

Dermatology for Health Professionals Foundation Module (NUR204)

Degree level: SCQF level 9; 44 credits
(Equivalent of 22 ECTS)

Module Occurrence: Autumn semester

Dates for Autumn 2014:

Registration opens: 1 May 2014

Application deadline date: 25 August 2014

Start date: 17 September 2014

Who is the module for?

Developed in partnership with NHS Education for Scotland and the Dermatology Council for Scotland.

This is an inter-disciplinary course, for health care professionals with an interest in Dermatology. It is suitable for:

- **Nurses**
- **Doctors**
- **Podiatrists**
- **Pharmacists**

The University of Stirling has developed this Module with support from NHS Education for Scotland and the Dermatology Council for Scotland. Development and implementation has been overseen by a Module Development Team, chaired by Professor James Ferguson, Department of Dermatology, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee. The Team includes a range of health care professionals working within dermatology from all over Scotland. Around 40 clinicians have also contributed to the module's clinical material.

Module Delivery

The Module is presented in web-based distance learning format. This facility promotes study in the student's chosen setting and is particularly suitable for candidates wishing to study at flexible times and for those in rural areas where access to day and evening classes can be extremely limited.

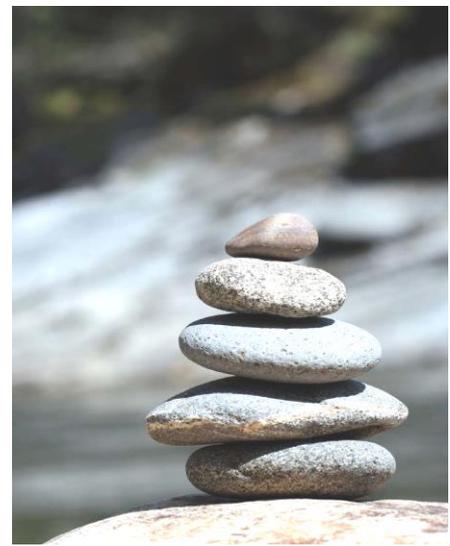
The web-based learning environment encourages interaction between students, teachers and clinicians while allowing students to work at their own pace.

Module credit level and value

The module is offered at SCQF Level 9 (BSc degree level) with 44 credit points and is suitable for CPD. It can be taken as a free-standing module or integrated into a programme of study. It has an estimated study time of 10 – 15 hours per week. This includes theory and practice time.

For clinicians entering general practice who would like to develop an interest in dermatology, and those trainees in general medicine who have chosen a future career in dermatology, this course will provide an excellent foundation on which to build further specialist training.

As completion of this module by doctors, nurses, pharmacists and podiatrists indicates initiative and application, this may assist career development and progression i.e. it may contribute to the development of the Knowledge and Skills Framework section of your job description.



The understanding and knowledge gained from this Module may also enhance or augment learning from other courses or clinical practice e.g. non-medical independent and supplementary prescribing in this area.

It is worthwhile to note here that applicants with professional registration (nurses, midwives and allied health professionals) are also welcome to enquire about our BSc in Professional Practice degree. As the above are only required to complete a minimum of 66 SCQF credits, of which Dermatology for Health Professionals constitutes 44 credits, students may only need to complete one other 15 week module to be awarded their degree.

Module Structure

The Module is made up of 7 units and amounts to approximately eight months of part-time study.

- Unit 1** Anatomy and physiology of the skin, epidemiology, risk factors and the impact of skin conditions on the psyche.
- Unit 2** Assessment, investigations and general principles of diagnosis.
- Unit 3** Skin tumours, wound healing and scarring.
- Unit 4** Inflammatory and major systemic disorders, the photodermatoses and pharmaceutical aspects of dermatology.
- Unit 5** Dermatitis.
- Unit 6** Acne, blistering, pigmentation disorders, leg ulcers, urticaria, angio-oedema, drug reactions and paediatric conditions.
- Unit 7** Infections associated with dermatological conditions.

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www.scqf.org.uk

Modules will be offered subject to demand and need to meet a minimum class size of eight students

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