

Preparation Programme

for International Students in the Faculty of Health

Do you want to:

- learn more about health care in the UK?
- develop your professional health vocabulary?
- develop your academic skills?
- gain confidence, fluency and accuracy with your English communication skills?
- work on your English grammar?
- visit places of interest in England?
- make friends with students from all over the world before your course starts?

Then sign up for the **Preparation Programme** for International Students in the Faculty of Health.

The **Preparation Programme** is a full time, 10-week summer course to help students prepare for their health-related studies at Birmingham City University. Students who have IELTS 6.0 must undertake this programme if their main course of study requires IELTS 6.5.

The **Preparation Programme** is run by our 'Personal Development Department', which will provide on-going support throughout your studies at the University, offering study skills workshops, numeracy classes and careers advice.

Entry requirements

To take part in the course, you will need at least:

- IELTS 6.0, with at least 6.0 in the writing and speaking modules.

Or

- GCSE or IGCSE English Language: minimum grade C
- AS Level English Language: minimum grade E
- A Level English Language: minimum grade E
- A Level General Studies: minimum grade C
- Cambridge Certificate of Advanced English: minimum grade C
- Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English: minimum grade C.

(Candidates with other qualifications or language tests will be considered on an individual basis.)

Course structure

Classes run from Monday to Friday, 21 hours a week.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

English and Academic Skills (EAS) with Health-Related Topics

Students will learn about academic writing skills, perform academic reading and writing tasks, hold discussions and prepare presentations on a weekly health topic. There will be sessions to explore critical reading, critical thinking and seminar skills.

Students will also attend talks and presentations given by health professionals and academics.

Thursday and Friday

English Language Development (ELD)

These classes will focus on grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation.

They will give students an opportunity to discuss a range of topics, learn about British life and culture and get to know their classmates.



Social activities

Some social activities have been organised for students on the course, including Saturday trips with a larger group of international students.

The course fee includes transport, admission to venues, tour guides and maps and other printed materials.

For more information, please visit <http://library.bcu.ac.uk/learner/presessional/social-programme.html>.

Assessment

At the end of the Preparation Programme, students will receive two grades: for **Academic Writing** and for **Presentation Skills**.

Students will be expected to attend all sessions and need to attend 80 per cent of classes in order to receive a certificate of attendance. Successful completion of the Preparation Programme will enable students with IELTS 6.0 to enrol on courses at the Faculty of Health that require IELTS 6.5.

Course fee

The course costs £1,600, plus accommodation (see below).

This includes all classes, photocopied materials, a course book for English language work and social activities.

A bursary of £500 may be available to students. For more information, please email louise.toner@bcu.ac.uk.

For background reading and for use during the course, it is recommended that students buy *Understanding the Sociology of Health: An Introduction* by Anne-Marie Barry and Chris Yuill (2nd Edition, 2008) published by Sage.

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided at the City South Campus, where the Faculty of Health is located and the Preparation Programme will take place. Two nine bedroom flats are available with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities for £97 per week. Bedding and kitchen equipment is supplied.

For more information, please visit www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/accommodation.





Enquiries

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The faculty is recognised for its excellence in teaching and learning by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).

Applications

If you would like to take part in the Preparation Programme, please include the course title “**Preparation Programme**” alongside the title of your main course of study in the relevant section of your Birmingham City University application form. You can obtain further information and an application form at the following website:

www.bcu.ac.uk/international/how-to-apply

