Enhancing Asthma Care in Professional Practice
Short Course | Level 6/Degree Level

Duration:
6 months

Notional study time:
300 hours

Delivery:
Interactive Blended Online Learning

Course assessment:
1,500 word assignment (30%)
2,500 word case study (70%)
Coursework: 100%

Credits:
30 at Level 6

Course content:
This course is aimed at any healthcare professional who wants to develop a leading role in the delivery and management of services for people with asthma and their families. This course aims to equip learners with the knowledge and skills to develop as autonomous practitioners in safe, effective and evidence-based practice in the field of asthma.

This multi-professional course focuses upon the assessment and management of the individual with asthma within the context of the wider community. Importance is placed on a patient centred approach, the health needs of the individual, health promotion and self-empowerment, whilst acknowledging the professional, political and social climate within which services are provided.

Knowledge and understanding:
Successful learners will typically be able to:
1. Evaluate the pathophysiology of asthma in relation to diagnostic processes, predisposing factors for asthma and differential diagnosis;
2. Critically appraise current national and international guidelines and other drivers for asthma care, and apply findings to their own area of work including patients with co-morbidities or complex needs;
3. Evaluate the evidence base to support the use of different objective tests available to aid in the diagnosis of asthma.

Skills and attributes:
Successful learners will typically be able to:
1. Interpret patient history and clinical data in order to comprehensively and accurately diagnose asthma;
2. Evaluate therapeutic interventions to assess, gain and maintain control of asthma and minimise the psychosocial impact of asthma;
3. Evaluate the evidence relating to the assessment and management of worsening and acute asthma including the role of self-management and examine risk factor for asthma death;
4. Critically appraise the role of the multidisciplinary team in the organisation and delivery of care for people with asthma, their families and carers; evaluating their own role within the team.