



Programme Overview

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Diploma of Higher Education in Long-Term Conditions

The Diploma in Higher Education in Long-Term Conditions is a flexible programme for health professionals working in the cardiovascular and respiratory fields. It has been designed to enable you to study for modules which are directly relevant to your workplace, and to offer flexibility to adapt to changes in your role during your studies.

The programme is suitable for practitioners with an interest in developing their skills and knowledge base in the care of people with Long-Term Conditions. By completing the diploma programme you will be able to provide enhanced care in line with national guidelines. The practical focus of the training will ensure that knowledge and skills developed throughout the programme are directly transferable to the clinical setting, having a positive impact on patient outcomes.

The programme offers flexibility for you to choose a pathway to suit your individual needs.

There are three options within the Diploma Programme:

The Diploma of Higher Education in Long-Term Conditions

The Diploma of Higher Education in Long-Term Conditions (Cardiovascular Pathway)

The Diploma of Higher Education in Long-Term Conditions (Respiratory Pathway)

For each of the options within the diploma programme you will need to complete the following:

Total number of credits required:	240
Total number of credits awarded for Health Professional registration or equivalent study:	120
Total number of credits to be obtained through study:	120

The modules available within each of the pathways are shown in more detail overleaf. Please note that modules are validated in accordance with the National Qualification Framework (NQF) academic levels; NQF level 5 is diploma level, equivalent to HE Level 2. NQF level 6 is degree level, equivalent to HE Level 3.

Diploma of Higher Education in Long-Term Conditions

1. To complete this award you would need to study the following compulsory modules:

Module	Academic Level	Credit points
Holistic care for people living with long-term conditions	NQF Level 5	15
Bringing evidence to practice	NQF Level 5	15

2. And 30 credits from any of the cardiovascular optional modules shown below:

Diploma level Cardiovascular optional modules (NQF Level 5)	Credit points	Degree level Cardiovascular optional modules (NQF Level 6)	Credit points
Heart Failure	30	Heart Failure	30
Diabetes as a cardiovascular disease	30	Diabetes as a cardiovascular disease	30
Cardiovascular disease risk	30	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Assessment & Diagnosis	30
Coronary Heart Disease	30	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Long-Term Management & Palliative Care	30
Stroke in Primary Care	30	Principles of Managing Long-Term Conditions	15
Smoking Cessation	15	Evidence based Healthcare	15
Hypertension	15		
Atrial Fibrillation	15		
Improving Health	15		

3. And 30 credits from any of the respiratory optional modules shown below:

Diploma level Respiratory optional modules (NQF Level 5)	Credit points	Degree level Respiratory optional modules (NQF Level 6)	Credit points
Asthma (includes paediatric route)	30	Asthma (includes paediatric route)	30
COPD	30	COPD	30
Allergy (includes paediatric route)	30	Allergy (includes paediatric route)	30
Working with children living with Long-Term conditions	30	Working with children living with Long-Term conditions	30
Smoking Cessation	15	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Assessment & Diagnosis	30
Tuberculosis (includes paediatric route)	15	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Long-Term Management & Palliative Care	30
Spirometry	15	Spirometry	30
Improving Health	15	Principles of Managing Long-Term Conditions	15
		Evidence based Healthcare	15

4. And a further 30 credits from any of the optional modules shown above.

Please note that when selecting your modules, you will be unable to study the same module at both level 5 and level 6 (e.g. asthma at NQF level 5 and asthma at NQF Level 6). Modules which appear as both respiratory and cardiovascular optional modules can only be studied once as part of your programme.

Diploma of Higher Education in Long-Term Conditions (Cardiovascular Pathway)

1. To complete this award you would need to study the following compulsory modules:

Module	Academic Level	Credit points
Holistic care for people living with long-term conditions	NQF Level 5	15
Bringing evidence to practice	NQF Level 5	15

2. And 90 credits from any of the cardiovascular optional modules shown below:

Diploma level Cardiovascular optional modules (NQF Level 5)	Credit points	Degree level Cardiovascular optional modules (NQF Level 6)	Credit points
Heart Failure	30	Heart Failure	30
Diabetes as a cardiovascular disease	30	Diabetes as a cardiovascular disease	30
Cardiovascular disease risk	30	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Assessment & Diagnosis	30
Coronary Heart Disease	30	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Long-Term Management & Palliative Care	30
Stroke in Primary Care	30	Principles of Managing Long-Term Conditions	15
Smoking Cessation	15	Evidence based Healthcare	15
Hypertension	15		
Atrial Fibrillation	15		
Improving Health	15		

Please note that when selecting your modules, you will be unable to study the same module at both level 5 and level 6 (e.g. Heart Failure at NQF level 5 and Heart Failure at NQF Level 6).

Diploma of Higher Education in Long-Term Conditions (Respiratory Pathway)

1. To complete this award you would need to study the following compulsory modules:

Module	Academic Level	Credit points
Holistic care for people living with long-term conditions	NQF Level 5	15
Bringing evidence to practice	NQF Level 5	15

2. And 90 credits from any of the respiratory optional modules shown below:

Diploma level Respiratory optional modules (NQF Level 5)	Credit points	Degree level Respiratory optional modules (NQF Level 6)	Credit points
Asthma (includes paediatric route)	30	Asthma (includes paediatric route)	30
COPD	30	COPD	30
Allergy (includes paediatric route)	30	Allergy (includes paediatric route)	30
Working with children living with Long-Term conditions	30	Working with children living with Long-Term conditions	30
Smoking Cessation	15	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Assessment & Diagnosis	30
Tuberculosis (includes paediatric route)	15	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Long-Term Management & Palliative Care	30
Spirometry	15	Spirometry	30
Improving Health	15	Principles of Managing Long-Term Conditions	15
		Evidence based Healthcare	15

Please note that when selecting your modules, you will be unable to study the same module at both level 5 and level 6 (e.g. asthma at NQF level 5 and asthma at NQF Level 6).

BSc (Hons) in Long-Term Conditions

The BSc (Hons) in Long-Term Conditions is a flexible programme for health professionals working in the cardiovascular and respiratory fields. It has been designed to enable you to study for modules which are directly relevant to your workplace, and to offer flexibility to adapt to changes in your role during your studies.

The programme is suitable for practitioners with an interest and responsibility for managing patients living with long-term conditions and developing and providing services to this group. By completing the BSc programme you will be able to provide high quality care in line with national guidelines. The practical focus of the training will ensure that knowledge and skills developed throughout the programme are directly transferable to the clinical setting, having a positive impact on patient outcomes.

The programme offers flexibility for you to choose a pathway to suit your individual needs.

There are three options within the Degree Programme:

The BSc (Hons) in Long-Term Conditions

The BSc (Hons) in Long-Term Conditions (Cardiovascular Pathway)

The BSc (Hons) in Long-Term Conditions (Respiratory Pathway)

For each of the options within the degree programme you will need to complete the following:

Total number of credits required:	360
Minimum number of credits awarded for Health Professional registration:	120
Maximum number of credits to be obtained through study:	240

The modules available within each of the pathways are shown in more detail overleaf. Please note that modules are validated in accordance with the National Qualification Framework (NQF) academic levels; NQF level 5 is diploma level, equivalent to HE Level 2. NQF level 6 is degree level, equivalent to HE Level 3.

BSc (Hons) in Long-Term Conditions

1. To complete this award you would need to study the following compulsory modules:

Module	Academic Level	Credit points
Principles of Managing Long-Term Conditions	NQF Level 6	15
Evidence Based Healthcare	NQF Level 6	15
BSc Project	NQF Level 6	30

2. 60 credits from any of the cardiovascular optional modules shown below (at least 30 at level 6):

Diploma level Cardiovascular optional modules (NQF Level 5)	Credit points	Degree level Cardiovascular optional modules (NQF Level 6)	Credit points
Heart Failure	30	Heart Failure	30
Diabetes as a cardiovascular disease	30	Diabetes as a cardiovascular disease	30
Cardiovascular disease risk	30	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Assessment & Diagnosis	30
Coronary Heart Disease	30	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Long-Term Management & Palliative Care	30
Stroke in Primary Care	30		
Smoking Cessation	15		
Hypertension	15		
Atrial Fibrillation	15		
Improving Health	15		
Holistic Care for people living with Long-Term Conditions	15		
Bringing Evidence to Practice	15		

3. 60 credits from any of the respiratory optional modules shown below (at least 30 at level 6):

Diploma level Respiratory optional modules (NQF Level 5)	Credit points	Degree level Respiratory optional modules (NQF Level 6)	Credit points
Asthma (includes paediatric route)	30	Asthma (includes paediatric route)	30
COPD	30	COPD	30
Allergy (includes paediatric route)	30	Allergy (includes paediatric route)	30
Working with children living with Long-Term conditions	30	Working with children living with Long-Term conditions	30
Smoking Cessation	15	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Assessment & Diagnosis	30
Tuberculosis (includes paediatric route)	15	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Long-Term Management & Palliative Care	30
Spirometry	15	Spirometry	30
Improving Health	15		
Holistic Care for people living with Long-Term Conditions	15		
Bringing Evidence to Practice	15		

4. A further 60 credits from any of the optional modules shown above.

Please note that when selecting your modules, you will be unable to study the same module at both level 5 and level 6 (e.g. asthma at NQF level 5 and asthma at NQF Level 6). Modules which appear as both respiratory and cardiovascular optional modules can only be studied once as part of your programme.

BSc (Hons) in Long-Term Conditions (Cardiovascular Pathway)

1. To complete this award you would need to study the following compulsory modules:

Module	Academic Level	Credit points
Principles of Managing Long-Term Conditions	NQF Level 6	15
Evidence Based Healthcare	NQF Level 6	15
BSc Project	NQF Level 6	30

2. And 180 credits from any of the cardiovascular optional modules shown below (at least 60 at degree level):

Diploma level Cardiovascular optional modules (NQF Level 5)	Credit points	Degree level Cardiovascular optional modules (NQF Level 6)	Credit points
Heart Failure	30	Heart Failure	30
Diabetes as a cardiovascular disease	30	Diabetes as a cardiovascular disease	30
Cardiovascular disease risk	30	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Assessment & Diagnosis	30
Coronary Heart Disease	30	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Long-Term Management & Palliative Care	30
Stroke in Primary Care	30		
Smoking Cessation	15		
Hypertension	15		
Atrial Fibrillation	15		
Improving Health	15		
Holistic Care for people living with Long-Term Conditions	15		
Bringing Evidence to Practice	15		

Please note that when selecting your modules, you will be unable to study the same module at both level 5 and level 6 (e.g. Heart Failure at NQF level 5 and Heart Failure at NQF Level 6).

BSc (Hons) in Long-Term Conditions (Respiratory Pathway)

1. To complete this award you would need to study the following compulsory modules:

Module	Academic Level	Credit points
Principles of Managing Long-Term Conditions	NQF Level 6	15
Evidence Based Healthcare	NQF Level 6	15
BSc Project	NQF Level 6	30

2. And 180 credits from any of the respiratory optional modules shown below (at least 60 at degree level):

Diploma level Respiratory optional modules (NQF Level 5)	Credit points	Degree level Respiratory optional modules (NQF Level 6)	Credit points
Asthma (includes paediatric route)	30	Asthma (includes paediatric route)	30
COPD	30	COPD	30
Allergy (includes paediatric route)	30	Allergy (includes paediatric route)	30
Working with children living with Long-Term conditions	30	Working with children living with Long-Term conditions	30
Smoking Cessation	15	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Assessment & Diagnosis	30
Tuberculosis (includes paediatric route)	15	Cardiorespiratory Symptoms: Long-Term Management & Palliative Care	30
Spirometry	15	Spirometry	30
Improving Health	15		
Holistic Care for people living with Long-Term Conditions	15		
Bringing Evidence to Practice	15		

Please note that when selecting your modules, you will be unable to study the same module at both level 5 and level 6 (e.g. asthma at NQF level 5 and asthma at NQF Level 6).