

Cervical Cytology Sample Taker Training February 2022



Institute of Health Professions / School of Health

Course Title: *Cervical Cytology New Sample Taker Training*

Location: Wolverhampton City Campus

Course Length: 9 Months non-accredited certificated course

Cost: £230 per person

Start Date: 16th February 2022

Application / Payment via E-Store

Entry Criteria: Registered professional working in a clinical area where cervical screening is offered to women.

Campus Location: Wolverhampton City campus

Course Lead: Senior Lecturer Lisa Clarke [Email Lisa.Clarke@wlv.ac.uk]

Why choose this course:

The course is designed to follow Public Health England (PHE) updated Education Pathway (2020) for cervical cytology sample takers. The course is designed to meet the continuous professional development of healthcare staff involved in cervical cytology screening. Initial theory – delivered online over 12 hours with 3 hours practice simulation taught on campus. There will be Clinical Practice component undertaken whilst working with a cytology mentor. Final cytology sample taker assessment is undertaken in clinical practice by a cytology practice assessor, that is nominated by the university.

Course Overview:

Pre theory session: completion of workbook (3 hours) considering Anatomy and Physiology (A/P) of pelvic organs supported by access to e-learning for health module (self- directed study)

Taught content: 6 hours theory – [online delivery]

Practice: 3 hours simulation – on campus - skills lab

Theory: 1 day (taught online)

- Introduction to Cervical Cytology New Sample Taker Training:
- Background to NHS Screening Programme / Equality of access

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- Organisation of the NHS cervical screening programme:
- Laboratory Screening pathway: understanding test results
- Colposcopy pathway:
- Virtual laboratory tour

Simulation Learning: 3 hours skills lab session on campus

- Clinical Practice/ A/P review: skills lab -practical aspects of taking samples; use of manikin's students able to learn/practice examination and sample taking procedure

Clinical Practice: Student applies for trainee sample taker PIN from local laboratory and is required to complete a logbook of clinical practice: student identifies a cytology mentor (must be a trained sample taker) who undertakes supervision and signs off interim assessment. Written guidance provided by course lead.

- 2 observed samples
- 5 supervised samples
- Interim assessment by mentor Q/A and cytology pictures quiz (undertaken on E Learning for Health platform)
- 20 unsupervised samples/ audit
- Final Assessment: minimum of 3 samples assessed by external cytology practice assessor (trained sample taker nominated by the university) signs off clinical practice in sample taker logbook.
- Logbook sent to training provider (university) for verification of completion.

Student is also expected to arrange / undertake a colposcopy clinic visit. A Laboratory Tour (Virtual Tour available through university purchased licence) both signed off in sample taker logbook

University provides completion certificate. Sample taker then applies for sample taker PIN and is expected to maintain clinical competence.