Department of Allied Health Professions and Midwifery

Theory and clinical applications of early pregnancy ultrasound
7HSK0202 30 Credits at level 7

This course runs in combination with other modules during the weeks beginning:
- Monday 2nd October 2017
- Monday 13th November 2017
- Monday 11th December 2017
- Monday 5th February 2018
- Monday 5th March 2018
- Monday 23rd April 2018
- Monday 18th June 2018
- OSCE week – Monday 2nd July 2018

This course is designed for health care professionals, midwives and nurses who are specifically working in an early pregnancy unit who wish to develop the necessary clinical and evaluative skills for the competent performance and accurate reporting of early 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 typical students will:
- Demonstrate a depth of knowledge and critical understanding of anatomy, physiology and pathology of normal and abnormal pregnancy from conception to 13 weeks gestation including maternal complications and common fetal developmental anomalies that may arise during that stage of pregnancy.
- Have a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to the medical ultrasound investigation of the normal and abnormal pregnancy from conception to 13 weeks gestation and related pelvic structures.
- Demonstrate critical awareness in synthesizing information and evaluative skills for the competent performance of ultrasound examinations of the pregnant uterus in early pregnancy and related abdominal and pelvic structures.
- Demonstrate technical expertise in early pregnancy ultrasound 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 early pregnancy ultrasound as well as achieving clinical competency when studying 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 Naomi Brown and involves 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/cpdfees.

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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