A course for nurses and practitioners working in primary and secondary care

PHILOSOPHY

This course aims to equip practitioners with the knowledge and clinical skills to enable them to provide holistic care for patients with aural problems

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The course examines the principles and practice of promoting ear health and the prevention and treatment of aural problems

On completion, participants will:-

- Have critically considered the clinical management of aural problems in the light of current knowledge and research
- Be able to identify common aural conditions and give the appropriate treatment and care
- Have an understanding of different types of deafness and the correct use of screening tools

COURSE CONTENT

The course consists of 5 taught days, followed by 3 months' practical experience. During this time, a mentor is required to provide support and supervision to complete a programme of clinical competence

Pre-course Pack

Basic anatomy and physiology of the ear

Session 1

Introduction to Holistic Aural Care

- Anatomy & physiology
- Promotion of aural health
- *Practical Skills*:
  Otoscopy
  Use of instruments
  Ear irrigation
  Aural toilet
  Insertion of wicks

Session 2

Hearing Loss & Related Problems

- Types of Deafness
- Methods of screening
- Patient education and support
- Care of hearing aids
- Tinnitus advice
- *Practical Skills*:
  Pure tone audiometry, tympanometry and tuning fork testing
  Aural care clinic with patients

Session 3

Aural Treatments

- Recognition of aural problems
- Current treatments and management
- Accountability
- Patient Group Directions

Session 4

Formative Assessments

- Assessment of theoretical knowledge
- RNID speaker
- ENT Consultant video – aural disease and surgical treatment
- *Practical Skills*:-
  Aural care clinic with patients

Sessions 5

Review and Tutorials

- Recap and review course learning
- Evaluation
- Viva assessment

A five-day course (Monday-Friday), concluding with practical/written assessments and a viva. Students are expected to incorporate 8 hours self-directed learning into the period of study. During the 3 months following the course, the student is expected to prepare a written assignment, an ear diary and complete a programme of clinical competence supported by a mentor

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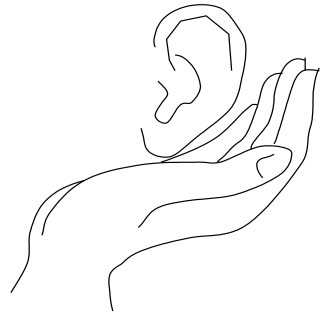
An *NHS* service

- Taught in a primary setting by nurses with extensive primary care and ENT experience.
- Theory and practice are taught concurrently, building on prior knowledge and skills.
- Experiential learning in patient aural care clinics.
- Small groups enable individual tuition and allow the participation of all preferred learning styles.
- A Diploma is awarded to successful participants.
- The price includes all course materials, daytime refreshments, tutorials and support.

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Winners: National Training Award 2006
Primary Care Professional,
Outstanding Achiever Award
Health & Social Care Awards 2004

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