Department of Allied Health Professions and Midwifery

Independent work based skills 1 - 7HEP1047 15 Credits at level 7
Independent work based skills 2 - 7HEP1048 15 Credits at level 7
Independent work based skills 3 - 7HSK0062 30 Credits at level 7

These courses run over 1 or 2 Semesters - There are no specific days when you are required to attend the University. Communication is with your supervisor and arranged to suit your needs.

The course is designed for therapeutic or diagnostic radiographers, dietitians, paramedics and physiotherapists who want to reflect on an aspect of their day to day expert professional practice.

Course aims
The aim of these courses is to enable you to develop the necessary clinical and evaluative skills for the competent performance of a prescribed area of clinical practice relevant to service needs.

Content
You will, explore, reflect upon and develop skills in a particular area of practice as identified by you and supported by your line manager where relevant. You will develop an individually tailored outcomes-based programme of study guidance from a profession specific academic tutor. A clinical placement within the area appropriate to your practice and agreement from your line manager (where relevant) is required in order to undertake the course.

Assessment
The assessment and the number of elements depend on your area of study. You will negotiate the assessment of the course in conjunction with your supervisor in order to meet the course learning outcomes.

Who teaches this course?
These work-based courses are facilitated by academic staff with experience in this area, supported by profession-specific supervisory tutors. University tutor support and individual tutorials will be available throughout the period of study. A major component of the courses will be practice-based learning.

Cost
The fee for new self-funding students is £680.00. Please note that the fee may vary depending on your source of funding and whether you are a returning student. To find out information about the fees visit go.herts.ac.uk/cpdfees

These courses complement:
- Independent professional study 1 or 2
- Independent reflection in professional practice 1 and 2

If you are not sure which is the most suitable option we will be happy to advise you. The flow chart attached will help in informing your selection. Please ensure you return the topic outline with your application form.

The course forms part of a broader CPD framework that can lead to the award of Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or Master’s degree

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Thank you for your interest in one of the independent study modules. There are no taught sessions for these modules. Instead you will be allocated a supervisor depending on your area of interest. You will also have access to a range of resources on StudyNet that will provide an introduction to the module.

In order that we can allocate you a supervisor in time for the start of the module, please could you complete the details below indicating your area of interest?

Name:
Profession:
Number of credits achieved to date:
Please list titles of modules completed:

Please indicate the Independent module you intend to study (highlight or tick):

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NB 15 credit modules are normally completed over one semester except the work based skills modules and 30 credits are normally completed over two semesters but can be completed over one semester (please note that this is 300 student effort hours)
Topic /area of interest

What do you want to get out of this module/what are your aims (brief outline)

Please return this topic outline with your application form.
Which independent study module do I need? A decision making algorithm

The following algorithm may help in determining which of the independent study modules is the most appropriate for you. You can select all of these modules to study in succession or just select one that is of particular interest. There is no predetermined set order however if you intend to study all then the IPS is often a useful starting point.

1. Do I want a module where my learning is based on improving my theoretical knowledge and understanding and applying this to my practice?
   - yes
   - Independent Professional Study.
   - no

2. Do I want a module that enables me to improve a specific area of clinical skill or develop a new set of skills with the support of a mentor in the workplace?
   - yes
   - Independent Work Based Skills
   - no

3. Have I developed a new service or area of practice and want a module to enable me to reflect on the development/outcomes of that change or development?
   - yes
   - Independent Reflection on Professional Practice
   - no