

**DEFINITIVE COURSE RECORD**

Course Title	<b>FdA Health Care Practice (Long Term Care)</b>
Awarding Bodies	<b>University of Suffolk</b>
Level of Award <sup>1</sup>	<b>FHEQ Level 5</b>
Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Bodies Recognition	<b>None</b>
Credit Structure <sup>2</sup>	<b>240 Credits Level 4: 120 Credits Level 5: 120 Credits</b>
Mode of Attendance	<b>Full-time and Part-time</b>
Standard Length of Course <sup>3</sup>	<b>2 years full-time</b>
Intended Award	<b>FdA Health Care Practice (Long Term Care)</b>
Named Exit Awards	<b>CertHE Health Care Practice</b>
Entry Requirements <sup>4</sup>	<b>Typical Offer: 80 UCAS tariff points (or equivalent)</b>  <b>Students must be employed in the health care sector Any offer of a place will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check</b>
Delivering Institution(s)	<b>University of Suffolk</b>
UCAS Code	<b>N/A</b>

This definitive record sets out the essential features and characteristics of the FdA Health Care Practice (Long Term Care) course. The information provided is accurate for students entering level 4 in the 2017-18 academic year.<sup>5</sup>

**Course Summary**

The course provides a flexible work based learning programme which develops knowledge of key areas of health, including the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors which is supported by government strategies (Department of Health, 2012). The Foundation degree is an employment-based higher education qualification set out by the Department for Education and Skills. It offers students a mix of work-related specialist skills and academic study. Graduates of the Foundation degree in Health Care Practice will be well placed to take advantage of a variety of career openings which exist in the health care arena. This programme will be offered as part of the Higher Apprenticeship, and is mapped to the Assistant Practitioner Standard.

<sup>1</sup> For an explanation of the levels of higher education study, see the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> All academic credit awarded as a result of study at the University adheres to the [Higher education credit framework for England](#).

<sup>3</sup> Where the course is delivered both full-time and part-time, the standard length of course is provided for the full-time mode of attendance only. The length of the part-time course is variable and dependent upon the intensity of study. Further information about mode of study and maximum registration periods can be found in the [Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards](#).

<sup>4</sup> Details of standard entry requirements can be found in the [Admissions Policy](#)

<sup>5</sup> The University reserves the right to make changes to course content, structure, teaching and assessment as outlined in the [Admissions Policy](#).

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The motivation for this programme is to create for students a clear framework for practice that is underpinned by knowledge, skills, appropriate professional attitudes and accountability, critical evaluation and reflection. This is encouraged through the use of relevant and current research/literature to support students' learning. Students will be exposed to a variety of teaching, learning and assessment methods that will link theory to practice and practice to theory and place the service user at the centre of the learning.

It is envisaged that on completion of the course these students will be working at the level of an assistant practitioner or band 4 worker. These are workers that deliver care to patients under the direct supervision of a registered practitioner, with a level of knowledge and skill beyond that of the traditional healthcare support worker, taking some tasks from registered professionals and may work across many of the traditional professional boundaries

### **Course Aims**

- To provide the students with the knowledge, understanding and associated skills that will enable them to work effectively, flexibly and responsively within their work arena.
- To enable students to recognise the scope, depth and breadth of their knowledge and skills within the interprofessional team.
- To provide the students with an appropriate understanding of the regulatory and legislative framework for care pertinent to their role.
- To provide opportunities for students to develop key skills to prepare for further study and / or employment and lifelong learning.
- To encourage the students to become active learners, thus learning through practice, rather than learning to practice.
- To provide the students with the opportunity to explore methods of research relevant and appropriate to the care setting.
- To enhance the students' communication and interpersonal skills.
- To facilitate the students understanding of leadership skills to enable the individual to respond flexibly to organisational and personal change.
- To develop within the students' enthusiasm for higher education learning.
- To ensure that the student can contribute to meeting the challenges of enhancing health care delivery.
- To provide students with a recognised higher education qualification which provides the opportunity to access an honours degree and / or a professional qualification.

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

The following statements define what students graduating from the FdA Health Care Practice (Long Term Care) course will have been judged to have demonstrated in order to achieve the award. These statements, known as learning outcomes, have been formally

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approved as aligned with the generic qualification descriptor for level 4/5 awards as set out by the UK Quality Assurance Agency (QAA).<sup>6</sup>

### **Knowledge, understanding and cognitive skills**

1. Transfer and apply previous knowledge, skills and understanding to new situations and contexts relevant to the students' field of health care.
2. Develop strategies to improve their practice through critical reflection.
3. Understand the research process and its application to practice.
4. Apply rationales for care based upon current theory.
5. Understand the holistic nature of the person.

### **Key / transferable / lifelong learning skills**

6. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of effective verbal and written communication.
7. Recognise and work within the defined role specific scope of practice to ensure safe and collaborative delivery of health care.
8. Demonstrate leadership qualities which contribute to enhancing care delivery.
9. Use a range of techniques to plan, monitor and evaluate individual skills to improve performance.

### **Subject specific**

10. Demonstrate awareness of the individuality of responses to long term conditions.
11. Recognise the ethical and legal implications in relation to the care of the adult with a long term condition.
12. Perform appropriate care interventions of adults with a long term condition.

### **Course Design**

The design of this course has been guided by the following Professional Standards:

- NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework
- Skills for Health
- Apprenticeship Standard for an Assistant Practitioner (Health)

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<sup>6</sup> As set out in the [QAA Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications of UK Degree-Awarding Bodies \(2014\)](#)

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### Course Structure

The FdA Health Care Practice (Long Term Care) comprises modules at levels 4 and 5.

Module Specifications for each of these modules are included within the course handbook, available to students on-line at the beginning of each academic year.

	Module	Credits	Module Type <sup>7</sup>
Level 4			
	Personal and Professional Development	20	M
	Communication and Teamwork	20	M
	Health Care in Society	20	M
	Human Anatomy and Physiology	20	M
	Practice Learning 1	40	M
Level 5			
	Introduction to Research	20	M
	Personal Development and Leadership skills	20	M
	Practice Learning 2	40	M
	Foundations of Acute and Long Term Care	20	M
	One of the following:		
	Interventions in Long Term Care	20	O
	Rehabilitation Practice	20	O

### Awards

On successful completion of the course, students will be awarded a FdA Health Care Practice (Long Term Care). Students who leave the course early may be eligible for a CertHE Health Care Practice on successful completion of 120 credits including all mandatory modules at level 4.

### Course Delivery

The course is delivered across a number of sites including, Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds, Kings Lynn and Cambridge. Students studying full-time on FdA Health Care Practice (Long Term Care) are likely to have approximately 150 contact hours for level 4 and 150 contact hours for level 5. The contact hours will be a mix of lecture, presentation and practical activity. In addition, students will be expected to engage with about 100 hours of on-line learning activity for each level, and students will normally be expected to undertake 15 hours of independent study in an average week, but should be prepared for this to vary based on assignment deadlines and class exercises.

### Course Assessment

A variety of assessments will be used on the course to enable students to experience and adapt to different assessment styles. The assessment methods used will be appropriate to assess each module's intended learning outcomes. Assessment on the course overall will be approximately 95% coursework (including essays, reports, presentations, group work, reflective learning journals and research projects) and 5% examinations.

<sup>7</sup> Modules are designated as either mandatory (M), requisite (R) or optional (O). For definitions, see the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards

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### End Point Assessment

On completion of the Foundation degree and as part of the apprenticeship standard, the student will be required to undertake an end point assessment with an external assessor.

End point assessment:

- Provides apprentices with a showcase opportunity to provide oral and documentary evidence of their knowledge, skills and behaviours developed throughout the apprenticeship
- Enables the independent assessor to assess the skills and behaviours of the apprentice by observing the apprentice in the course of their normal work
- Tests the knowledge acquired by the apprentice throughout the apprenticeship.

The end point assessment includes the following components:

1. A **multiple choice and short answer test**
2. An **observation of practice** undertaken in the workplace
3. A **reflective journal** completed by the apprentice and an **interview**

### Course Team

The FdA Health Care Practice (Long Term Care) course is offered within the Department of Nursing Studies in the Faculty of Health and Science. Profiles of the academic staff who deliver the course are available online.

### Course Costs

Students undertaking FdA Health Care Practice (Long Term Care) course will not be charged tuition fees directly. Tuition fees will be agreed between the University and a student's employer. Students will be required to sign a commitment statement before starting their apprenticeship which will detail the student's, employer's and the University's expectations under the apprenticeship agreement.

### Academic Framework and Regulations

This course is delivered according to the Framework and Regulations for Undergraduate Awards and other academic policies and procedures of the University and published on the [website](#).