalisation, Youth and Culture: Supporting Resilience and Conflict Resolution
- Active Case Management in Advanced Practice
- Applied Pathophysiology and Advanced Clinical Reasoning
- Collaborative Working and Treatment Decisions Facilitating Concordance

Entry Criteria

Students will normally meet all of the following criteria;

- Registered Practitioners, with a minimum of 2 years experience, in practice
- BSc(Hons), or evidence of ability to study at level 7 (Level M)
- They will be sponsored by their Employer (self funding is also available)

All applicants will be asked to attend an interview and to complete a short essay prior to enrolment. For further information please contact the course director, Di Jackson T: 020 8725 0487 or E: djackson@hscs.sgul.ac.uk.

