

Asthma Level 5 module

This specific course is no longer offered by Education for Health and this information is retained here for the final students completing this course.

Our equivalent available course is [Foundations of Managing Asthma Short Course](#).

The Asthma Level 5 module is aimed at health care professionals who participate in the delivery and management of care for people with asthma, their families and carers. Sound knowledge underpinned by essential practical skills and techniques equips students to participate effectively in the care of people of all ages with asthma across all healthcare settings.

Successful students will demonstrate appropriate skills and knowledge in the diagnosis, treatment and management of asthma and using current clinical guidelines will be able to suggest, initiate and vary treatment in response to assessment of individual clinical needs. Students of the asthma module will be able to tailor their learning to suit their clinical situation.

This module is validated by The Open University.

Why choose this module?

Benefits include:

- The opportunity to network with fellow students from a range of disciplines and specialties.
- Access to experts.
- Individuals will be able to challenge current practice and embed evidence based practice into their delivery of care
- Greater job satisfaction which leads to a deeper commitment to service delivery and patient care.
- Opportunity to build to a Diploma in Higher Education or BSc (Honours) degree.
- Gaining academic credit for a named award. A number of credits is assigned to each module, which indicates the amount of learning undertaken, and the specified credit level indicates the relative depth of learning involved. Credit is a means of quantifying and recognising learning whenever and wherever it is achieved. Credit may also help you transfer to another programme either within Education for Health or at a different institution.
- Upon the completion of this module students should possess the qualities and knowledge to assist their further development as professionals.

What will I study?

The subjects covered include:

- Asthma & society : Epidemiology and aetiology; Morbidity and mortality
- Disease process: Physiology, anatomy and pathophysiology
- Diagnosis & assessment of patients including the importance of history taking and diagnostic tests
- Management strategies including pharmacological & non-pharmacological approaches across different age groups
- Practical skills in selecting, using and teaching inhaler devices

- Facilitating a patient centred approach and promoting self management including the use of asthma action plans
- Responding to the psychological & physical challenges faced by people with Asthma, their families and carers

Level of study and credit value

This is a Level 5 module, which carries 30 CATS (Credit Accumulation Transfer Scheme) points.

Where will I study and for how long?

This is a 6 months eLearning course with optional study days. It has a notional study time of 300 hours which includes time to study learning materials, attend study days where relevant, and complete assessments.

This module is delivered by blended learning, with study days to support the online course. Please note that if low numbers of students book onto this module we may cancel study days at short notice. If this is the case, students already registered will be contacted by our Finance Team and can choose to continue with the course as distance only, or be refunded.

Our study days are optional, although we advise that you attend if you possibly can, as students tell us that they learn a lot from the face to face contact with their tutor and that networking with other students is particularly useful.

The location of study days is determined by the cohort you choose to join.

How is this module assessed and what is the criteria for a pass?

Students are assessed by written assignment.

Part 1 – Problem Solving Assignment

Students are required to submit a written assignment at week 12 of 1,500 words. Feedback will be no later than week 18.

The problem solving assignment comprises 30% of the total module mark

Part 2 – Assignment

Students are required to submit a fully referenced assignment at week 24 of 2,500 words based on a specific patient scenario.

The assignment component comprises 70% of the overall module mark.

Criteria for a pass

The pass mark for the module is 40%. Students must achieve a minimum of 40% in each assessment element.

Reassessment is as per the regulations in the Student Guide.

Can I take this module as part of a programme?

Successful completion of single modules results in the awarding of academic credits that could be used as part of a DipHE/BSc (Hons) degree programme, though this would always be at the discretion of the academic institution where you intended to undertake the programme.

Since September 2019, Education for Health no longer offers DipHE/BSc (Hons) programmes.

What are the entry requirements for this module?

All applicants for The Open University validated modules must be registered or working within the UK. All applicants should have sufficient competency in the English Language to successfully study at Level 5/6.

All learning materials, teaching and assessment are conducted in the English language. Students will need to apply this to an academic environment.

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that they have sufficient proficiency in the English Language to undertake the module or programme to which they are registered

If you plan to undertake one of our programmes, further entry requirements are required, please refer to our [admissions policy](#).

Further information

We are committed to equality of opportunity. Our Disability Coordinator and Student Support Team provide advice and information and coordinate arrangements for students. View our [Support for Students with a Disability here](#).

Students have access to the eLearning materials for 18 months from the start date of their module.