Care and assessment of the acutely ill child

Course code: 6NMH1016/7NMH1010  Semester: B
Level: 6 & 7  Credit: 30

Who should attend the course?
This course is designed for qualified healthcare professionals working in a range of clinical settings that deal with children and young people.

The course may be taken as a standalone module or as part of a post graduate award, e.g. Post Graduate Diploma or Master’s Degree.

Course aims
In response to the dynamic challenges in practice, the course has been developed to provide practitioners with the knowledge and skills to undertake effective assessment of the acutely ill child and devise appropriate care packages and management plans.

It aims to develop professional competence in managing the care of the acutely ill children and young people through simulation, practical skills workshops, lectures and group discussion.

Course content
The topics covered include:
- Revision of altered anatomy and physiology in the acutely ill child
- Skills workshops
- Planning care
- Assessment of acute care issues – respiratory conditions
- Neurological conditions pain, shock, acid/base balance
- ECG and arterial blood gas workshops
- Scenarios considering the assessment and management of acute conditions

How does the course map with the NHS KSF?
The course contributes to the development of knowledge and understanding for the KSF Core Dimensions 1, 2 and 5, Health and wellbeing 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and Information and knowledge 3.

Assessment
The assessment includes the submission of a written piece which will demonstrate the students understanding of the module and its application to their particular clinical area. This will be further supported by a presentation.

Where is the course taught and by whom?
Sessions are delivered at Meridian House part of the College Lane Campus in Hatfield, as well as online material to compliment the delivered sessions.

The course is facilitated by Ceri Baker alongside other members of the Child Nursing Team.

Computer equipment requirement
Delivery of the course incorporates blended learning which aims to combine e-learning activities with campus based learning. You therefore need to have access to a suitable personal computer and a good reliable Internet connection (broadband recommended). Most modern PCs or Macs (less than 3 years old) should be suitable. If you have any queries or need any additional support with IT skills, the School employs an e-learning technologist who will be pleased to help and advise you.

Cost
To find out information about the fees visit go.herts.ac.uk/cpdfees

Contract funding for NHS staff
The University is contracted by the NHS to provide post-registration education/CPD and training for its health professionals. If you are an NHS employee contact the senior manager responsible for post-registration education/CPD in your Trust to check if the course you wish to attend can be supported by the Trust’s contract with our University.

When does this course run?
This is a 10-day course that runs on:
- 26 January 2016
- 2, 9, 23 February 2016
- 1, 8, 15, 22, March 2016

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