



**Bournemouth
University**

Diploma HE Operating Department Practice

School of Health & Social Care

Graduates from this course will be eligible to apply for registration with the Health Professions Council (HPC).

The course aims to provide you with the knowledge and clinical skills to become a proficient health care provider, through practice placements and theory-based sessions.

Start date:

September 2012

Accreditations:

College of Operating Department Practitioners (CODP)
Health Professions Council (HPC)

Duration:

2 years full-time

UCAS:

B991 DipHE/ODP

Entry requirements:

For 2012 entry: 240 points typically from 3 A-levels or equivalent.

International Baccalaureate (IB): minimum of 26 points, including 5 points from each of the 3 Higher Level subjects

Applications from mature students are encouraged

Preferred subjects:

Biology, Science, Health & Social Care

Recommended GCSEs:

A minimum of 4 (grades A*-C) including Maths and English or appropriate Key Skills Level 2.

A Science subject is preferred

If English is not your first language:

IELTS 7.0 (Academic) or equivalent

Contact askBU Enquiry Service:

Tel: 08456 501501 (BU does not profit from this service)

Tel: +44 (0)1202 961916 (International/EU callers)

Email: askBUenquiries@bournemouth.ac.uk

Web: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/askbu

For more course information:

Visit: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/courses/DHODP

Open Days:

Log on to: www.bournemouth.ac.uk/opendays

Course overview

On this course, there is a large emphasis on ensuring that you will acquire suitable clinical skills, experience and knowledge to empower you to become an effective practitioner who can deliver high-quality and appropriate care.

During this two-year course you will receive a three-week university introduction to an area of practice followed by a 9-week placement (except postanaesthesia which will be 6 weeks). During Years One and Two, you will develop proficiencies in anaesthetic care, postanaesthetic care and surgery.

The theoretical underpinning will be applied during clinical placements to enhance the care of safety of the patient.

Successful completion of this course will confer eligibility to apply to register with the **Health Professions Council** (HPC).

What do Operating Department Practitioners do?

ODPs are a vital part of the multi-disciplinary operating theatre team. They are concerned with the maintenance and restoration of the physiological and physical status of the patient at all levels of dependency, through assessment, planning and the delivery of individualised care.

ODPs provide high standards of patient care alongside medical and nursing colleagues during the anaesthetic, surgical and recovery phases of perioperative care. The role of the ODP involves the application of theory to practice in a variety of clinical settings.

Course structure

The first year of the course will provide you with the opportunity to develop a basic understanding and skills in perioperative practice. In your second year, more specialist experience will accompany the development of these skills to enable you to consistently deliver a competent approach to your perioperative practice. Applicants choose a preferred hospital for their clinical practice base and are timetabled a minimum of 1,800 practice hours over the two years.

During Year One you will be allocated to the three areas of anaesthetics, postanaesthetic care and surgery within your hospital base. In Year Two you will experience more specialist opportunities including ENT (ear, nose & throat), Maternity and Paediatrics. Depending on your hospital base you may be allocated to a range of specialist areas including A & E, Endoscopy, Gynaecology, ITU, Maxillo-facial, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmic, Orthopaedics, Plastics, Surgical Wards, Trauma, Urology, Vascular and X-ray.

Course content

Units marked with IP will be delivered interprofessionally, which means you will be learning with other students including social workers, nurses, midwives, occupational therapists and physiotherapists. This is intended to reflect the working environment you are preparing for.

Learning will include a range of strategies including seminars, lectures, e-learning, shared learning with paramedic students, interprofessional learning, clinical skills and student presentations.

Year One – Level C

Communication and Group Working

Good personal and interpersonal communications are central to collaboration, the efficiency of group working and the resulting quality of care. In this unit you will learn with the paramedic students to develop communications skills and explore group process in both professional and partnership settings.

Foundations in Anaesthetic Care

Many patients within anaesthetics are highly anxious and modern anaesthetic technique demands the carer to have an in-depth knowledge of how to care for the patient before, during and after anaesthesia.

Foundations in Surgical Care

In this unit you will explore the factors in surgical care that require consideration in order to deliver the duty of care owed to all patients.

Foundations in Postanaesthetic Care

This unit will give you the requisites to practice post-operative care.

Foundation Knowledge and Practice: Portfolio 1

This is a practical unit where you will have opportunities to learn from a variety of clinical experiences and contexts where you will be facilitated, supported and assessed by registered practitioners.

Year Two – Level I

Exploring Evidence to Guide Practice (IP)

This unit aims to raise your awareness of a range of evidence and you will be able to demonstrate an understanding of how different forms of evidence can effectively guide practice.

Care in Anaesthesia

This unit will give you a framework to explore the multi-dimensional nature of the practice of anaesthetic care and gain insight and understanding of your individual responsibility in the co-ordination of safe and competent care.

Care in Surgery

In this unit you will explore the multi-dimensional nature of the practice of intra-operative care and gain insight and understanding of your individual responsibility in the co-ordination of safe and competent care.

Care in Postanaesthesia

This unit will prepare you for the autonomous role of delivering effective practice of postanaesthetic care.

Advancing Knowledge and Practice: Portfolio 2

This is a practical unit with an opportunity to gain experience in different areas of practice to enable you to develop the required standard of proficiency practice to meet client/patient needs.

Placements

One decision that you will need to make is the locality of your preferred hospital ie. where you will undertake the majority of your placements. Wherever possible you will be allocated to your preferred hospital but this cannot be guaranteed, as places are limited. If you are successfully short listed then the Admissions Team will contact you to ask what your preferred choice of location is.

All applications will be short-listed, and suitable candidates may then be invited to attend a presentation and/or interview. The interviews will normally be conducted by representation from the University and one of the associated Hospitals.

Hospital locations

The Diploma in Higher Education Operating Department Practice will be delivered at BU's Lansdowne Campus with an option to have some learning at Yeovil. We are linked with the following hospitals:

Dorset:

Bournemouth Nuffield Hospital
Dorchester County Hospital
Poole Hospital Trust
Royal Bournemouth Hospital
The Harbour Hospital (Poole)

Somerset:

Somerset Nuffield Hospital
Taunton Hospital
Yeovil District Hospital
Winterbourne Hospital (Dorchester)

South Wiltshire:

Salisbury District Hospital
New Hall Hospital

Accommodation, placements and travel costs

When we offer you a place we will advise you which locality you will be based in. If you are going to require accommodation, details can be found at www.bournemouth.ac.uk/accommodation.

It is very important that if you require accommodation, you do not arrange it until we have confirmed in writing the locality you will be based in ie. Bournemouth, Poole, Dorchester, Taunton, Yeovil or Salisbury. If you decide that you want to live in hospital accommodation, you will need to contact the relevant Accommodation Manager to arrange this. If hospital accommodation is not available, the above website includes details of private letting agents who may be able to assist. The BU

Accommodation Office can also help you find accommodation in the Bournemouth/Poole area.

Please note that, while the University will help you as much as possible to find accommodation, we cannot guarantee where this may be. You can be required to travel to a range of placements within a wide geographical area. The NHS Bursary scheme may cover some (but not all) travel costs. We use placements in the NHS, private and independent sector, and community hospitals.

Financial support

All UK/EU nursing and midwifery students are exempt from Council Tax.

All new UK students for 2012 will be eligible for a non-means tested grant of £1000 and a means-tested bursary – both of which are non-repayable. Students are also entitled to apply for a reduced rate non-means-tested loan from Student Finance England – this will need to be repaid after graduation. Please see the Department of Health website to calculate what you may be entitled to at http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Workforce/WorkingintheNHS/DH_128397.

Applying for NHS funding:

All students for an NHS professional course will need to make an application directly to the NHS Student Bursaries office via the Bursary Online Support System (BOSS) at <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/3264.aspx> or calling them on 0845 358 6655. It is important that all students make an application to ensure tuition fees are paid, regardless of the value of the bursary you expect to receive.

Please note that Bournemouth University is not involved in the management or payment of NHS Bursaries

Applying for a Student Finance England loan:

Applications are made directly to Student Finance England, and can be done online at <http://www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance> by simply adding in the passport numbers and National Insurance numbers for all members of the household that are eligible for assessment.

As well as Bursary funding, you may be eligible to claim childcare allowances – details of these can be found at <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/2335.aspx>

For further information on any of the above, please contact:

NHS Student Bursaries
Tel: 0845 358 6655
Fax: 01253 774491

Career opportunities

ODPs are a vital part of any clinical team, and provide professional expertise during a patients' stay in hospital. Although ODPs are primarily employed within operating theatres, they are increasingly being recognised for their skills in other critical care areas. ODPs may be found to be working in areas such as the following:

- First Assistant to the Surgeon
- Surgical Assistant
- Scrubbed Person
- Anaesthesia
- Management
- Education
- Sterile Services
- Transplant Teams
- Intensive Care Units
- Accident & Emergency
- Helicopter Emergency Medical Services
- Trauma Teams
- Day Surgery Units
- Casting Rooms/Orthopaedic Clinics.

How to apply

Applications should be made through the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS):

UCAS, Rosehill, New Barn Lane, Cheltenham,
Gloucester GL52 3LZ
Telephone (0870) 1122211
Website: www.ucas.com

Please note that interviews are part of our selection process and you must be able to demonstrate at interview that you show the necessary insight into operating department practice, as well as the motivation and commitment to become an ODP.

Assistance for students with disabilities or Additional Learning Needs

If you have a disability or have, or think that you may have, specific additional learning support needs, we have a team dedicated to helping you with your studies. Visit www.bournemouth.ac.uk/disabilitysupport for more details.

Please note that any disabilities or learning support needs should be declared with your application, but any such declaration will not disadvantage your application in any way. Should you choose not to declare a disability or additional learning need, we cannot guarantee to offer the support that you may require.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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General information and some frequently asked questions

The information included in this leaflet will help you make a decision about whether to proceed with an application. Below are the sorts of questions which people commonly ask together with some additional information. If you still have questions please contact our askBU Enquiry Service.

What are the entry requirements?

1) Relevant experience

It is recommended that you have some care experience - preferably within an Operating Department. If you do not have any you are strongly recommended to be able to demonstrate that you have a clear insight into the nature of the profession that you will be training to enter. To assist in gaining an insight, we encourage you to access experience within the Operating Department. Applicants without suitable experience should contact us as we may be able to provide a contact from a hospital for you to arrange an informal visit.

2) Academic qualifications

2012 entry:

240 points, typically from 3 A-levels or equivalent. Advanced Diplomas in some subjects may be considered. Please contact us for details.

Applicants will normally have a good GCSE profile, including English and Maths (grade A*-C) plus one of the following:

- GCE A-levels, possibly combined with AS-levels; this should include a Science subject.
- BTEC Nationals or OCR Nationals in a care related subject
- A science based Access to HE Diploma (or equivalent) gaining 60 credits with a minimum of 45 credits at Level 3.

Within your academic profile you will usually need to have evidence of Communication, Numeracy and Science, and recent academic study within the last 5 years.

Communication

- GCSE/O-level English Language/Literature (grades A*-C) or CSE (grade 1)
- Key Skills – Communication (Level 2)
- National Certificate in Adult Literacy
- Communication modules completed within BTEC/EDEXCEL/GNVQ/SCOTVEC.

Numeracy

- GCSE/O-level Mathematics or Arithmetic (grades A*-C) or CSE (grade 1)
- Any GCSE/GCE A-level that includes an application of number module eg. accounting, physics, chemistry, psychology, statistics, design & technology - you will be required to provide evidence of this eg. copy of the syllabus that details the numeracy content
- Key Skills – Application of Number (Level 2)
- RSA Numeracy (Level II)
- National Certificate in Adult Numeracy
- Numeracy modules completed within BTEC/GNVQ/EDEXCEL/SCOTVEC.

Science

It is generally considered beneficial that your qualifications include a science subject such as those detailed below, but this is not essential.

- GCSE/O-level (grades A*-C) or CSE (grade 1) in either human biology, biology, sociology, psychology, human physiology & health, food & nutrition, physics, chemistry, child development, double science, zoology, physical education
- Appropriate science modules completed within BTEC/EDEXCEL/GNVQ/SCOTVEC.

Mature applicants

Your application may be considered on individual merit if you are a mature applicant and are already working as a Theatre Support Worker but you do not meet all the academic entry requirements. Your application will require you to provide a recommendation from your employer and a portfolio of achievement. Please contact us before making an application.

Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure

All successful applicants will be subject to successful **Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure** Clearance; this will be a condition of offer and will need to be completed prior to commencing the course.

Course expectations

There are a number of additional expectations that must be accepted when entering the course:

- During your clinical placement there may be times when you are expected to work during the evening or at weekends, so that you are working with your Mentor. Advance notice will be given
- Operating Departments run 24 hours a day and as a student you will be required to work some of your placement outside of 'normal' shift hours in order to be able to experience emergency work
- Most of your clinical experience will be based in one hospital. In order to achieve the minimum number of required clinical experiences expected for the course, there may be some placements based in other hospitals. Again advanced notice will be given
- This is an intensive two-year (46-week year) course that requires a strong commitment to complete the theoretical and practical demands.

Occupational health check

ODP is physically and mentally demanding and we need to be sure you are healthy and able to withstand the rigours of the course and the occupation. We will always make an offer of a place subject to passing an Occupational Health check, and this will be carried out at the Occupational Health Department of the Royal Bournemouth Hospital. There are some medical conditions that might cause a problem; examples are: deafness, blindness, eczema (or other dermatological allergic reactions) on exposed areas, epilepsy, severe back problems, and mental health conditions. If you have one of these conditions, or some other condition or disability which you believe may affect your ability to complete the course, you can contact us for more guidance.

ODP students are required to undergo Hepatitis B immunisation, or provide evidence of immunity. They are also required to be tested for, or provide a record of their immunity status for Chickenpox, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Rubella, TB, Hepatitis C and HIV. You may also be asked to provide records of other immunisation programmes, such as Polio, Diphtheria, etc. You will need to ask your GP for details of your past immunisation records and you should be aware that there may be charges made (for which you will be liable) relating to your gaining the appropriate immunity required prior to starting your training programme. Further advice can be given by your GP, or by the Occupational Health Department as part of your Occupational Health clearance.

Please note that you cannot commence practice without undergoing testing for Hepatitis B immunity and screening for Hepatitis C, and we therefore recommend that you commence an immunisation programme as soon as possible (if you have not already done so).

Non-UK/EU applicants

Bournemouth University can normally only consider applicants who have been resident in the UK for the three years prior to the course start date (other than as a student), and are therefore eligible for an NHS Bursary. If you require more information, please contact the NHS Student Grants Unit - contact details listed in the Financial support section.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this flyer, but the University can accept no responsibility for errors or omissions. The University reserves the right to introduce changes to the information given. Our courses undergo constant review to ensure they are flexible, relevant, and as up to date as possible. In addition, details may have changed since this flyer went to press – October 2011. For up-to-date information on Bournemouth University, please visit our website at www.bournemouth.ac.uk.

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