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Health Protection & Patient Safety

Part-time
Duration: Three years

Programme Summary

This programme provides professionals working in the field of Health Protection and Patient Safety with the key knowledge and skills required in order to be able to function effectively. It offers core generic components as well as options designed to enable participants to tailor the programme to their own specific needs.

Getting Ahead of the Curve published in 2002 set out the government's strategy for combating infectious diseases and managing health protection through the Health Protection Agency. Getting Ahead of the Curve proposed an infectious diseases strategy to combat the present and possible future threats to health from infections. The report also included a wider health protection focus on non-infectious environmental hazards. This master's level programme has been developed accordingly to reflect this new orientation to health protection and patient safety.

Programme Outline

The programme uses a 'blended' mode of delivery which combines both face to face teaching and learning with online e-learning strategies. This approach has been adopted because it reduces the need to take time out of busy work schedules to attend face-to-face sessions but still allows for face-to-face interaction where educationally indicated. It also gives participants opportunities to meet other health protection professionals.

Exit qualifications

The programme has three exit points:

Postgraduate Certificate

In the first year (Postgraduate Certificate) participants will undertake two core modules: Social and Policy Implications of Health Protection and Epidemiology and Biostatistics followed by one module from a variety of options including: The Prevention and Management of Infection Transmission, Sexual Health, Childhood Infections: Issues and Dilemmas, and Modern Plagues.

Postgraduate Diploma

In the second year (Post Graduate Diploma) participants will undertake two further core modules: Patient Safety and Risk Management and a more advanced Epidemiology and Biostatistics module. As in year one an optional module will be chosen.

Masters degree

In the third and final year (Masters Degree), participants will undertake a negotiated module and a dissertation module, both of which give the opportunity to focus on a specific aspect of practice of particular relevance to participants.

On successful completion participants will receive 60 masters' level credits for each award. It is expected that all participants will have a first degree in a relevant subject or equivalent and be working in an area related to infection prevention or health protection.

Further information

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