Key details

The Contraception and Sexual Health (C&SH) short course team believes health workers should take an active role in promoting health and meeting the particular needs of patients/clients who attend for family planning and/or sexual health screening services. To enable this, health workers become a resource and provide opportunities for clients to be confident in their choice of contraceptive method as well as competent in taking responsibility for their own reproductive and sexual health.

The course comprises of 2 single (s) modules

Module U44240 Human Fertility and Contraception (s)
Module U44241 Contraception and Sexual Health Practice (s).

The course will normally be taken in one year, or over two years depending on your commitments (by arrangement only). Successful completion of this course allows you to exit with the short course Award in Contraception and Sexual Health Worth 30 CATS Credits at Advanced Level.

Knowledge and Skills Framework

This short course relates to all the NHS KSF core and selected specific health & wellbeing dimensions. Completion of the short course will assist you in the production of evidence against these dimensions. This will support the achievement of your personal & professional objectives identified at appraisal.

MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

HUMAN FERTILITY AND CONTRACEPTION

Module U44240
15 CATS Credits at Advanced Level
Semester 1
1 full week, dates to be announced
150 hours of student effort incl.
24 hours university contact time
Teaching is delivered in Oxford

This single theoretical module will enable you to explore the implications of human fertility and its effect on individual and family health, and its wider context to society and the world population.
All methods of contraception are discussed and evaluated and you will be able to investigate the health services available to the local population with a particular emphasis on contraception.

The module assessment comprises:
A critical, evidence based essay and a short answer paper.
CONTRACEPTION AND SEXUAL HEALTH PRACTICE

Module U44241

Note: Module U44240 is a pre-requisite to this module.

15 CATS Credits at Advanced Level
Semester 2
1 skills suite session
1 study and 1 half day own study
28 hours family planning practice – 8 sessions in clinical practice in Oxfordshire C&SH clinics.
150 hours of student effort incl. university and clinical time

Teaching is delivered in Oxford

Your Next Step

Access to this Contraception and Sexual Health short course is open to practitioners who meet the following criteria. You must:

- Be a registered health or social care professional.
- Have the support of the manager of your practice area.
- Produce evidence of the ability to study at your proposed level of entry.
- Be successful in the selection process for this module/course (interview or other).
- Be employed or have access to a health care setting that will enable achievement of the learning outcomes.

If you meet these criteria, your next step is to submit an application form with all the necessary documents such as references. Applications are dealt with on a first come, first served basis. Please act early to avoid disappointment.

If you are ready to apply then please request an application pack where you will find a ‘Checklist of Required Documents.’

Course Fees

Funding arrangements vary across the country. Oxford Brookes University has contracts with the South Central Strategic Health Authority (covering the geographical areas of Oxfordshire, Berkshire East and West, and Buckinghamshire) and South West Strategic Health Authority (covering Great Western Ambulance Trust, Swindon PCT, Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and Wiltshire PCT). Your module fees may be paid if you practice within the areas detailed above. However, before an application can be accepted, the relevant Trust Education Lead must have signed your funding statement, which is contained within the application pack. For your information, the cost for those students who self fund can be obtained from the Programme Administrator.

If you have further queries or require an application pack, please contact:

Contraception and Sexual Health Programme Administrator
Tel: 01865 482589 or email familyplanning@brookes.ac.uk

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Why study at the School of Health and Social Care at Oxford Brookes University?

- Oxford Brookes University continues to improve its position in the league tables due to good graduate prospects and strong student satisfaction ratings (The Times Good University Guide 2010).
- Oxford Brookes has been judged one of the greenest universities in the country – according to the student campaigning group, People & Planet as detailed in the Times Higher Education supplement.
- We have a large and dedicated building in Oxford (Marston Road) and a campus in Swindon (Ferndale), Wiltshire equipped with state-of-the-art classrooms and clinical skills simulation suites and resources.
- We have our own osteopathic clinics: Mill Court in Headington, Oxford and at Ferndale Campus in Swindon offering a full range of osteopathic treatments to University students, staff, NHS staff and the general public. http://shsc.brookes.ac.uk/osteoclinics
- Our courses are open to a wide range of health and social care professionals providing highly flexible continuing professional development (CPD) study opportunities with part-time, full-time and mixed mode options (including increasing opportunities for e-learning, blended and distance learning).
- The school supports multi and interprofessional learning and teaching, and many of our courses are either fully multiprofessional or offer excellent opportunities for shared learning.
- Our lecturers are experienced in their specialist practice area and maintain excellent practice links with those areas locally or across the region.
- Many of our lecturers have reputations for excellence and have established links with colleagues, organisations and institutions at national and international level.
- The school has a strong research profile, with experienced researchers working in established areas in Public Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing (including Children, Young People and Families, and Drugs and Alcohol); Rehabilitation and Enablement; Supportive Cancer Care.
- Oxford Brookes is rated internationally excellent across a broad range of subjects in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). 70% of our research in Allied Health Professions and Studies was rated as being of international significance in the 2008, and of this, 10% was rated as world-leading.
- Oxford Brookes is a student centred institution that is fully committed to each individual achieving their potential. To support this, both the school and the university offer a broad range of student support schemes to facilitate learning and development http://www.brookes.ac.uk/studying/life/
- The school has been awarded the highest commendation possible, for all its programmes and courses, by the Quality Assurance Agency, following their Major Review of the school’s educational provision in 2005.
- We have an excellent track record of high levels of student satisfaction, low student attrition rates and high employability.