

# Programme Specification

## (South Central Ambulance Service)

<b>Programme Title and Name of Award</b>	DPS Practice Development: Paramedic		
<b>Academic Level</b>	5	<b>Total Credits</b>	120
<b>Professional Body Accreditation / Qualification</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Date of Professional Body Accreditation</b>	Not applicable	<b>Accreditation Period</b>	Not applicable
<b>UCAS Code</b>	Not applicable		
<b>HECoS Code</b>	100749		
<b>Criteria for Admission to the Programme</b>	<p>The University's standard criteria for admissions apply. Please refer to the <a href="#">Applicant Information</a> pages of the University website for more information. For <a href="#">APL</a>, please refer to the University website</p> <p>Detailed criteria for admission to this programme can be found on the relevant programme webpage:  <a href="https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/cpd-and-short-courses/dps-practice-development-paramedic-closed-cohort-for-south-coast-ambulance-service/">https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/cpd-and-short-courses/dps-practice-development-paramedic-closed-cohort-for-south-coast-ambulance-service/</a></p> <p>The decision to offer a place on the programme is at the discretion of the programme leader</p> <p>There is full commitment to equal opportunities criteria. The University is committed to widening access by taking candidates from a variety of educational backgrounds, without compromising academic standards.</p> <p>The following additional requirements apply for entry to this programme:</p> <p>Applicants must be a qualified Paramedic, registered with the Health Care and Professions Council (HCPC) or an equivalent regulator and presently working in an emergency ambulance service or similar accident and emergency/first contact health care practice environment, or appropriate setting.</p> <p>All applicants must complete a pre-entry study skills package such as HeadStart Plus if they are new to this level of study or have had a</p>		

	break from study for a period of 4 years.
<b>Teaching Institution</b>	University of Cumbria
<b>Owning Department</b>	Nursing, Health and Professional Practice
<b>Programme delivered in conjunction with</b>	Not applicable
<b>Principal Mode of Delivery</b>	Blended Learning, Distance Learning
<b>Pattern of Delivery</b>	Full-Time, Part-Time
<b>Delivery Site(s)</b>	All UoC campuses, approved partner locations, or off-site at employer premises (subject to the policy for off-site delivery)
<b>Programme Length</b>	Full-Time: 1 year standard, 4 years maximum Part-Time: 2 years standard, 4 years maximum
<b>Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR)</b>	Upon successful completion of this programme, you may receive a Diploma Supplement/Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR).
<b>Exit Awards</b>	Not applicable
<b>Period of Approval</b>	August 2019 – July 2025
<p>This programme has been approved (validated) by the University of Cumbria as suitable for a range of delivery modes, delivery patterns, and delivery sites. This level of potential flexibility does not reflect a commitment on behalf of the University to offer the programme by all modes/patterns and at all locations in every academic cycle. The details of the programme offered for a particular intake year will be as detailed on the programme webpage.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/cpd-and-short-courses/dps-practice-development-paramedic-closed-cohort-for-south-coast-ambulance-service/">https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/study/courses/cpd-and-short-courses/dps-practice-development-paramedic-closed-cohort-for-south-coast-ambulance-service/</a></p>	

<b>Cumbria Graduate Attributes</b>
<p>Throughout your studies, you will be provided with the skills and knowledge relevant to the global workplace. All successful graduates of the University of Cumbria will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enquiring and open to change</li> <li>• Self-reliant, adaptable and flexible</li> <li>• Confident in your discipline as it develops and changes over time</li> <li>• Capable of working across disciplines and working well with others</li> <li>• Confident in your digital capabilities</li> <li>• Able to manage your own professional and personal development</li> <li>• A global citizen, socially responsible and aware of the potential contribution of your work to the</li> </ul>

cultural and economic wellbeing of the community and its impact on the environment

- A leader of people and of places
- Ambitious and proud

## Programme Features

Our long-established Practice Development Framework comprises tailor-made continuing professional development (CPD) for all healthcare professionals including nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, radiographers, paramedics as well as unregistered staff working in the health, wellbeing and social care sector. Programmes within the framework have been designed to meet the needs of anyone interested in developing their professional and personal knowledge and expertise to develop excellence in practice within community, workplace and health and social care settings. Studying with us you will be offered the opportunity of tailoring your own programme of study, consisting of single modules, short courses or full programmes of study. Delivery is flexible involving online distance learning and/or on campus study. Potentially, credits from other programmes you have studied can be taken into account and there are flexible funding options available, with the option to pay on a module-by-module basis or via a student loan where appropriate.

Programmes within the Practice Development Framework provide accessible higher education opportunities at a level, which is appropriate to you, the student. The programmes utilise a collaborative approach in the provision of inclusive person-centred continuing professional development education, which is responsive to market demand and which has been developed following extensive engagement with employers, current students and external commissioners. Whilst undertaking this programme of study, you will be introduced to and experience the process of transformative learning, founded upon personal critical reflection which will develop you as a knowledgeable, flexible, enquiring practitioner, capable of problem solving and leading innovative approaches.

Your programme *"will include content which is relevant to the world of work, emphasising problem-solving and the interaction of theory and practice. It will challenge you intellectually, promoting independence and confidence"* (University of Cumbria, Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy [LTA] 2017-22). Equally focussing upon one of the key themes from the same strategy we aim to *"provide an environment for the development of professionally relevant, research informed and innovative programmes"*. This theme not only provides a foundation for your chosen area of study, but it also recognises the importance of using a clear educational curriculum model and framework to structure your programme, with you as the learner being central to this process.

Focussing on the knowledge and skills required for your employment, the curriculum accommodates the latest contemporary practice developments, key elements of reflective practice and transformative learning. Our University of Cumbria graduate attributes recognise the importance of you being *"self-reliant, adaptable and flexible"* in your thinking and practice. This will be reflected in developing and enhancing your skills of enquiry and encouraging you to be *"open to change"* embracing the principles which underpin transformative learning. Our collaborative approach to learning has underpinned Practice Development programmes for many years and moving forward together we can support you as you adopt and benefit from the transformative learning process, which indicates an ongoing change and reflects the importance of life-long learning.

Managed by an overall framework leader, with individual programme leaders for each target award, the Practice Development Framework is based on the principles of credit accumulation (and transfer), flexibility and choice. You may be able to transfer existing internal (University of Cumbria) credit into your award, providing you can demonstrate currency and applicability of the credit to the award. Each programme incorporates a pre-determined selection of relevant health, wellbeing and social care modules which have been validated for stand-alone delivery. You will have the opportunity to

accumulate credit through the completion of those modules which are most appropriate to you and your practice. The number and type of modules will depend on your desired target award. For those students studying on a module-by-module basis, once the appropriate amount of credit has been acquired, you will be able to transfer the credit into a named award (providing you meet the entry criteria for that award) and providing the requirements in relation to core and optional modules for the award have been achieved.

The Practice Development Framework incorporates a variety of bespoke negotiated and work based learning modules which have been explicitly designed to meet the needs of learners who are already working in a wide range of practice situations. Flanagan *et al* (2000) describe work-based learning as a means for integrating university level learning with learning from experience in the workplace, the bringing together of self-knowledge, expertise at work and formal knowledge. Work-based learning is a learning process rather than a teaching process, which encourages you to take responsibility for your own learning and develops attitudes and skills towards lifelong learning (Chapman and Howkins, 2003). These 'shell' modules allow you to undertake focussed study, relevant to you and your place of work which is directed by a pre-determined set of generic learning outcomes to ensure academic rigour and consistency is maintained. The nature of the content and assessed work will be determined cooperatively by you and / or your employer (where relevant) and a designated subject tutor.

Proposals to undertake either negotiated (NL) or work based learning (WBL) are submitted to the module leader for approval during the preceding semester. A designated subject tutor is appointed to supervise your study. Working with your tutor, you will agree a learning contract, specifying the exact focus and content of your NL / WBL module. This will detail your personal aims and specify the learning outcomes and agreed assessment activities which you will undertake in order to fully address the generic, pre-determined learning outcomes. Your tutor will assist you to identify key learning resources related to the area of study.

The assessment activity will be appropriate to the module content and may include an assessment of skills as well as knowledge, as appropriate to the subject of the NL/WBL. The learning contract will be submitted as part of the final coursework. For WBL, a practice-designated mentor will provide support and guidance within your workplace, the exact nature of this support will be agreed within the learning contract and approved by the tutor.

In the case of the **DPS Practice Development: Paramedic**, you will be required to have completed the following modules:

- Core module: Evidence Based Practice (20 credit)
- Core module: Communication Skills in Health and Social Care (20 credit)
- Core Module: Collaborative Working in Health and Social Care (20 credit)

The remaining credits may be selected from the list of optional (and adopted) modules which is appended to this programme specification to a total of 120 credits. The dedicated list of optional modules reflects the diverse roles and responsibilities of students and the wide range of health, wellbeing and social care settings within which they work. All modules must be relevant to your area of practice and target award, and agreed in your personal development plan with your personal tutor.

Our flexible blended and/or distance learning programme will see you gain the qualities and knowledge you need to become a high-calibre professional able to confidently deal with the changing dynamics of the health care economy. Our aim is to help you enhance your professional prospects and enable you to play an active role in developing your own practice. Therefore you can study module-by-module from your own home at a time that will fit around your shift pattern and day-to-day commitments. We have extensive experience as CPD distance learning providers. Interactive online classrooms give you the opportunity to debate and discuss real-life scenarios and experiences with fellow students, so you won't feel like you are learning alone. You may be able to bring previous university credit with you – whether from us or another institution as we have generous allowances for the accreditation of prior learning (APL). After completion of this programme you'll be prepared to pursue a career at a more

senior level.

Following completion of Level 5 study, the framework facilitates seamless progression to Level 6 study including the BSc (Hons) Paramedic Practice Development.

## **Aims of the Programme**

The overall aims of the Programme are to:

1. Provide a flexible, modular structure for negotiating a programme of study which provides a coherent scheme and progression route recognising and valuing prior experience and learning and building on this through a process of transformative reflection.
2. Provide you with the opportunity to develop intellectual, analytical, and problem solving skills which encourage the development of mature and independent decision making and reasoned judgement.
3. Develop conceptual knowledge and practical understanding of how techniques of enquiry enable the critical analysis, interpretation and application of contemporary evidence within your sphere of influence.
4. Develop academic and transferable key attributes within the lifelong learning context.
5. Facilitate the development of you as a change agent, able to respond to a dynamic practice environment and provide a learning experience which promotes the application of a robust client/user focus and a collaborative approach to both learning and practice.

## **Level Descriptors**

Level Descriptors describe in general terms the expected outcomes you will achieve at each level of study as you progress through your programmes. They describe the relative demand, complexity, depth of learning and learner autonomy associated with a particular level of learning and achievement. The University's Level Descriptors are aligned to the national [Framework for Higher Education Qualifications](#) (FHEQ) and are a key mechanism for ensuring the academic standards of the University's provision.

At Level 5: (Usually Year 2 undergraduate), you will be able to demonstrate that you have the ability:

- To apply and evaluate key concepts and theories within and outside the context in which they were first studied.
- Select appropriately from and deploy a range of subject-specific, cognitive and transferable skills and problem solving strategies to problems in the field of study and in the generation of ideas effectively communicate information and arguments in a variety of forms.
- Accept responsibility for determining and achieving personal outcomes.
- Reflect on personal and work place experience in the light of recent scholarship and current statutory regulations.

## **Programme Outcomes – Knowledge and Understanding**

The programme provides opportunities for you to develop and demonstrate the following:

**After 120 credits of study (DPS) you will be able to demonstrate understanding of:**

**K1.**The professional, ethical and legal perspectives of health and social care practice, including diversity and cultural issues in the community and workplace.

**K2.**The need for and constraints of developing reflective practice, managing change and of multi-professional working including concepts and frameworks for collaborative and partnership working

**K3.** The evidence, theories and policy drivers that underpin decision making and judgement in holistic health and social care practice.

**K4.**The combined theoretical and clinical concepts underpinning your practice within a health, wellbeing or social care setting.

**Programme Outcomes – Skills and other Attributes (including Employability Skills)**

The programme provides opportunities for you to develop and demonstrate the following:

**After 120 credits of study (DPS) you will be able to:**

**S1.** Make sound professional judgements and utilise different modes of decision making.

**S2.** Take responsibility for own learning and development using transformative reflection to appraise your own capabilities, plan and implement actions within required deadlines.

**S3.** Utilise acquired knowledge and skills to enhance service user experiences and your own personal development.

**S4.** Search for, analyse and apply a contemporary evidence base for practice.

**S5.** Use information technology effectively, as a resource of information, as a learning aid and for the presentation of information.

**External and Internal Reference Points**

The following Subject Benchmark Statements and other external and internal reference points have been used to inform the Programme Outcomes:

- Public Health England (2017) consultation document [Facing the Facts, Shaping the Future](#) (a draft health and care workforce strategy for England to 2027)
- [QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Health Studies](#) (2016)
- [QAA Subject Benchmark Statement: Paramedics](#) (2016)
- [College of Paramedics, Post-Registration Career Framework](#) (2018)
- [Transforming Urgent and Emergency Care Services in England](#) (NHS England, 2015)
- [UoC Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy](#)
- [UoC Strategic Plan 2017-2020](#)
- UoC Department of Nursing, Health and Professional Practice Business Plan 2016-2021
- [UoC Academic Regulations and Academic Procedures and Processes](#)

## Graduate Prospects

Completion of this programme of study will enhance employability and career prospects. This may manifest in a number of ways, for example, you may use this qualification to gain promotion within your professional role or to develop or extend your sphere of practice.

## Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategies employed to enable the Programme Outcomes to be Achieved and Demonstrated

As a student at the University of Cumbria, you are part of an inclusive learning community that recognises diversity. You will have opportunities to learn by interacting with others in a collegiate, facilitative and dynamic learning environment. Teaching, assessment and student support will allow equal and equitable opportunities for you to optimise your potential and develop autonomy.

We seek to create a stimulating and innovative community of learning, whether encountered on campus or at a distance. Facilitated by our expert practitioner staff, you will experience a learning environment that is well equipped, flexible, and stimulating.

The University of Cumbria, Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy (LTA, 2017-22) underpins all aspects of the Practice Development Framework.

The framework is designed to be flexible, utilising the full range of UoC digital resources and supported communication through learning technology (including online and distributed places for learning). Learning is based in both academic study and practice environments. You are actively facilitated to use, apply and integrate your developing knowledge within your practice and to develop an enquiring, evaluative approach to your study and practice, through a transformative learning experience.

Where specifically included, work based learning is facilitated by a practice designated mentor, supported by the University.

### Learning and Teaching Methods will:

- Promote the development of inclusive practice and address a range of learner types
- "*Scheduled learning and teaching*" encompasses a variety of approaches to learning and teaching across the framework. Strategies include online and / or class-based workshop activities, facilitated discussion and debate, tutorials, guided study and reading, work based learning, reflection on practice
- Use learning technology to promote your learning and achievement, for example through the use of mobile technology, podcasts, webinars
- Provide active learning and social learning opportunities
- Provide appropriate engagement and facilitation models for distance, online and flexible learning students
- Provide opportunities for you to select modules appropriate to your professional context thus fostering employability prospects
- Foster aspiration and career readiness through work-based, experiential and inter-professional learning
- Be relevant to the needs of your workplace, emphasising problem-solving and the interaction of theory and practice
- Use research-informed teaching, drawing on health, social care and workplace knowledge and expertise

The framework is successfully delivered by a team of specialist, experienced lecturers, ensuring learning and teaching methods are contemporary and contextually relevant.

### **Summative and Formative Assessment Methods:**

- Assessment load is minimised for your benefit whilst upholding robust academic standards
- Are designed to provide a creative and balanced strategy across the programme.
- Provide a range of authentic, engaging and challenging formative assessment activities which as well as being important for learning, promote the value of formative assessment and contribute to the successful completion of the summative assignment task(s). Examples include quizzes, group work, peer review, presentations, reflection, tutorials, online activities which are designed to generate feedback on performance in order to improve learning
- Enable the valid testing of the programme learning outcomes, through a variety of summative "*written assignments*" including for example; portfolio, case study, reports, reflective accounts, response to peer review, academic essays, appraisal of evidence,
- Are relevant to the needs of the workplace, allowing for authentic assessment and effective formative feedback to facilitate your success
- Encourage you to critically reflect on your knowledge and skills development, in order to develop your ability to make sound professional judgements

### **Student Support**

Here at the University of Cumbria you will be supported by many individuals and teams. Some, like your tutors and library services, you will have regular contact with, others work in teams 'behind the scenes', however their valuable contribution to your experience and engagement with the learning process is a significant one and they too have been involved in the development of your modules and programmes, as evidenced by their suggestions (highlighted through the use of quotations below).

Through studying with us you will be able to "*recognise and understand how digital literacy works to enhance your learning*" (LTA, 2017-22). Some of your formative and summative assessments will involve using digital resources to capture your personal learning and this will be linked to the use of 'artefacts' and transformative learning.

Digital technology allows us to access the most up to date information and research especially in relation to care and practice. Accepting that the location and finding of information can be extremely quick, it becomes important to develop your "*abilities to critique the quality and validity of this*". Our academic literacy team (along with your tutors) will encourage you to be discerning in your use of evidence and reference sources to support your academic writing. The literacy team will also encourage you to "*develop your practice voice*" when writing, and "*be able to articulate your learning in relation to practice and the associated decision making process in order to teach others*". This is an important aspect of developing your confidence when writing academically, accepting and recognising the depth of your critical thinking when problem solving in practice and then transferring this process to your academic literacy skills.

In doing this you will obviously have the support from our literacy team and tutors, with both encouraging you to access our HeadStart virtual learning study skills package. Here you will be guided through the programme which specifically focuses upon developing your academic writing skills. This will show you how to begin, structure and conclude an assignment for example and reinforce the importance of using the adopted Harvard referencing technique to support your content. Feedback from these teams has led us to involve a teacher from the continuing professional programme in the initial academic study skills induction. With this collaborative approach you will be able to ground the



exploration of literacy skills in your own practice.

We provide responsive learner support that promotes student success. Our approach to learner support is designed to support achievement and progression, champion inclusivity and accessibility, prepare you for opportunities beyond study, and promote independence and resilience, enabling you to achieve your potential.

As a student of the University of Cumbria, you will be taught by academics and expert practitioners who facilitate learning through structured inquiry. You will be provided with access to high quality academic resources through physical and digital libraries and will be supported to develop skills that enable you to become a critical, reflective, discerning and independent learner and researcher.

### **Induction**

You will be required to complete a framework-specific induction programme either online or face to face. Induction is used to introduce you to the Practice Development Framework and to the University's systems and resources, including Library Service, Blackboard, Timetabling, Webfolio, etc.

### **Personal Tutoring**

You will also be allocated a Personal Tutor (PT). Regardless of your mode of study (distance learning, blended learning), your Personal Tutor will be proactively involved in the delivery of your programme and will have contact with you throughout your time at the University. They will support your learning and development, including tutorials (face to face, Skype, telephone according your needs), Progress Reviews and other support as outlined in the Personal Tutoring Policy. Regular contact will enable you to plan your personal development needs. Your PT will signpost you to appropriate members of the team, or specific sources of information as appropriate.

### **Personal Development Planning**

Personal development planning is a key function of your PT, who in the case of the Practice Development Framework is charged with supporting you to identify and meet your individual personal and professional learning and development needs. The PT will assume an academic tailoring role which consists of moderating your journey through your programme of study, so that your choice of modules and focus of the assessments is appropriate to both your area of practice and your target award. Your PT will provide support and guidance for your academic development planning.

### **Library and Academic Support (based in Information Services)**

Module leaders will collaborate with Library and Academic Advisors to ensure that your reading lists are current and items are available via the library collections. In order to maximise access, availability and usefulness, ebooks and electronic journal titles will, in most cases, be prioritised. You can access a wide range of great electronic and print content using [OneSearch](#) and you can find out more about key texts, databases and journals for your subject by accessing the library's [subject resources webpages](#). Where appropriate, module reading lists will be made available to you electronically using the university's [online reading list system](#).

The [Skills@Cumbria](#) service can help support your academic skills and success throughout your programme. The service is delivered by a team of professional Library and Academic Advisors. It includes a suite of [online self-help resources](#) accessible 24/7 via the University's website and Blackboard site. It also provides group and individual advice and guidance accessible through and alongside your course and by different means such as face to face, email or virtual. Visit [skills@cumbria](mailto:skills@cumbria) for more details.

### **IT and Technical Support**

Technology is an invaluable asset when it comes to studying, so it's important you know how to make the most out of the excellent [facilities](#) we have available. Our aim is to ensure you can access university electronic resources from anywhere or any device, whether on or off campus. The [Student Hub](#) is your one-stop gateway to all university systems, Outlook email, and OneDrive.

Whether you consider yourself a computer expert or you're not confident about your IT skills, we're always around to ensure you get the level of support you need. We have a wealth of information and support available on the [website](#) and have a dedicated IT Service Desk where you can talk to someone by phone or log your question online from anywhere, at any time.

### **Staff and Student Services**

Staff and Student Services offer a wide range of support, including: careers and employability, financial help, counselling, health and wellbeing and support for disabled students and those with specific learning requirements. We know that you want to get the most out of your programme, make the best use of your time and find or continue in the career you always dreamed of. Access university support and facilities easily and quickly via the [website](#) and/or via the Student Services guidance tile on the [Student Hub](#).

In addition to the range of guidance above, you have the opportunity to further develop your personal, academic and professional skills by taking part in a number of initiatives coordinated and delivered by professional services advisers:

### **Head Start Plus**

Head Start Plus is also an online skills development course, designed to support students who are about or who have just started study at level 5 or 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate). This course is particularly recommended to students who may not have studied at HE level for some time or who are transitioning into the higher HE levels. The course provides a useful refresh on academic skills and practice and an insight into the expectations of tutors at those levels.

This course is free and available via the Open Education Platform powered by Blackboard. To access the course, follow the link to <https://openeducation.blackboard.com/cumbria> and set-up a free account with Open Education. Once logged on, select the course free of charge and work through it at your own pace.

### **Mature Students' Events**

Whether it is a coffee morning, lunchtime gathering or a social event, there are events happening throughout the year to link you up with other mature students who will also be juggling a number of commitments alongside their studies.

### **Help is at Hand Events**

Keep a look out for these interactive events on campus around October and January. You are encouraged to attend these as they showcase the range of support available here and gives you the opportunity to talk to people from Finance, Accommodation, the Students' Union, the Wellbeing and Disability Team etc.

### **Career Ahead**

Career Ahead is the University's Employability Award, which gives students the opportunity to make their graduate CV stand out. Based on what employers look for in an ideal candidate, this award works with students to identify any gaps in their skill set, reflect on their experiences and develop further skills. The University of Cumbria's employability award is split into three stages: Bronze, Silver and Gold, with a further Career Ahead + Platinum level. Students' engagement in extra curricula activities such as volunteering, part-time work, project and charity work and peer mentoring are recognised within Career Ahead. To find out more or to register, email [careerahead@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:careerahead@cumbria.ac.uk).

## Programme Curriculum Map

Academic Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Module Status*	Programme Outcomes achieved
5	HCPD5018	Evidence Based Practice	20	Core	K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD5055	Communication Skills in Health and Social Care	20	Core	K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3
5	HCPD5056	Collaborative Working in Health and Social Care	20	Core	K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,

### Notes

This programme operates in accordance with the University's Academic Regulations and Academic Procedures and Processes.

Module pass mark: 40% (Undergraduate)

In addition to the core modules given above, you will be required to select 60 credits of optional modules from the choice available below. All modules must be relevant to your area of practice and target award and have been agreed in your personal development plan with your Personal Tutor.

Optional modules may be subject to availability and viability. If an optional module will not be running, we will advise you as soon as possible and help you choose an alternative module. Optional modules are normally selected 3 - 5 months in advance.

To ensure that modules containing elements of negotiated and work based learning contribute to meeting the programme outcomes for your target award, you must discuss and agree the content of any such modules with your Personal Tutor and document this in your personal development plan.

A failed student will not be permitted to re-register on the same programme.

### Optional modules at Level 5 on DPS Practice Development: Paramedic

List valid at December 2018 – To be reviewed annually to ensure continued currency

Academic Level	Module Code	Module Title	Credits	Entry requirements	Programme Outcomes achieved
<b>OPTIONAL MODULES</b>					
5	HCPD5030	Clinical Complexity in Emergency Care	20	To be eligible to study this module, you must be working in an appropriate healthcare environment	K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD5031	Clinical Reasoning and Assessment Skills in Healthcare (CRASH)	20	To be eligible to study this module, you must be working in an appropriate healthcare environment	K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD5032	Emergency Care of Women and Children	20	To be eligible to study this module, you must be working in an appropriate healthcare environment	K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD5033	Emergency Clinical Decision Making and Problem Solving	20	To be eligible to study this module, you must be working in an appropriate healthcare environment. Prior to studying this module, you must normally have studied pre-requisite module HCPD5050 or an equivalent assessment and physical examination skills module	K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD5070	Foundations in Health and Physiology	20		K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD5040	Advancing Mental Health Across The	20		K1,K2,K3,K4,

		Healthcare Spectrum (Introductory Level)			S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD5035	Disaster Response	20	This module is aimed at individuals who will be expected to respond in all hazards disaster settings	K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD9100	Introduction to Mentoring & Assessment in Diverse Clinical Environments	0		K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD5050	Consultation and Physical Examination: Health Assessment Skills	20	To be eligible to study this module, you must be a qualified healthcare professional with access to a suitable learning environment. If you have studied the equivalent module at Level 6 or Level 7 (HCPD6050, HCPD7050) then you cannot also study this Level 5 version	K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5

5	HCPD5051	Care of Minor Illness and Minor Injuries	20	To be eligible to study this module, you must be a qualified healthcare professional. If you have studied the equivalent module at Level 6 or Level 7 (HCPD6051, HCPD7051) then you cannot also study this Level 5 version	K1,K2,K3,K4, S1,S2,S3,S4,S5
5	HCPD5002-5005	Negotiated Learning	20		Will be dependent on what the student negotiates to study and the nature of the assessment chosen
5	*HCPD5007-5009	Negotiated Learning	10		Will be dependent on what the student negotiates to study and the nature of the assessment chosen
5	HCPD5013-5014	Work Based Learning	40		Will be dependent on what the student negotiates to study and the nature of the assessment chosen
5	HCPD5015-5016	Work Based Learning	20		Will be dependent on what the student negotiates to study and the nature of the assessment chosen

## Notes

\*HCPD5007-5009 Negotiated Learning 10 Credit Modules are available for students who APL in an odd amount of credit and will not be used routinely.

## \* Key to Module Statuses

Core Modules	Must be taken and must be successfully passed
Compulsory Modules	Must be taken although it may possible to condone/compensate as a marginal fail (within the limits set out in the Academic Regulations and provided that all core or pass/fail elements of module assessment have been passed)
Optional Modules	Are a set of modules from which you will be required to choose a set number to study. Once chosen, it may possible to condone/compensate as a marginal fail (within the limits set out in the Academic Regulations and provided that all core or pass/fail elements of module assessment have been passed)
Qualificatory Units	These are non- credit-bearing pass/fail components that are used to satisfy relevant professional, statutory or regulatory body professional requirements that are associated with the programme

**Programme Delivery Structure: Part-Time – Examples**

20 credit modules are timetabled to run over a 12-week period, starting in September (Autumn Semester), January (Spring Semester) and April (Extended Semester). A suitable range of optional modules will always be available. You have the option to vary your pace of study and to complete the modules within a 2-year period.

<b><u>September intake</u></b>				
<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Delivery Pattern</b>	<b>Method(s) of Assessment</b>	<b>Approximate Assessment Deadline</b>
HCPD5018	Evidence Based Practice	Autumn Semester – Year 1	Written assignment	December – Year 1
	Optional module	Spring Semester – Year 1		April – Year 1
HCPD5055	Communication Skills in Health and Social Care	Extended Semester – Year 1	Oral assessment/presentation	July – Year 1
	Optional module	Autumn Semester – Year 2		December – Year 2
HCPD5056	Collaborative Working in Health and Social Care	Spring Semester – Year 2	Portfolio	April – Year 2
	Optional module	Extended Semester – Year 2		July – Year 2
<p><b>Students exiting at this point with 120 credits including all core modules would receive a DPS Practice Development: Paramedic</b></p>				



**January intake**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Delivery Pattern</b>	<b>Method(s) of Assessment</b>	<b>Approximate Assessment Deadline</b>
HCPD5018	Evidence Based Practice	Spring Semester – Year 1	Written assignment	April – Year 1
	Optional module	Extended Semester – Year 1		July – Year 1
HCPD5055	Communication Skills in Health and Social Care	Autumn Semester – Year 2	Oral assessment/presentation	Dec – Year 1
	Optional module	Spring Semester – Year 2		April – Year 2
HCPD5056	Collaborative Working in Health and Social Care	Extended Semester – Year 2	Portfolio	July – Year 2
	Optional module	Autumn Semester – Year 2		December – Year 2

**Students exiting at this point with 120 credits including all core modules would receive a  
DPS Practice Development: Paramedic**

**April intake**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Delivery Pattern</b>	<b>Method(s) of Assessment</b>	<b>Approximate Assessment Deadline</b>
HCPD5018	Evidence Based Practice	Extended Semester – Year 1	Written assignment	July – Year 1
	Optional module	Autumn Semester – Year 1		Dec – Year 1
HCPD5055	Communication Skills in Health and Social Care	Spring Semester – Year 1	Oral assessment/presentation	April – Year 1

	Optional module	Extended Semester – Year 1		July – Year 2
HCPD5056	Collaborative Working in Health and Social Care	Autumn Semester – Year 2	Portfolio	December – Year 2
	Optional module	Spring Semester – Year 2		April – Year 2
<b>Students exiting at this point with 120 credits including all core modules would receive a DPS Practice Development: Paramedic</b>				

### **Programme Delivery Structure: Full-Time – Examples**

20 credit modules are timetabled to run over a 12-week period, starting in September (Autumn Semester), January (Spring Semester) and April (Extended Semester). A suitable range of optional modules will always be available. You will typically study two modules at a time and the following is an example of a 1-year programme length

#### **September intake**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Delivery Pattern</b>	<b>Method(s) of Assessment</b>	<b>Approximate Assessment Deadline</b>
HCPD5018	Evidence Based Practice	Autumn Semester – Year 1	Written assignment	December – Year 1
	Optional module	Autumn Semester – Year 1		December – Year 1
	Optional module	Spring Semester – Year 1		April – Year 1
	Optional module	Spring Semester – Year 1		April – Year 1
HCPD5055	Communication Skills in Health and Social Care	Spring Semester – Year 1	Oral assessment/presentation	April – Year 1
HCPD5056	Collaborative Working in Health and Social Care	Extended Semester – Year 1	Portfolio	July – Year 1

**Students exiting at this point with 120 credits including all core modules would receive  
a DPS Practice Development: Paramedic**

#### **January intake**

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Delivery Pattern</b>	<b>Method(s) of Assessment</b>	<b>Approximate Assessment Deadline</b>
HCPD5018	Evidence Based Practice	Spring Semester – Year 1	Written assignment	April – Year 1
	Optional module	Spring Semester – Year 1		April – Year 1
	Optional module	Extended Semester – Year 1		July – Year 1
	Optional module	Extended Semester – Year 1		July – Year 1
HCPD5055	Communication Skills in Health and Social Care	Extended Semester – Year 1	Oral assessment/presentation	July – Year 1
HCPD5056	Collaborative Working in Health and Social Care	Autumn Semester – Year 1	Portfolio	December – Year 1
<b>Students exiting at this point with 120 credits including all core modules would receive a DPS Practice Development: Paramedic</b>				

<b><u>April intake</u></b>				
<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Delivery Pattern</b>	<b>Method(s) of Assessment</b>	<b>Approximate Assessment Deadline</b>
HCPD5018	Evidence Based Practice	Extended Semester – Year 1	Written assignment	July – Year 1
	Optional module	Extended Semester – Year 1		July – Year 1
	Optional module	Autumn Semester – Year 1		July – Year 1
	Optional module	Autumn Semester – Year 1		December – Year 1

HCPD5055	Communication Skills in Health and Social Care	Autumn Semester – Year 1	Oral assessment/presentation	December – Year 1
HCPD5056	Collaborative Working in Health and Social Care	Spring Semester – Year 1	Portfolio	April – Year 1
<b>Students exiting at this point with 120 credits including all core modules would receive a DPS Practice Development: Paramedic</b>				

<b>Methods for Evaluating and Improving the Quality and Standards of Learning</b>	
<b>Mechanisms used for the Review and Evaluation of the Curriculum and Learning, Teaching and Assessment Methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Module Evaluation</li> <li>• Programme Validation and Periodic Review</li> <li>• Annual Monitoring</li> <li>• Peer Review of Teaching</li> <li>• External Examiner Reports</li> <li>• Student Success and Quality Assurance Committee</li> </ul>
<b>Mechanisms used for gaining and responding to feedback on the quality of teaching and the learning experience – gained from: Students, graduates, employers, placement and work-based learning providers, other stakeholders, etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Student Forum (for those programmes with specific cohort start and end dates).</li> <li>• Module Evaluation Forms</li> <li>• Programme Evaluation: National Student Survey, UK Engagement Survey</li> <li>• Module/Programme/Personal tutorials</li> <li>• Meetings with External Examiners</li> <li>• Meetings with stakeholders / commissioners of programmes</li> </ul>

<b>Date of Programme Specification Production:</b>	April 2019
<b>Date Programme Specification was last updated:</b>	
<b>For further information about this programme, refer to the programme page on the University website</b>	

<b>The following information has implications for potential international applicants who require a Tier 4 visa to study in the UK</b>	
<b>Is the placement requirement more than 50% of the programme?</b>	No
<b>If yes, what % of the programme is the placement requirement?</b>	Not applicable
<b>If yes, is the amount of placement a statutory requirement to meet Professional, Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) or Department of Education requirements?</b>	Not applicable