Independent professional study 1 and 2
Module codes 7HSK0211 (30 credits) and 7HSK0210 (15 credits) at level 7

The 15 credit course runs over 1 semester and the 30 credit course runs over 1 or 2 semesters. They run in either semester A or B.

These courses are designed for therapeutic or diagnostic radiographers, dietitians, paramedics and physiotherapists who want to gain an in depth understanding of a particular subject area in which they have a specific interest and that is not provided through taught modules. There are no specific days when you are required to attend the University. Communication is with your supervisor and arranged to suit your needs.

Course aims
The aims of these courses are to enable you to undertake an area of study of your own choice, which will inform and be of benefit to developing your professional practice.

Content
These courses enable you to study areas of personal interest within a professional context. You will develop an individually tailored outcomes-based programme of study with guidance from an academic tutor/supervisor. The topic chosen will be relevant to your professional practice. The choice of topic and learning outcomes will be the subject of negotiation between you and your supervisor.

Assessment
The nature of the assessment and the number of elements are dependent upon the topic under study and the learning outcomes identified for the proposed study. You will be expected to negotiate the assessment of the course in conjunction with your supervisor.

Who teaches this course?
These independent study courses are facilitated by academic tutors with experience in this area. You will be supported throughout the period of study.

Cost
The fee for new self-funding students is £680.00 for 15 credits and £1360.00 for 30 credits. 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 modules can be studied together with the following courses:
- Independent reflection in professional practice 1 or 2
- Independent work based skills 1, 2 and 3

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.
Independent Professional Study (IPS), Independent Work Based Skills (IWBS), Independent Reflection in Professional Practice (IRPP)

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