

Advanced Assessment & Clinical Reasoning

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BLMK Training Hub are pleased to offer limited funded places on the Advanced Assessment and Clinical Reasoning module at the University of Northamptonshire. This is open to Practice Nurses or Allied Health Care Professionals working in General Practice within Bedfordshire, Luton or Milton Keynes.

The module is part-time equating to CPD 40 credits/Level 7. The course duration is 2 semesters and starts in January 2022. For more information please visit the University website on:

<https://www.northampton.ac.uk/courses/advanced-assessment-and-clinical-reasoning>

Course information:

By studying this module students will develop the skills, knowledge, understanding and application required to undertake a thorough holistic system-based physical examination of a service user. Students will be able to critically select evidence-based approaches to take a structured and comprehensive history from a range of patients, utilising this information to guide the clinical examination.

The module will cover the relevant anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology to underpin the examination of each of the main body systems to aid in the formulation of differential diagnoses. The main systems covered through the module include the Respiratory and Cardiovascular systems, Examination of the Abdomen, Assessment of both the central and Peripheral Nervous systems, the Musculo-skeletal system, the assessment of the sick child, examination of the Eyes, Ears Nose and Throat, along with a specific Mental Health session. Theories and methods underpinning clinical reasoning and advanced decision making will be explored, along with legal and ethical issues surrounding advanced assessment.

The module is taught over 12 structured days using an active-blended learning approach, with each day split between theory and practical sessions utilising lectures, interactive group work, online learning and practical simulations sessions within a clinical teaching environment at the University.

Eligibility and pre-requisites:

All applicants must be currently registered with a professional body (NMC/HCPC) and been registered for a minimum of 3 years.

If you are interested in this opportunity please complete the expression of interest form and write a letter explaining how this course will benefit you and how the learning will improve patient care in your workplace/team.

We have limited places on this course and a panel will review applications to decide the successful candidates. Please send completed documentation to ccs.blmk.traininghub@nhs.net by 5th November 2021