

CERVICAL SCREENING

INITIAL TRAINING COURSE

STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY BLACK HEATH LANE

The course is designed to meet the continuous professional development of healthcare staff involved in cervical cytology screening.

Course Length:

9 Months non-accredited certificated course

Cost:

£240 per person

Start Date:

Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 January 2023

For enrolment, please contact Jackie Redhead please email J.P.Redhead@staffs.ac.uk

Entry Criteria:

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

Course Lead:

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COURSE OVERVIEW:

Public Health England Education Pathway (2020) have set guidelines to support education in sampler taking, this includes:

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

Practice: 3 hours simulation – on campus - skills lab at Black Heath Lane

Initial theory: 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.

THEORY: 2 DAYS

- Background to NHS Screening Programme / Equality of access
- Organisation of the NHS cervical screening programme
- Laboratory Screening pathway: understanding test results
- Colposcopy pathway

SIMULATION LEARNING: 3 HOURS SKILLS LAB SESSION AT BLACK HEATH LANE

- 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. The manikins have examples of some different diagnosis in the manikins to aid learning.

Over the two days, there will be updates from the Cytology department, Public Health England and a Nurse consultant from Colposcopy.

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.

In Clinical Practice-

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 need to be both signed off in sample taker logbook. Students must also reflect on the visits and produce a 400-word reflection of overall learning. There is a 20-question summary also to be completed to achieve at least 65%. University provides completion certificate. Sample taker then applies for sample taker PIN and is expected to maintain clinical competence.