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## Post-Graduate Certificate Tissue Viability Pathway

Faculty of  
**Health**



### COURSE FACTS

Faculty	Faculty of Health
Applications	Please contact the Admissions Office. T: 0121 331 5500 E: <a href="mailto:health@bcu.ac.uk">health@bcu.ac.uk</a>
Duration	Can be taken full-time over one year or part-time up to two years (subject to confirmation)
Location	City South Campus, Edgbaston
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### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The student must be working within/have access to an appropriate clinical area to enable competency completion.  
For MSc pathway: as above plus a minimum of 60 credits at Level 6.

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is aimed at health care practitioners who want to enhance their skills and knowledge within the field of Tissue Viability.

There is a core module focusing specifically on wound management which provides the foundation building block for the course. Following this module the student can choose two from the three optional modules available to best suit their clinical situation. All the modules encourage the student to relate the learning to their clinical area.

The course is appropriate for ward or clinic based health practitioners and for more specialist practitioners. The course is flexible enough to allow the learning to be tailored to any clinical setting, this is important as Tissue Viability is one of the few areas of practice which literally covers from cradle to grave. Practitioners from all areas of health will benefit from this course, midwifery, mental health and learning disabilities are increasingly needing tissue viability specialists working within these specialities. The course is also relevant to allied health practitioners such as podiatry.

### ASSESSMENT

The formal assessment methods include case studies, auditing of aspects of a service, clinical competencies, reflection.

Informal assessment methods include; discussion forums, quizzes, critiquing published literature and journal articles. Practical experience will be specific to the individual modules for example bandaging and Doppler for leg ulcer care, practicing sharp debridement to gain experience of scalpel technique and tissue management.

For the modules relating to leg ulcers, debridement and pressure ulceration the student must be working within the relevant clinical area or have access to such a clinical area so competency documents can be completed, the university does not offer clinical placements for these modules, the student must be working within an appropriate setting.

## COURSE CONTENT/FEATURES

The course will use a variety of teaching methods. There will be taught elements and opportunities for students to participate in discussions both in the class room and on-line. There will also be resources and activities to undertake on-line.

**The course covers all the main components of the elements of tissue viability the range of subjects being:**

- Wound Care Management

**The student will then choose two from the following:**

- Leg Ulcer Care Management
- Pressure Ulcer Care Management
- Debridement applied to practice.

All the modules will be subject-specific focused, looking at anatomy and physiology of healing, assessment methods, management methodologies, psychological aspects of the condition. There will also be a review of the effects of the condition on society as a whole. Aspects related to management of the specific service will also be included enabling the practitioner to gain a trust wide perspective and issues related to enabling others within the organisation to provide clinically effective tissue viability care.

Students are able to undertake any of these modules as standalone modules if not wanting to commit to a full degree programme at this time.

## FURTHER STUDY

Following completion of the pathway, the student could top up to a Post-Graduate Diploma or progress onto a Masters degree.

Please refer to specific relevant study options, research degrees may also be considered if appropriate.

In addition, generic info ref CATS is below for consideration.

The pathway will also enable you to enrol for individual modules if you wish to update your skills and knowledge (in a specific area) but do not wish to go on to gain an academic award. You can simply gain CATS points to put towards further study if desired.

## EMPLOYABILITY

A degree is a pre-requisite for most Clinical Specialist posts, increasingly employers are looking for staff in senior positions within tissue viability to be working towards a Masters degree and this pathway would fulfil the clinical requirements of a post as a senior tissue viability specialist.

The degree level pathway has enhanced the position of past students within their organisation, who were already working within Tissue Viability posts and allowed others to successfully attain posts as Tissue Viability Specialists either within their own or other organisations.

Please make specific reference to the careers/progression past students have achieved following completion of this course.

## MORE INFORMATION

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