

# Lymphoedema, Fundamentals of Care



## Faculty of Health

### COURSE FACTS

Duration	One academic term
Location	City South Campus, Edgbaston
Cost	Refer to contact
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### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### Candidates need to be:

- from a health (nurse, physiotherapist, radiotherapist, occupational therapist) or therapy background and able to demonstrate ability to study at this level
- have undertaken a basic lymphoedema course and/or worked in this specialist area, supported by a reference to confirm this
- working in an appropriate environment in order to fully engage with the course materials.

For entry into the BSc/BSc (Hons) students must have a Dip HE or 240 credits of which at least 120 are at Level 5.

For entry into the Graduate Certificate students must have a relevant Bachelor's degree or 360 credits of which at least 120 are at Level 6.

NB: An ordinary Bachelor's award must consist of at least 60 credits at Level 6.

The module is also open to therapists who have undertaken study to diploma level, in particular those who have studied the Vodder method of lymphoedema treatment. It may also be open to those who are working in this field of health care and can provide references to support their ability to undertake this level of academic study.



## COURSE OVERVIEW AND BENEFITS

### Aims

To develop the knowledge, skills and confidence of health care professionals and allied therapist colleagues, caring for individuals with lymphoedema.

To enable health care professionals to deliver high quality care for patients within this field.

### Method of Delivery

During the module you will be guided by communication through Moodle, which support online learning which will involve narrated presentations, quiz based activities and web based discussion with the module leader.

This medium is used to deliver the course as an e-learning programme. You will also need to undertake clinical competencies to achieve the skills needed to pass the module. To discuss how this can be accessed speak to the module leader. The module leader will help you arrange clinical

placements according to your learning needs and geographical location. If you need to see the module leader face-to-face or would like to arrange telephone contact, this should be done on an individual basis.

Students will be encouraged to reflect on their own learning needs in line with the University philosophy and will have access to a network of appropriately trained academics through the University, working with key stakeholders and partner organisations in the field of lymphoedema provision (Macmillan Lymphoedema Academy, Gloucestershire Hospitals Lymphoedema Service).

This module has been developed in conjunction with clinical partners based on an on-going demand where high quality care is seen as being underpinned by high quality education.

## MORE INFORMATION

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