

Course Specification

Cou	ourse Summary Information		
1	Course Title		FdSc Health and Social Care
2	BCU Course UCAS Code		UF0507
	Code		
3	Awarding Institution		Birmingham City University
4	Teaching Institution(s)		-
	(if different from point 3)		
5	Professional Statutory or		
	Regulatory Body (PSRB)		
	accreditation (if a	applicable)	

6 Course Description

Overview

Do you want to enhance your career in health and care? Our Certificate in Higher Education/Foundation degree is ideal for those already working a minimum of 30 hours per week within a health and social care setting. This access course, taught by our experienced nursing staff, will allow you to develop your knowledge and skills to enable you to progress to Assistant Practitioner level or equivalent.

What's covered in the course?

The Cert HE/FdSc Health and Social Care are full-time courses delivered at the City South campus and have been carefully-designed to provide the skills you and your current or future employer need.

A variety of pathways can be studied including: mammography, diagnostic radiography, learning disability, surgical care, maternity, mental health and many more.

Expert teaching staff in our School of Nursing and Midwifery and School of Health Sciences, provide the guidance needed to make sure you secure the necessary academic requirements and clinically orientated competencies that will advance your career.

The course equips successful candidates for a range of roles in health or social care settings, local authorities, the voluntary sector and private care settings.

In securing this Foundation Degree you will complete an e-portfolio that offers clear evidence of your development. You explore the scope of professional practice in the areas of compassionate care delivery, risk management, responsibility and accountability, infection control, confidentiality, consent, and many more.

The course offers an introduction to anatomy and physiology, and examines social, psychological and cultural influences relevant to your area of work. It covers professional issues relating to the boundaries of practice, patient and client assessment. It also provides a thorough understanding of standard operating procedures and relevant national service frameworks. You can also choose a negotiated module, if appropriate, that will enable you to undertake more study in an area relevant to your role, practice and service user group.



7	Course Awards			
7a	Name of Final Award	Level	Credits Awarded	
	Students can graduate with a Foundation Degree in their chosen pathway:			
	Foundation Degree Sciences Health and Social Care (Adult Care)	5	240	
	Foundation Degree Sciences Health and Social Care (Children)	5	240	
	Foundation Degree Sciences Health and Social Care (Mental Health)	5	240	
	Foundation Degree Sciences Health and Social Care (Learning disabilities)	5	240	
	Foundation Degree Sciences Health and Social Care (Mammography)	5	240	
	Foundation Degree Sciences Health and Social Care (Maternity)	5	240	
	Foundation Degree Sciences Health and Social Care (Diagnostic Radiography)	5	240	
	Foundation Degree Sciences Health and Social Care (Surgical Care Support)	5	240	
7b	Exit Awards and Credits Awarded			
	Certificate of Higher Education Health and Social Care	4	120	

8 Derogation from the University Regulations

- 1. For modules with more than one item of assessment, all items of assessment must be passed in order to pass the module
- 2. Compensation of marginally failed modules is not permitted
- 3. Condonement of failed modules is not permitted
- 4. Students are permitted to trail 40 credits from Level 4 into Level 5
- 5. Apprenticeship students do not have the right to repeat Level 4

9	Delivery Patterns			
Mode	Mode(s) of Study Location Duration of Study Code			
Full Ti	ime	City South	2 years	UF0507

10 Entry Requirements

The admission requirements for this course are stated on the course page of the BCU website at https://www.bcu.ac.uk/ or may be found by searching for the course entry profile located on the UCAS website.

11	Course Learning Outcomes
1	Demonstrate the theoretical basis and safe, competent and skilled application of theory to practice.



2	Interpret information required to care for a range of service users.
3	Implement problem solving skills in practical situations.

12	Course Requirements

12a Level 4:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 60 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4070	Principles of Anatomy and Physiology	20
HSC4071	Principles of Personal and Professional Development	40

FdSc Health and Social Care (Children)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4074	Knowledge Skills and Assessment in Children's Health Care	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following list of pathway-specific OPTIONAL modules:

HSC4077	Loss and Bereavement in the Palliative Care Setting	20
HSC4089	Long Term conditions	20
HSC4088	Health Promotion	20
HSC4082	Autism and Well Being	20
HSC4086	Infant Feeding	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Mental Health)

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4084	Clinical Skills in Mental Health Care	40
HSC4081	Working with People Experiencing Mental Health Problems	20



FdSc Health and Social Care (Adult Care)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4078	Application of Knowledge and Skills to Practice (Adult Care)	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following list of pathway-specific OPTIONAL modules:

HSC4075	Caring for People With Dementia	20
HSC4077	Loss and Bereavement in the Palliative Care Setting	20
HSC4089	Long Term conditions	20
HSC4088	Health Promotion	20
HSC4081	Working with People Experiencing Mental Health Problems	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Diagnostic Radiography)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4085	Diagnostic Radiography for Assistant Practice	40
HSC4080	Physics for Radiography Practitioners	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Mammography)

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4076	Mammography – Principles and Practice	40
HSC4080	Physics for Radiography Practitioners	20



FdSc Health and Social Care (Maternity)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4073	Knowledge and Skills to Practice in Maternity Practice	40
HSC4079	Supporting Normal Birth	20
Or		
HSC4086	Infant Feeding	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Surgical Care Support)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4072	Fundamental Perioperative Practice	40
HSC4083	The Wider Principles of Perioperative Care	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Learning Disabilities)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC4087	Essential Skills for the Care of Individuals with a Learning Disability	40
HSC4082	Autism and Well Being	20

Level 5:

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 60 credits):

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5100	Evidence Based Healthcare	20
HSC5096	Becoming a Paraprofessional	20
HSC5099	Introduction to Management and Leadership in	20
	Health and Social Care	



FdSc Health and Social Care (Adult Care)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5085	Application of Advanced Knowledge and Skills to Practice (Adult Care)	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules:

HSC5083	Wound Management	20
HSC5095	Negotiated Independent Study	20
HSC5088	Understanding Inequalities in Health	20
HSC5103	Administration of Medication for Assistant	20
	Practitioners	
HSC5104	Transition to Studies in Healthcare	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Children)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 40 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5090	Advanced Knowledge Skills and Assessment in Children's Health Care	40

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 20 credits from the following list of OPTIONAL modules:

HSC5083	Wound Management	20
HSC5095	Negotiated Independent Study	20
HSC5088	Understanding Inequalities in Health	20
HSC5094	Autism and Mental Health	20
HSC5082	Health Promotion and Maternity Care	20
HSC5091	Supporting the Transition to Parenting	20
HSC5103	Administration of Medication for Assistant	20
	Practitioners	
HSC5104	Transition to Studies in Healthcare	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Mental Health)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5086	Advanced Clinical Skills in Mental Health Care	40
HSC5087	Wider Aspects of Mental Health	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Diagnostic Radiography)



Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5089	Advanced Diagnostic Radiography for Assistant Practice	40
HSC5093	Service User Journey Through Imaging	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Mammography)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5097	Mammography- Further Knowledge and Skills for Practice	40
HSC5093	Service User Journey in Imaging	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Maternity)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5092	Advanced Knowledge, Skills and Assessment in Maternity Care	40
HSC5082	Health Promotion and Maternity Care	20
Or		
HSC5091	Supporting the Transition to Parenting	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Surgical Care Support)

In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete at least 60 credits from the following list of pathway-specific CORE modules:

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5102	Developing Perioperative Practice	40
HSC5098	Contemporary Influences in Perioperative Practice	20

FdSc Health and Social Care (Learning Disabilities)

Module Code	Module Name	Credit Value
HSC5101	Enhanced Skills for the Care of Individuals with a Learning Disability	40
HSC5094	Autism and Mental Health	20



12b Structure Diagram

Level 4

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO	
Core PSY1230 Introduction to Psychology 1 (20 credits)	Core PSY1231 Introduction to Psychology 2 (20 credits)	
Core PSY1232 Applied Psychology 1 (40 credits)		
Optional PSY1234 Business Psychology (20 credits) PSY1236 Positive Psychology (20 credits) PSY1238 Organisational Psychology (20 credits)	Optional PSY1235 The Psychology of the Family (20 credits) PSY1237 Social Psychology (20 credits) PSY1239 Social Research Methods in Psychology (20 credits)	

Level 5

Core	Core	
Pathway specific modules	Pathway specific modules	
Core	Core	
HSC5096: Becoming a Paraprofessional	Pathway specific modules	
(20 credits)		
Core: Pathway specific module (40 credits)		



13 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

Overall student *workload* consists of class contact hours, independent learning and assessment activity, with each credit taken equating to a total study time of around 10 hours. While actual contact hours may depend on the optional modules selected, the following information gives an indication of how much time students will need to allocate to different activities at each level of the course.

- Scheduled Learning includes lectures, practical classes and workshops, contact time specified in timetable
- Directed Learning includes placements, work-based learning, external visits, on-line activity, Graduate+, peer learning
- Private Study includes preparation for exams

The *balance of assessment* by mode of assessment (e.g. coursework, exam and in-person) depends to some extent on the optional modules chosen by students. The approximate percentage of the course assessed by coursework, exam and in-person is shown below.

Level 4

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

FdSc Health and Social Care (Children)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	187
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	71
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	25%
In-Person	25%

FdSc Health and Social Care (Mental Health)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	187
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	71
Total Hours	1200

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	75%
Exam	25%
In-Person	0



FdSc Health and Social Care (Adult Care)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	164
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	94
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	25%
Exam	50%
In-Person	25%

FdSc Health and Social Care (Diagnostic Radiography)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	151
Directed Learning	820
Private Study	229
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	50%
In-Person	0

FdSc Health and Social Care (Mammography)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	184
Directed Learning	820
Private Study	196
Total Hours	1200

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	50%
In-Person	0



FdSc Health and Social Care (Maternity)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	187
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	71
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	25%
In-Person	25%

FdSc Health and Social Care (Surgical Care Support)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	187
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	71
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	25%
In-Person	25%

FdSc Health and Social Care (Learning Disabilities)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	187
Directed Learning	942
Private Study	71
Total Hours	1200

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	50%
Exam	25%
In-Person	25%



Level 5

Workload

% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

FdSc Health and Social Care (Adult Care)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	139
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	89
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	80%
Exam	0
In-Person	20%

FdSc Health and Social Care (Children)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	159
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	69
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	40%
Exam	40%
In-Person	20%

FdSc Health and Social Care (Mental Health)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	159
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	69
Total Hours	1200

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	60%
Exam	0
In-Person	40%



FdSc Health and Social Care (Diagnostic Radiography)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	159
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	69
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	60%
Exam	20%
In-Person	20%

FdSc Health and Social Care (Mammography)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	159
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	69
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	80%
Exam	0
In-Person	20%

FdSc Health and Social Care (Maternity)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	159
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	69
Total Hours	1200

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	40%
Exam	0
In-Person	60%



FdSc Health and Social Care (Surgical Care Support)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	159
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	69
Total Hours	1200

Balance of Assessment

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	60%
Exam	0
In-Person	40%

FdSc Health and Social Care (Learning Disabilities)

Activity	Number of Hours
Scheduled Learning	159
Directed Learning	972
Private Study	69
Total Hours	1200

Assessment Mode	Percentage
Coursework	40%
Exam	40%
In-Person	20%