

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	Institute of Health		
Course Code(s):	HL034M31CH	Part-time	1 Years
Course Title:	BSc Lymphoedema Care at Compton Care		
Hierarchy of Awards:	Bachelor of Science Lymphoedema Care University Statement of Credit University Statement of Credit		
Language of Study:	English		
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Course Specification valid to:	2019/0		

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Mr Christopher Duncan
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Course Information

Location of Delivery:	Compton Care, Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Supported Delivery of University Provision
Teaching Institution:	Compton Care, Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS)

Students will have 120 level 4 and 120 level 5 credits.

You must currently work with individuals requiring lymphoedema care (with / without palliative and end of life care status), or have access to delivering care with this specialist client group. Confirmation of your eligibility to enter the course can be sought through contacting the programme leader who will convey the decision to the Admissions Tutor.

You may be eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in relation to module / course learning outcomes. A request for consideration of RPL should be made in writing to the programme leader prior to the course commencing.

Distinctive Features of the Course:

Compton Hospice Education and Training Centre has a well-established tradition of offering high quality research based specialist modules in lymphoedema and palliative / end of life care.

The latest technology is embraced within the organisation which includes fully interactive projectors; online multi media and the latest resources in our specialist on site library. Our knowledgeable lecturers maintain clinical links in order to offer the most contemporary approaches to symptom management and other interventions in lymphoedema and palliative / end of life care.

Educational Aims of the Course:

This course will develop your knowledge and skills in a way which helps you to bring together theory and practice in the field of Lymphoedema care, as well as elements of palliative and end of life care. The course aims to provide you with an award that will give you the necessary professional values, communication and interpersonal skills to care for this specialist client group through the development of knowledge and understanding in the areas of specialist assessment and management of mild / moderate and complex Lymphoedema whilst also considering contemporary approaches to lymphoedema service provision.

The course will enable you to develop specialist knowledge and skills to provide safe, effective and holistic management of individuals with Lymphoedema, including the support required by their significant others. The education and training team delivering the programme will prepare you to practice in this increasingly important aspect of care in the 21st century.

Successful completion of the award will enable you to progress to the Honours degree in Lymphoedema Care.

Intakes:

September

Major Source of Funding:

Office for Students (OFS)

Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
No related data			

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

Continuing students will follow the programme indicated below:

6HW115	Specialist Assessment and Management of Mild/Moderate Lymphoedema	20	SEM1	Core
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Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

None

Reference Points:

Employment

This course will build upon and develop your knowledge and skills as a practitioner caring for individuals with lymphoedema in either the acute, community or voluntary sectors. It will assist you in developing your skills to analyse practice by using appropriate evidence to improve service delivery and to promote empowerment for life chances and healthy lifestyles for people adjusting to changes in their own health and wellbeing. The course will enable the development of your knowledge and understanding in the core elements of Lymphoedema care.

Further training and education opportunities

On completion of the BSc you will be eligible to progress to the Honours Degree in Lymphoedema Care, or an Honours Degree in a related subject area. Compton Hospice education and training centre also offer a range of courses / modules to help you develop further your specialist skills in Lymphoedema and / or palliative and end of life care, or to meet your Continuing Professional Development (CPD) needs.

Learning Outcomes:

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 1 (ORDCLO1)

Critically reflect on your continuing professional development and demonstrate an ability to implement specialist knowledge into clinical practice.

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 2 (ORDCLO2)

Critically analyse and apply the evidence underpinning lymphoedema care across the diverse practice settings.

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 3 (ORDCLO3)

Critically evaluate strategies of change and effective communication within the inter disciplinary team.

Ordinary Course Learning Outcome 4 (ORDCLO4)

Critically reflect on individual skills in clinical decision-making necessary to practice in a constantly changing health and social care environment.

Overview of Assessment:

Module	Title	Course Learning Outcomes
6HW115	Specialist Assessment and Management of Mild/Moderate Lymphoedema	ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4
6HW116	Specialist Assessment and Management of Complex Lymphoedema	ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4
6HW117	Contemporary Approaches to Lymphoedema Service Provision	ORDCLO1, ORDCLO2, ORDCLO3, ORDCLO4

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

We will guide and support your learning using a mixed approach including:

Lectures – we will use a variety of interactive learning methods that are supported by digital technology to enhance your learning.

Simulated practical sessions – you will have the opportunity to engage in supervised practice to become knowledgeable and skilled in your field of health and social care, which will enhance your employability prospects.

Debate and dialogue - the University virtual learning environment, CANVAS will provide a forum for you to engage in dialogue with other students in your group as well as the lecturer.

Seminars – where students take the lead in discussing relevant articles, debating and examining the evidence base that underpins palliative and end of life care.

Formative assessments – where we provide you with the chance to 'have a go' at some of the summative assessment tasks before the actual assessment is submitted as a way of developing your academic and practical skills with our tutorial guidance and feedback.

Peer presentations – you will study some aspects of specific modules and feed these back to the wider group so that you develop your ability to search, retrieve and use information to develop your knowledge.

Independent and self-directed learning – this is an important part of degree level study and through the course you will be encouraged to become an independent learner, able to decide what to learn and how best to achieve this. Independent learning will be required of you as a health and/or social care

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)
Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

The University provides a range of resources to support you directly with your learning as well as other areas of your life. These resources are all signposted through the University web pages and include:

Study Support

We offer a variety of learning resources to help you progress. Academic skills support is available to all students throughout all levels of study, via the school and learning centres. Academic skills sessions are introduced within the induction programme, different modules and through a blended learning approach with access to material in CANVAS. This is to help you with using the learning resources effectively and also to help you when it comes to the assessments. Academic skill development is further embedded within the curriculum at different levels, through the ways in which lecturers present information and guide you to use it. Further support for learning is offered via personal tutors, tutorials with lecturers and feedback provided by lecturers for individual modules.

- Some useful resources are signposted through the Learning & Information Services (LIS) web pages: http://www.wlv.ac.uk/lib/skills_for_learning.aspx. This is a great resource for you to enhance your academic skills, offering a range of advice ranging from searching for journal articles, evaluating information and referencing your sources to essay writing, critical thinking and preparing for examinations.
- Learning & Skills Librarians offer both individual support and workshops across our four campus learning centres. You will also have access to advice via email and Skype.
- [ASSIST](#) – LIS's online chat service provides you with real-time online librarian support.

Personal support

- Student Advisors

The Faculty of education Health and Wellbeing (FEHW) has two student advisors to offer help and advice on a range of issues that may be affecting your studies. Accessible by telephone and e-mail or website <http://www.wlv.ac.uk/default.aspx?page=9182>

- Personal Tutors

You will be allocated a personal tutor at the start of your course with whom you will build and develop a relationship. Your personal tutor will meet with you on a regular basis and support, guide and nurture you, as you progress through to completion of your course.

- The [Careers and Employment Services](#) team offer help in preparing for work after study. In addition our strong link with placement providers means that job opportunities may be available in a range of local Trust organisations, once you have completed your course.
- Counselling offers a confidential space in which you can talk to a counsellor about your concerns. Personal appointments are available on all campuses; there is a drop-in service every weekday at City Campus and on online counselling is available via CANVAS.
- The student financial support unit can help students with advice on funds available to students.
- The student enabling service centre provides a comprehensive range of support deaf, Dyslexic and Disabled students including; screenings and assessments, guidance on gaining financial support, various support services and enabling technologies.

- The inter-faith Centre is also available to those requiring spiritual guidance, support or a listening ear.

Employability in the Curriculum:

Employment

This course will build upon and further develop your knowledge and skills as a practitioner caring for individuals with lymphoedema needs in the acute, community and voluntary sectors. Employers are looking for health and social care staff who can provide a high standard of palliative and end of life care / specialist lymphoedema care, hence attainment of this specialist degree will enhance your employability in a number of different arenas where this client group are met.

Employability is concerned with the development of skills aimed at enhancing your employment prospects. Developing specialist subject and academic knowledge is important for employers but they also want to employ individuals who are able to:

- Communicate effectively
- Work in a team
- Have enhanced interpersonal skills.
- Can solve problems
- Work on their own, using initiative and able to adapt to changing situations
- Be self-confident
- Demonstrate flexible and transferable skills whilst working in a variety of settings

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Further training and education opportunities

Compton Hospice education and training centre offers a variety of courses and modules to help you develop further specialist aspects of lymphoedema and palliative and end of life care.

Successful completion of this award will allow you to progress to an Honours Degree or Postgraduate study.

