

Practical Primary Care Dermatology

New innovative multi-professional short course suitable for primary care health care professionals involved in the management of people with skin disease (Masters level 30 credits assessed)

Skin conditions are the commonest reason that people present to primary care clinicians with a new problem so a good knowledge of dermatology is essential to optimise care for this group of patients. The aim of this assessed short course (30 credits masters level) is to equip primary care health care professionals with the knowledge and skills to become confident and competent in looking after people with skin disease. This multi-professional course, which will be delivered as a series of fifteen two hour online evening sessions over a six month period starting at the end of September 2021 has been specifically developed to meet the needs of all first point of contact health care professionals including general practitioners, community dermatology nurses, advanced care practitioners (nurses, pharmacists, paramedics) and physicians associates. This short course will incorporate case-based learning and an assessment designed to support the needs of day to day dermatology clinical practice in primary care. It has been developed and will be taught by experienced clinicians with a wealth of primary care knowledge.

Content

The emphasis of the course is to develop and consolidate knowledge and skills in the management of patients with skin conditions seen in primary care over a 6 month period of two hourly online teaching sessions. Content will map to common skin conditions and include the following:

- Skin infections, inflammatory skin conditions including acne, eczema and psoriasis
- Recognition and management of common benign, pre-malignant and malignant skin lesions
- Skin health, problems of elderly skin, leg ulcers, wound management
- Hair and nail problems
- Prescribing and effective use of topical treatments
- Managing diagnostic uncertainty
- Tele-dermatology and its use in referral pathways and the primary/secondary care interface

Assessment

This is an assessed short course (30 credits at masters level) and it is expected that students will have access to good numbers of patients with skin disease to enable them to complete a log diary, contribute to case-based learning and complete an end of course assessment.

Who should attend?

The course is suitable for all primary care health care professionals including; general practitioners, community dermatology nurses, advanced care practitioners (nurses, pharmacists, paramedics) and physicians associates.

Dates

Start date Wed 29th September 7-9pm, 15 sessions in total, final session 28th April 2022

Application

To apply please contact v.bylo@herts.ac.uk

Fees

£1580.