

Short Courses for General Practice Spring & Summer 2012

GP Unit - Faculty of Health, Education & Society, Plymouth University

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Date	Course	Venue	Cost
20 January	ATRIAL FIBRILLATION, INR TESTING & ANTICOAGULATION A day for practice nurses and experienced HCAs who are involved in or assisting with INR testing, atrial fibrillation and anticoagulation monitoring and management	South Molton	£100
24 February	OSTEOPOROSIS & FALLS PREVENTION A day for HCAs and practice nurses looking at detection and management of osteoporosis and prevention of falls. A practical approach including identification of risk factors, indications for medication and interventions to promote safety in the home.	Exeter	£100
28 February	EAR CARE UPDATE SESSIONS There are two sessions taking place on this day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon to update nurses who have already undertaken the Primary Ear Care day.	Exeter	£50
Starting on 9 March	FOUNDATIONS OF GENERAL PRACTICE NURSING PROGRAMME This course is specifically designed for nurses new to general practice - 17 taught days plus 15 hours of one-to-one coaching in the work place. Optional accreditation - 60 credits at degree level.	Exeter	£1775 non-accredited Or £1975 accredited
23 & 30 March, 20 & 27 April and 4 & 11 May	ASTHMA & COPD MODULE - This programme will provide an in-depth exploration of Asthma and COPD with a focus on diagnosis and management within Primary Care. Students will be encouraged to critique updated guidelines and national strategies, consider the global impact on patients and develop knowledge and skills to improve practice. Incorporating the theory and practice of spirometry, this module will equip practitioners to provide quality care to those suffering from obstructive lung disease 'from cradle to grave'. This course carries optional accreditation – 20 credits at degree level.	Exeter	£600 non-accredited Or £750 accredited
29 March	MEASUREMENTS & INVESTIGATIONS A day for HCAs new to General Practice. A day on measuring blood pressure, pulse, introduction to ECGs, urinalysis and basic knowledge on blood tests – why are they taken and where do they go, how they are linked to QOF targets.	Exeter	£100
27 April	ATRIAL FIBRILLATION, INR TESTING & ANTICOAGULATION A day for practice nurses and experienced HCAs who are involved in or assisting with INR testing, atrial fibrillation and anticoagulation monitoring and management.	Taunton	£100
1 May - pm	EAR CARE UPDATE SESSION - Afternoon session for nurses who have undertaken the Primary Ear Care study day.	South Molton	£50
3 & 4 May and 31 May & 1 June	4-DAY CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE & STROKE MANAGEMENT MODULE A four day module for practice nurses including risk assessment, lifestyle, hypertension, pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical therapies, phases of cardiac rehabilitation, investigations and running clinics. This module carries optional academic accreditation – 20 credits at degree level.	Exeter	£400 non-accredited Or £550 accredited
14, 21 & 28 June and 5 July	4-DAY INTRODUCTION TO THE PRACTICE & PRINCIPLES OF MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP WITHIN GENERAL PRACTICE – this four day course is designed for all members of the practice team. It focuses specifically on the key skills of managing and leading individuals including teams and how they work, selection and recruitment, managing conflict and motivation. This course carries optional accreditation – 20 credits at degree level.	Exeter	£400 non-accredited Or £550 accredited
21 June	TISSUE VIABILITY & WOUND MANAGEMENT FOR NURSES An update day for nurses working in primary care delivered by Jacqui Padmore exploring new concepts of evidence based guidelines in wound care. The aim is to improve patients quality of life through a creative approach to managing tissue viability problems.	Dorchester	£100
28 & 29 June	2-DAY INFLUENZA & PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINATION COURSE FOR EXPERIENCED HCAs. The course provides the theory and practice to enable experienced healthcare assistants to safely administer influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations in line with the national minimum standards for immunisation training. The HCA participant will need a qualified nurse mentor in practice who will be required attend the afternoon session on day two.	Exeter	£235
6 July	TISSUE VIABILITY & WOUND MANAGEMENT FOR NURSES An update day for nurses working in primary care delivered by Jacqui Padmore exploring new concepts of evidence based guidelines in wound care. The aim is to improve patients quality of life through a creative approach to managing tissue viability problems.	Exeter	£100
13 July	INFLUENZA & PNEUMOCOCCAL UPDATE MORNING FOR EXPERIENCED HCAs This session is specifically for HCAs who have undertaken the Influenza & Pneumococcal course to keep them up to date with any changes that have taken place in the last 12 months.	Exeter	£50

Individual flyers will be distributed about 6 weeks prior to the course/study day. However if you have any queries or wish to register interest in any of the above courses please do not hesitate to contact Annabel Tester on

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