

**Are you a Nurse or Allied Health Care Professional in
Bedfordshire, Luton or Milton Keynes?**

Principles of COPD for Professional Practice (Level 5 Diploma)

Start to be agreed with learner

BLMK Training Hub are pleased to be able to offer the COPD Diploma course for Nurses and AHPs. The course will be delivered by Education for Health and is a blended online programme. If you are successful booking a place a license code will be shared with you to access the course.

Course summary

This course will equip students with the knowledge and skills to improve the care of people with COPD in hospital and community settings. Sound knowledge, underpinned with essential practical skills and techniques equips them to participate effectively in the care of patients with COPD. Successful students will demonstrate appropriate skills and knowledge in the diagnosis, treatment and management of such patients and, using current clinical guidelines, will be able to suggest, initiate and vary treatment in response to assessment of individual needs.

Knowledge and understanding

- Evaluate current guidelines and evidence relating to the pharmacological and non-pharmacological management of people with COPD to underpin decision making in a range of clinical situations, including management of the acute
- Discuss the pathophysiology of COPD with particular reference to examining the factors which increase the risk of developing COPD
- Discuss the decision-making tools available to assess disability and health status in patients with COPD

Skills and Attributes

Successful students will typically be able to:

- Discuss the key issues in history taking and clinical assessment in relation to diagnosing and ongoing management of people with COPD, and evaluate and modify appropriately in response to such assessment reflecting shared decision-making
- Demonstrate an understanding of the use of spirometry to assess lung function in people with COPD, recognising normal from abnormal results and apply this in relation to specific patient scenarios including appropriate referral
- Discuss the psychosocial impact of having COPD on the individual and their family and suggest strategies to support individuals and their families in the self-management of their disease

Duration:

6 months

Notional Study Time

300 hours

Course Assessment:

- 1,500 word assignment (30%)
- 2,500 word case study (70%)
- Coursework: 100%

Delivery:

Interactive blended online learning including videos and Q&A sessions to ensure learners get the opportunity to ask questions and discuss with peers.

**If you are interested in this opportunity please complete
the expression of interest form and send back to
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