

### COURSE FACTS

Tariff Score	220 UCAS points <b>Please note:</b> Non-European students are unable to be accepted onto this course due to NHS funding criteria
Faculty	Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences
Apply	UCAS B990 - <a href="http://www.ucas.ac.uk">www.ucas.ac.uk</a>
Duration	Two years full-time (September intake)
Location	City South Campus and clinical placements
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Open Days	Please refer to our website for dates and registration - <a href="http://www.bcu.ac.uk/opendays">www.bcu.ac.uk/opendays</a>



### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE at Grade C or above in English language and Mathematics. (GCSE equivalents not accepted, e.g. Key Skills Level 2, Adult Numeracy, Adult Literacy). Plus a minimum of 220 UCAS points which may be obtained from a variety of qualifications, for further information visit: [www.bcu.ac.uk/odp](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/odp).

Places are also subject to a satisfactory Occupational Health Check, Disclosure and Barring Service checks and registration with the Independent Safeguarding Authority.

### PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

We are one of the largest Operating Department Practice education and training providers in the UK, with a reputation for excellence.

This course prepares you to become an independent practitioner within the operating department environment ensuring the delivery of high quality, safe and effective care. You will develop skills required for anaesthetic, surgical and post-anaesthetic care roles and develop an understanding of how these skills are adapted to various specialist situations. The course will prepare you to respond to changes in health care needs and priorities.

Upon successful completion of the course, you will graduate with a Diploma in Higher Education and be eligible to apply for registration with the Health and

Care Professions Council (HCPC) as an Operating Department Practitioner (ODP).

Our Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences is one of the UK's largest higher education centres for health and social care. Our courses are highly regarded by employers and we are the largest provider of qualified staff to the NHS for health and social services in the region.

Our state-of-the-art facilities include new classrooms, a suite of clinical skills facilities including mock wards, an operating theatre, a home environment, a biomedical and physiology laboratory and the SPACE (Skills Practice and Clinical Enhancement) self-directed learning suite, fully stocked with all required specialist items.

## COURSE CONTENT

The course combines learning in the university with clinical practice learning at partner hospitals. The course is taught using a variety of teaching methods to help you get the most from your study, reflecting the subject matter and your individual needs.

The focus for learning in the classroom will be to help you to:

- Work as part of a team
- Understand how an ODP fits into the team and what they do
- Understand the role played by other professionals
- Manage your clinical workload
- Make informed decisions
- Communicate effectively
- Adapt to different practice settings
- Adopt effective reporting and recording strategies

You will study 120 credits each at Levels 4 and 5.

The role of an ODP is varied and dynamic. Primarily employed within operating theatres to work as surgical, anaesthetic or recovery practitioners, ODPs assess, plan and deliver individualised patient care, in conjunction with other members of the healthcare team.

ODPs are a vital part of the operating theatre team; working alongside surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and health care support workers, they use their specialist knowledge and skills to ensure that every operation is as safe and effective as possible. This can range from checking specialist equipment, preparing medical devices to hands-on delivery of patient care, so versatility and adaptability are key functions of the role.

ODPs use enhanced levels of communication and negotiation skills to promote patient well-being, and to ensure their patient needs are met, whether these are physiological or psychological.

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment methods include written assignments, examinations, simulations, staged tests, workshop exams and clinical placements.

Assessment takes place throughout the year to enable you to monitor your progress and obtain appropriate support.

## FURTHER STUDY

You can specialise post-registration or move into management or teaching. The possibilities are endless, especially if you're keen to embrace lifelong learning.

A comprehensive portfolio of post-registration courses called Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is available within the Faculty of Health, Education and Life Sciences. Visit [www.bcu.ac.uk/healthcpd](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/healthcpd) for more information. Many are taught as part-time flexible modules to fit around your work and domestic commitments.

## EMPLOYMENT

Upon registration as an ODP with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) you will work within a multi-disciplinary operating theatre team. Although primarily employed within operating theatres, they are increasingly recognised for their skills, clinical experience and knowledge, which are transferable to many health care settings, including:

- Anaesthesia, Resuscitation, Surgery, Transplant or Trauma Teams
- Post-Anaesthesia Care Unit (Recovery)
- Management
- Education
- Intensive Care Units
- Accident and Emergency
- Helicopter Emergency Medical Services
- Pre Assessment Clinics
- Casting Rooms/Orthopaedic Clinics

## MORE INFORMATION

Tuition fees are covered by the NHS. If you meet residency requirements\* you are eligible to apply for a means tested bursary and a number of allowances dependent upon personal circumstances.

\*You must be a European National, or be granted indefinite leave to remain and have been resident in the UK for three years prior to submitting your application.

