



# PGCert Health and Social Care

**This course is aimed at health and social care practitioners seeking to advance their practice and has been designed to meet the needs of practitioners working in a range of roles and service environments.**

The PGCert Health and Social Care is designed to enable students to:

- consolidate and extend theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the delivery of health and social care
- develop self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems
- contribute to the improvement of health and social services locally, nationally and internationally
- achieve mastery in the critical analysis of research, policy and scholarship relevant to their field of practice
- prepare for leadership roles in health and social care





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## School of Health Sciences

The University has an impressive worldwide reputation for academic excellence and is part of the Russell Group of 20 leading UK universities. The School is ranked fifth in the UK in terms of its research power for nursing and midwifery.

## Duration

The award can be undertaken as either a full-time or a part-time programme of study. As a full time course it will be completed in one academic year. As a part-time programme students will usually take between one and two years to complete the award.

## Location

The modules within the course are usually delivered from the Nottingham Education Centre. However, depending on the pathway followed some learning may be delivered at other education centres or as distance learning.

## Introduction

This course is aimed at health and social care practitioners seeking to advance their practice. It will enable them to consider what is necessary for developing advanced and specialist clinical practice in their chosen professional field. A flexible, student-centred approach to teaching and learning will facilitate the development of analytical and critical thinking and the ability to lead and manage change. The course offers a learning environment in which students' existing experiences are valued and respected, in the context of the national and international drive towards outcomes for health and social care users.

## Career opportunities

The course will equip students with the knowledge and skills required to operate at senior levels in today's health and social care services.

## Course structure

The PGCert Health and Social Care follows a flexible structure, with a range of pathways available. Students registered on the Generic Pathway can choose two 30 credit modules from our portfolio, while those registered on the Specialist Pathway will complete two core modules from the following pathways:

- Adult Critical Care
- Critical and High Dependency Care of Neonates, Infants and Children
- Palliative and End of Life Care
- Trauma Care
- Psychological Therapies for Psychosis

## Support and assessment

Students will be provided with a personal tutor to support their learning and development needs. Assessments will vary depending upon the modules undertaken but will include oral and poster presentations, written assignments, work based learning and elearning assessments.

## Funding and scholarships

Most UK students are funded through their employers and NHS training monies. Some students have also been successful in obtaining scholarships from national funding bodies. Further information about funding opportunities is available on our website in the Postgraduate Study area.

## Entry requirements

Applicants will be expected to demonstrate a commitment to the practice of health and/or social care through their current professional practitioner role. They will possess a first degree (usually 2:2 or above) or qualifications and/or experience deemed equivalent.

International students whose first language is not English are required to demonstrate English language qualifications before they register on the programme: IELTS 6.5 (no less than 6.0 in any element)

## How to apply

Visit the school website at [nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences](http://nottingham.ac.uk/healthsciences) and select this course from the Postgraduate Study area. You can apply electronically within the course entry using the 'Apply for this course' button.

## Student profile quote

"I would highly recommend this course. It has increased my background knowledge relating to palliative care, which I hope will enable me to put theory into practice, therefore providing high quality care for my patients and their carers. The tutors were always very accommodating, supportive and encouraging every step of the way through the course."

Carol Gent, Postgraduate Certificate (palliative and end-of-life care)

## Find out more

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