This course is designed for health care professionals, particularly radiographers who wish to develop the necessary clinical and evaluative skills for the competent performance and reporting of relevant abdominal and small part structure ultrasound examinations. The course is taken in combination with Application of Ultrasound Science and Principles of Reporting in order to achieve an ultrasound qualification. It may only be studied as a standalone course by qualified sonographers.

Course aims
On successful completion of the course, typically students will:

- Demonstrate a depth of knowledge and critical understanding of the anatomy, physiology and pathology associated with the relevant abdominal and small part structures.
- Have a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable for medical ultrasound investigation for the abdominal and small part structures.
- Demonstrate critical awareness in synthesizing information and evaluative skills for the competent performance of ultrasound examinations of the abdominal and small part structures.
- Demonstrate technical expertise in medical ultrasound of the abdominal and small part structures being able to perform examinations competently with precision and effectiveness and be able to adapt these skills as required in complex situations.

Content
This course is designed to give practitioners the theory underpinning ultrasound imaging of the abdominal and small part structures as well as achieving clinical competency when studied as part of a taught post graduate programme. Active participation in group activities is a requirement of participants.

Assessment
The assessment will consist of a case study presentation, an unseen 2 hour OSCE and a practical skills assessment comprising of 3 patients. The practical skills assessment is undertaken in your own department and marked by university staff and your clinical supervisors.

Who teaches this course?
The course is facilitated by Clare Cameron and will involve both University and external lecturers. Delivery of the course incorporates blended learning which aims to combine e-learning activities with campus based learning.

Cost
The fee for new self-funding students is £1410.00.
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/cpdfunding.

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