‘Over fifteen million people in this country report living with a long term condition. Long-term conditions are those conditions that cannot, at present, be cured, but can be controlled by medication and other therapies’

Department of Health (2008)

NHS Education South Central (NESC) is sponsoring 20 places at both the University of Southampton and Thames Valley University for Health & Social Care staff to undertake a Foundation Degree with the Long Term Conditions pathway. The programme starting in September 2008 will be focusing on national priorities.

Why undertake the Foundation Degree?

Throughout health & social care new roles for Assistant Practitioners are being developed. These roles provide an exciting opportunity for your career development. The Foundation degree provides you with the knowledge and skill necessary for the greater level of responsibility you will take on as an Assistant Practitioner.

For information about the programme at the University of Southampton contact the Programme Administrator
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The Programme

This is a 2 year, partially work-based, University programme leading to the award of a Foundation degree.

In year one, the focus on practical, communication and study skills will enable you to become both a safe, knowledgeable practitioner and an independent, curious learner.

In year two you will specialise in meeting the needs of individuals with a long term condition (LTC). The goal of promoting self-management and partnership working underpins this pathway. The emphasis will be on promoting the best health outcomes through engagement, information and education.

Entry requirements

If you have relevant work experience or vocational qualifications, we welcome your application. For specific entry criteria please see the University websites.

http://www.hciu.soton.ac.uk/courses/healthsocialcare/fd/default.asp
http://www.tvu.ac.uk/the_university/academic_departments/Faculty_of_Health_and_Human_Sciences.jsp

Student experience

Most students complete the programme in two years. To do so, you will spend one day a week in University and one day a week in work-based learning (mainly within your sponsoring organisation) during both semesters. It is also possible to complete over three years. Please ask for further details from each University.

In Thames Valley University you will be based at the Slough and Reading sites.

At the University of Southampton you may choose to study at the Boldrewood Campus or at one of our partner Further Education Colleges.

Student Support

During your programme you will have a range of people available to support you, including: a Practice Based Mentor, a Service User Mentor and an Academic Tutor.

Your Practice Based Mentor will have a specific role in supporting you during your work based learning. The Service User Mentor will act as a ‘reflective practice facilitator’ and will bring the expertise as a service user to help support your learning.

Your Academic Tutor will guide your academic development and provide pastoral support, advising and guiding your learning and access to central University support services if necessary.

Financial Support

Tuition Fees

NESC will pay the (UK/EU) tuition fees* for sponsored students from NHS organisations and other organisations delivering Health and Social Care from the Public and Private, Voluntary and Independent Sectors within Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire in NHS South Central.

* International students remain liable for their own tuition fees if UK/EU residency requirements are not met.

Salary Support

If you are seconded by an NHS organisation within NHS South Central, regardless of your classification as a full or part time student, salary back fill costs may be applied for by your manager to cover one day of academic tuition and one day of practice placement.

Applying for the programme

You can apply directly to the University at which you wish to study, with the support of your employer.

Selection will be made on the basis of your potential to succeed on the programme and in accordance with the criteria stipulated for each of the Foundation degrees.