

BSc (Hons) Professional Studies in Health and Social Care (Online Top Up degree)



Faculty of Health



COURSE FACTS

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Applications	Please complete an online form and send to health.admissions@bcu.ac.uk Visit www.bcu.ac.uk/onlinehealthinfo How to apply tab to begin your application	
Duration	A part-time online programme studied between 15 months and 3 years	
Location	Entirely online	
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Dip HE (240 credits to include 120 at Level 5)
 - Or FHEQ Level 5: HND / full NVQ L 4/ Foundation degrees
 - Equivalent level qualifications will be considered. NARIC assessment offered
 - IELTS overall score 6.5 (include written component 6.0) for non-UK candidates
 - Must be working in a relevant area
- *FHEQ: The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications

COURSE OVERVIEW

This is an engaging and interactive e-learning/online programme intended for UK and international Health and Social Care, multi-professional practitioners working in a wide range of care settings who wish to top up to a degree. The online delivery offers a flexible, time-saving solution to study for practitioners with busy work schedules.

Attendance at the University is not required as you can participate online from your home or work location. A 'virtual' university experience is offered including electronic access to campus-based services, resources and regular direct or indirect access to the module teams.

The online study involves high levels of tutor and peer contact and interaction via email, Chat Rooms, Skype, phone and Forums to create a supportive e-learning community.

This programme enables you to develop your professional and academic skills in communication, leadership, evidence base and literacy to manage the complexities of your work by applying theory to your practice experience. This is provided through a suite of eight modules that examines academic and clinical basis for practice and encourages critical thinking around issues in Health and Social Care in the UK and globally.

COURSE CONTENT/FEATURES

The online programme provides a supportive learning environment in which you will have opportunity to:

- Contribute towards a collaborative learning community whilst exploring themes and concepts associated with Health and Social Care provision
- Develop ideas towards a more integrated approach to Health and Social Care services.
- Develop your own personal and professional plans within the safe boundaries of tutor and peer-led forums.

Teaching and learning methods are diverse and include independent study, self and group reflection and online lectures and structured activities using a range of technologies. This may range from text-based, audio and video lectures or reading resources and social media such as Discussion Forums and e-Portfolios. You will have full access to the University digital library collections and module reading material.

The suite of modules can be studied as a full degree between 15 months to 3 years. Or, you may wish to study 1-2 modules as stand-alone or whilst you are undertaking other health related study on-campus.

To gain a full BSc (Hons) Degree you will need to successfully complete 8 modules (includes a double module) , to total 120 credits at level 6:

The full Award also requires you to undertake the core modules and to select 4 from the menu of 5 optional modules.

The core modules include:

- Essential Academic Skills for Study (15 credits)*
- Evidence Based Practice (15 credits)
- Independent Study (30 credits: Double Module)

The optional modules are:

- Communication in Health and Social Care (15 credits)
- Transformational Leadership in Health and Social Care (15 credits)
- Teaching and education in Health and Social Care (15 credits)
- Applied Physiology for Health and Social Care (15 credits)
- Applied Pharmacology for Health and Social Care (15 credits)

*You are strongly advised to undertake Essential Academic Skills for Study prior to undertaking the other modules.

Access to broadband is a minimal requirement in order to undertake online learning.

ASSESSMENT

You will be assessed through a variety of methods, which include essays and case-based assignments, patchwork assessment or collection of small reflective pieces of work, bibliography, viva and e-portfolios entries for personal development. These will give you the opportunity to creatively demonstrate your role and development as a practitioner.

FURTHER STUDY

This programme provides opportunity for academic progression to higher level studies. For example, the University runs an MSc in Health and Social Care. Additional educational courses can be found within the postgraduate studies directory.

Successful completion of the BSc (Hons) Professional Studies in Health and Social Care does not make you eligible to work as a nurse or Health & Social Care practitioner within the UK. In order for you to do this you must be registered with the Nursing Midwifery Council (NMC), for nursing or the relevant Professional Registration body.

EMPLOYABILITY

The flexible, e-learning programme will enhance your skills in effective use of digital technologies whilst advancing your leadership, communication, information processing skills.

Application of evidence-based, practices and reflective, critical thinking will allow you to develop professional expertise in a manner and style to suit both work related and personal need.

MORE INFORMATION

Taking applications now.

For an overview of the programme or to find out more information please email HealthTopUpBScProf@bcu.ac.uk

For information with regards to future open days please visit www.bcu.ac.uk/healthopendays



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