



## ONLINE FOUNDATION DEGREE COURSES IN GASTROENTEROLOGY

The Gastroenterology Foundation Degree (FD) provides a basis for supporting roles within gastroenterology and endoscopy environments. The facility for shared learning with other healthcare workers will provide a focus for the provision of inter-professional learning and working. The FD has been developed following the National Endoscopy Practitioner Pilot programme and provides the opportunity to continue to the award of BSc Gastroenterology. The FD is available from September 2007 and January 2008, with all modules available as standalone as part of continuing professional development. Each module is delivered online and supported by workshops.

The aim of the FD is to deliver a programme suitable for all levels of health care workers to develop skills which are essential to support the demands of the modern NHS, providing the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes required to underpin future healthcare practitioner roles. Core modules along with simple clinical skills training and specific modules related to gastroenterology and endoscopy will be undertaken.

The programme will provide you with a framework for study which will allow you to;

- Obtain and develop a generic skills base within healthcare
- Demonstrate the ability to work as part of a team to provide patient centred services
- Gain professional attitudes, values and perspectives in relation to self and others
- Be introduced to and engage with the principles of inter-professional learning and working
- Become a competent, safe and motivated practitioner within gastroenterology

A variety of teaching methods are used, enabling development of cognitive, affective and psychomotor domain skills and attributes. Individual modules are assessed in a variety of ways, embracing different learning styles.

### FOUNDATION DEGREE - GASTROENTEROLOGY

#### YEAR 1

SEMESTER AVAILABLE	MODULE TITLE
Semester 1	Key Skills in Clinical Practice
Semester 1	Human Physiology - The Core Phenomenon
Semester 2	Supporting Roles in Healthcare
Semester 2	Essential Communication Skills
Semester 3	Healthcare in Focus
Semester 3	Evidence Based Practice

#### YEAR 2

SEMESTER AVAILABLE	MODULE TITLE
Semester 1	Anatomy & Physiology of the GI tract
Semester 1	Preparation for professional practice
Semester 2	The Care of Patients within Gastroenterology (theory)
Semester 2	The Care of Patients within Gastroenterology (practice)
Semester 3	Supporting GI assessment (theory)
Semester 3	Supporting GI assessment (practice)

Students wishing to access the Foundation Degree must have either;

- 5 GCSE passes at grades A, B, C or equivalent, including English and maths
- NVQ level 3 in care + maths
- BTEC Courses in relevant subjects: BTEC National First Certificate + maths GCSE; BTEC National Diploma
- An approved Access course in appropriate subject and level, with a specified overall mark; 48 credits at level 3 and 12 credits at level 2 + maths
- Advanced level GNVQ with Merit grade
- Those already with diploma or graduate status

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