

Advanced Clinical Practice and Clinical Practice Modules

2024-2025

Advanced Clinical Education and Supervision (EDU701)

Module Lead: Andy Saul | 15 credits

This core module is designed to give you a comprehensive foundation in clinical pedagogy, practice education and approaches to continuing professional development. It will support your development as an advanced clinical practitioner.

It draws on contemporary research, opinion, and wider pedagogic and professional development theory to equip you with the knowledge and skills that underpin effective practice education. These include approaches to education, clinical, managerial and leadership supervision within and across traditional professional boundaries.

The focus on professional learning provides a foundation for your wider advancing practice development. You will have opportunities to learn with and from colleagues, including membership of multi-professional learning sets and pathway-specific tutorials which enable you to plan and contextualise learning within your clinical specialty.

2025 Module Dates:

- 08/01/2025
- 15/01/2025
- 22/01/2025
- 29/01/2025
- 05/02/2025
- 12/02/2025
- 19/02/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

Poster 25th Feb or 26th Feb 2025 (face to face)

Advanced Clinical Reasoning in Health Assessment (AHP702)

Module Lead: Naomi Lafitte| 30 credits

This is a core module that provides in-depth knowledge to develop your critical thinking in complex health environments. It will enhance your ability to respond efficiently to the rapidly changing health landscape and will allow you to make balanced clinical decisions when formulating differential diagnoses, based on systematic patient assessment. The module also provokes thinking about a personalised care strategy when managing health conditions and the wider population needs that impact on health services.

This module requires 50 hours of clinical placement in a General Practice setting or an area where you can evaluate and assess patients with a clinical supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging these placement hours at their workplace or elsewhere. Please contact the course director if you have questions about the placement hour requirements or if you may have difficulty arranging these hours.

The educational delivery and ethos of this module emphasises and builds on autonomous self-directed learning for independent practice.

2024 Term 1 Module Dates:

- 17/09/2024
- 18/09/2024
- 25/09/2024
- 02/10/2024
- 09/10/2024
- 15/10/2024
- 16/10/2024
- 23/10/2024
- 30/10/2024
- 05/11/2024
- 06/11/2024
- 07/01/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

- OSCE 19/11/2024 or 20/11/2024 or 21/11/202
- OSCE resit 21st January 2025
- Essay 21st January 2025

2025 Term 2 Module Dates:

- 06/02/2025
- 11/02/2025
- 13/02/2025
- 18/02/2025
- 20/02/2025
- 25/02/2025
- 27/02/2025
- 04/03/2025
- 06/03/2025
- 11/03/2025
- 18/03/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

- OSCE 10/04/2025
- Essay 13th May 2025

Advanced Musculoskeletal Management (PTY701)
Module Lead: Michael Dunn | 15 credits

This module gives clinicians the opportunity to develop and apply advanced musculoskeletal knowledge and skills in a clinical setting. The focus is on work-based learning – you are encouraged to work closely with your employer to develop a framework that supports learning and development under the guidance of a clinical mentor. This development time is likely to differ according to your clinical practice environment and will be supported by the module team via a variety of technology-enhanced learning approaches.

This module requires 40 hours of clinical placement in a setting where you can evaluate and assess MSK patients. Students are responsible for arranging these placement hours at their workplace or elsewhere. Please contact the course director if you have questions about the placement hour requirements or if you may have difficulty arranging these hours.

The module offers the flexibility to develop skills and competence in a role appropriate to your practice and developmental needs. As such, it provides an opportunity to develop both role-specific and core attributes of an advanced musculoskeletal practitioner.

The module is compulsory for students on the PG-Cert Clinical Practice (FCP Musculoskeletal) pathway.

2024 Module Dates:

- 07/01/2025
- 14/01/2025
- 21/01/2025
- 28/01/2025
- 04/02/2025
- 11/02/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

OSCE and Viva 25th February 2025

OSCE resit 26th March 2025

Advanced Practice in Urgent & Emergency Care (PAR702)

Module Lead: Andy Saul | 15 credits

This module will help you develop advanced skills in assessment, reasoning and early management planning for patients presenting with undifferentiated acute injuries or illnesses, or acute exacerbations of chronic conditions, in an urgent or emergency setting. It will focus on the effective assessment, referral, safeguarding and health promotion of a range of vulnerable or complex patient groups through the network of urgent and emergency care services in the UK.

The module is compulsory for students on the Urgent and Emergency Care pathway.

Pre-requisites: Programme entry requirements and successful completion of the following modules, or equivalent:

- Advanced Clinical Reasoning in Health Assessment: Lifespan Perspective (AHP702)
- Advanced Practice: Minor Health Management (HP7003X)
- Advanced Practice: Minor Injuries Management (HP7004X)
- Non-medical Prescribing or Drugs and Patient Group Directions (AHP703 or PHA702)

2025 Module Dates:

- 30/04/2025
- 07/05/2025
- 14/05/2025
- 21/05/2025
- 28/05/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

OSCE 4th June 2025 or 5th June 2025

OSCE resit 2nd July 2025

Applied Pain Principles in Practice (PTY704)

Module Lead: Hubert Van Griensven | 15 credits

The focus of this module is to advance clinicians' application of the current concepts of pain, enabling them to facilitate individuals to manage their pain and to participate in life situations. Pain is considered a multidimensional experience, understanding it requires an in-depth knowledge of pain neuroscience and potential contributing factors which can be psychological, social or cultural.

2024 Module Dates:

- 17/09/2024
- 24/09/2024
- 01/10/2024
- 08/10/2024
- 15/10/2024

Assessment Dates & Type:

- Audio recording 12th November 2024
 - Viva 26th November 2024
 - Viva resit 10th December 2024
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Cardiology & Neurology Care (PS704X)

Module Lead: Lisa Burrell | 15 credits

This module is intended for health care professionals who are working in or towards a specialist or advanced role in prehospital critical care. The module will enable participants to explore the theory and practice of managing key cardiovascular and neurological diseases in the prehospital setting. The particular emphasis will be on the recognition and referral to specialist services for these two major disease groups.

2024 Module Dates

- 11/09/2024
- 18/09/2024
- 25/09/2024
- 02/10/2024
- 09/10/2024

Assessment Dates & Type:

- Viva w/c 23rd October 2024
 - Clinical logs
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Drugs & PGD's (PHA702)

Module Lead: Sam Laws | 15 credits

This module will explore the science behind medicine management and consider the safe practice of administration of medicines under PGDs in different clinical settings.

It is intended for clinical practitioners from a range of backgrounds who are administering medicines to patients in a range of settings. It is compulsory for those without a recognised non-medical prescribing qualification and who are not taking the non-medical prescribing module as part of their ACP studies. The module will serve as a foundation for aspiring future prescribers.

2023 Module Dates:

- 13/05/2025
- 20/05/2025
- 27/05/2025
- 03/06/2025
- 10/06/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

- 24/06/25 - 30 minute online presentation
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Evidence-based Quality Improvement in Advanced Practice (RES701)

Module Lead: Richard Boulton | 30 credits

On this module you will lead, design and deliver a small-scale, practice-based quality improvement project in your practice field, using the quality improvement project proposal you have learnt about in the Leadership in Advanced Clinical Practice module.

You will consider establishing baseline measures, selecting relevant quality improvement methodologies, and evaluation. You will produce a written project report which includes the rationale for your initiative, the methods and evaluation adopted, analysis and discussion of the outcomes achieved, and a reflection on what you have learnt from the project.

This is a compulsory core module for the full MSc Advanced Clinical Practice. Outside of these sessions you will be expected to meet with your academic supervisors on a monthly basis.

2024-2025 Module Dates:

- 15/10/2024
- 22/10/2024
- 29/10/2024
- 12/11/2024
- 10/12/2024
- 14/01/2025
- 11/02/2025
- 04/03/2025
- 29/04/2025
- 06/05/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

QI Project submission date: 16th May 2025

First Contact Provider Professional Portfolio (AHP704)

Module Lead: Steve Close | 15 credits

This module is designed to enable students to demonstrate that they have acquired the skills and knowledge to practice as a First Contact Practitioner (FCP). It incorporates the concepts of academic, professional and personal development required for a FCP. It encourages students to further develop their ability to critically reflect and enhance their role. It facilitates the integration and use of skills, knowledge and attitudes learned in other modules for their FCP.

This module requires 75 hours of clinical placement in a setting where you can evaluate and assess patients as an FCP. Students are responsible for arranging these placement hours at their workplace or elsewhere. Please contact the course director if you have questions about the placement hour requirements or if you may have difficulty arranging these hours.

Students are required to produce a portfolio that evidences meeting the FCP capabilities. This portfolio can be reused, adapted and refined throughout an entire career as a Clinical Practitioner.

2024-2025 Module Dates (September intake):

- 13/11/2024
- 04/12/2024
- 19/02/2025
- 26/03/2025

Assessment Date & Type:

- 28/05/2025 portfolio due

2024-2025 Module Dates (February intake):

- 04/02/2025

- 10/03/2025
- 26/06/2025

Assessment Date & Type:

- Portfolio TBD
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Implementation and Improvement Science: Principles for Practice (MCP7103X)

Module Lead: Richard Boulton | 15 credits

This module is designed to introduce you to a relatively new and expanding science that is bringing about quality improvements and enhancing patient safety by encouraging more effective use of research evidence within practice. It draws on theory and practice from a broad range of other professional disciplines, such as sociology, management, behavioural psychology, science and technology.

You will be encouraged to critically explore a range of strategies to support the integration of research findings with practice, considering this within the context of an ever-changing working environment and policy landscape.

Throughout the module you will engage with a wide range of learning activities that aim to develop both knowledge and skills, offering practical insight into how to make best use of resources and evidence, and helping you to effectively implement ideas within the context of your own professional practice.

2025 Module Dates:

- 13/03/2025
- 20/03/2025
- 27/03/2025
- 03/04/2025
- 10/04/2025
- 17/04/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

12th June 2025

Independent & Supplementary Prescribing (AHP703)

Module Lead: SJ Anscomb | 30 credits

This module requires 78 hours of clinical placement with a prescribing clinical supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging these placement hours at their workplace or elsewhere. Please contact the course director if you have questions about the placement hour requirements or if you may have difficulty arranging these hours.

2025 Module Dates

- 09/01/2025
- 16/01/2025
- 23/01/2025
- 30/01/2025
- 06/02/2025
- 13/02/2025
- 20/02/2025
- 27/02/2025

- 06/03/2025
- 13/03/2025
- 20/03/2025
- 27/03/2025
- 03/04/2025
- 10/04/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

- MCQ 17/04/2025
 - MCQ Resit 16/05/2025
 - Essay & CAD 17/07/2025
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Introduction to Medical Imaging (DRA701)

Module Lead: Marcus Jackson | 15 credits

This module is designed to give the learner a foundational understanding of concepts of image generation, safety considerations and the knowledge to identify common pathological conditions. The module draws on contemporary imaging practice and guidance from the Royal College of Radiologists. It provides opportunities to learn with and from colleagues in multiprofessional learning sets and pathway-specific tutorials for individual learners to plan and contextualise learning within their own clinical specialty. The module assessed by two 1500 word case studies which evidence how the clinical question determines the appropriate choice of imaging modality.

Pre-requisites for the module:

- Access to medical images
- A designated practice mentor

Contact the module leader Dr Marcus Thomas Jackson mjackson@sgul.ac.uk if you wish to discuss the pre-requests

This module is not running in 2024-2025

Interprofessional Diabetes Course for Healthcare Professionals (END701)

Module Lead: Ken Earle

This module is run by the professional education short courses.

The prime aim of this programme is to provide practitioners from different specialities with the knowledge and competencies to manage, maintain, treat and/or transfer patients with diabetes to the appropriate tier of care. The outcomes will include improved personal confidence, more effective referral in the tiered structure of diabetes care, appropriate collaboration and engagement with the specialist team(s) and intelligent use of new therapies.

2024 module dates:

21st May 2024-6th August 2024.

Assessment:

Leadership in Advanced Clinical Practice (MAN701)

Module Lead: Matthew Thomas | 15 credits

This compulsory core module is designed to give you a comprehensive foundation in clinical leadership, which will support your ongoing development as a leader in advanced clinical practice. It draws on contemporary research, opinion and wider leadership theory to equip you with the knowledge and skills that underpin effective clinical leadership, including approaches to operational and strategic service configuration and quality improvement within and across traditional professional and operational boundaries.

Opportunities to learn with, and from, colleagues include membership of multi-professional learning sets and pathway-specific tutorials for you to plan and contextualise learning within your clinical specialty.

2025 Module Dates:

05/03/2025 (Onsite-Face to Face)

12/03/2025 (Onsite-Face to Face)

19/03/2025 (Onsite-Face to Face)

26/03/2025 (Online)

02/04/2025 (Onsite-Face to Face)

Assessment Dates & Type:

Presentation 15th or 16th April 2025

Resit presentation 7th May 2025

Management of Minor Health (HP7003X)

Module Lead: Naomi Lafitte (term 2), SJ Anscomb (term 3) | 15 credits

This module is designed for healthcare practitioners working towards advanced roles in primary care and community settings. It offers the opportunity for the practitioner to evaluate the key challenges underpinning NHS targets within the field of hospital avoidance and ambulatory care.

This module requires 75 hours of clinical placement in a setting where you can evaluate and assess patients with minor illnesses with a clinical supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging these placement hours at their workplace or elsewhere. Please contact the course director if you have questions about the placement hour requirements or if you may have difficulty arranging these hours.

2025 Module Dates (term 2):

- 06/01/2025
- 13/01/2025
- 20/01/2025
- 27/01/2025
- 03/02/2025
- 10/02/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

- CAD with rapid evidence review and reflection 7th April 2025

2025 Module Dates (term 3):

- 15/05/2025

- 22/05/2025
- 29/05/2025
- 05/06/2025
- 12/06/2025
- 19/06/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

- CAD with rapid evidence review and reflection 21st August 2025
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Management of Minor Injuries (HP7004X)

Module Lead: Steve Close | 15 credits

The module is designed for healthcare practitioners who wish to develop knowledge and skills in managing minor injuries in children and adults. It is intended to enhance independent practice through the efficient use of resources and will enable practitioners to implement management plans for patients with minor injuries presenting to walk-in clinics, urgent care centres, Emergency Departments or other community settings. The module covers the background knowledge to the common presentations and practical sessions covering upper limb and lower limb physical assessment as well as wound closure i.e. suturing, staples, adhesive strips.

This module requires 50 hours of clinical placement in a setting where you can evaluate and assess patients with minor injuries with a clinical supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging these placement hours at their workplace or elsewhere. Please contact the course director if you have questions about the placement hour requirements or if you may have difficulty arranging these hours.

2024 Module Dates:

- 18/09/2024
- 25/09/2024
- 02/10/2024
- 09/10/2024
- 16/10/2024
- 23/10/2024

Assessment Dates & Type:

- OSCE 11th December 2024
- OSCE resit 16th January 2025
- CAD & Rapid Evidence Review 11th December 2024

Patient Safety & Human Factors (MAN702)

Module Lead: Matt Thomas| 15 credits

This module introduces health and social care professionals to the subject of human factors in a healthcare setting and allows them to gain a greater understanding of human limitations. By acknowledging these limitations, human factors offers ways to minimise and mitigate human frailties and improve patient safety.

The emphasis of the module is to offer an evidenced based and coherent approach to patient safety and clinical excellence. Human factors, often referred to as ergonomics, is an established scientific discipline used in other safety critical industries. The principles and practices taught on this module will optimise human performance, through better understanding the behaviour of individuals, their interactions with each other and with their environment.

2024 Module Dates

- 05/11/2024
- 12/11/2024
- 19/11/2024
- 26/11/2024
- 03/12/2024 - formative assessment

Assignment Dates & Type:

Viva 18th December 2024

Viva resit 21st January 2025

Principles of Critical Care (PS705Y)

Module Lead: Ian Wilmer | 30 credits

This module is an option module within the MSc Healthcare Practice programme, and a core module in the Critical Care pathway. It is intended for health care professionals who are working in or towards a specialist or advanced role in prehospital critical care. The module will enable participants to explore the theory and practice of critical care in the prehospital setting.

This module requires approximately 100 hours of clinical placement in a AE, theatres, and/or ICU where you can evaluate and assess patients. Students are responsible for arranging these placement hours at their workplace or elsewhere. Please contact the course director if you have questions about the placement hour requirements or if you may have difficulty arranging these hours.

2024 Module Dates:

- 19/02/2025
- 26/02/2025
- 05/03/2025
- 12/03/2025
- 19/03/2025
- 26/03/2025
- 02/04/2025
- 23/04/2025
- 30/04/2025
- 07/05/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

MCQ 21st May 2025
MCQ resit 11th June 2025
Viva TBD

Principles of Palliative Care (CMD710)
Module Lead: Rachel Cummings | 15 credits

This module is aimed at health professionals who work with patients at the end of life in non-specialist palliative settings. This might include (but is not limited to) paramedics, nurses and AHPs working in pre-hospital, primary or community care, ICU, rehabilitation, geriatrics and frailty.

Teaching will give practitioners the knowledge, skills and capabilities to make key clinical decisions through effective assessment, diagnosis and management. Throughout the module students will develop the advanced communication skills necessary to manage difficult situations at the end of life.

The module will introduce the organisational, policy and legislative frameworks governing palliative care in the UK. Emphasis will be placed on developing deep critical reflective skills which enable students to integrate the clinical, ethical and legal concerns common in managing end-of-life patients. Students will be supported to recognise and effectively respond to the personal impact of challenging situations.

Educational delivery will combine lectures, seminars and self-directed study with group and individual reflection on complex case studies. The module will contribute to the development of advanced skills across the clinical, education, leadership and research pillars.

2025 Module Dates:

- 14/01/2025
- 21/01/2025
- 28/01/2025
- 04/02/2025
- 11/02/2025
- 18/02/2025

Assessment Dates & Type:

25th Feb 2025 Summative Viva

Soft Tissue & Joint Injection (CMD708)

Module Lead: Matthew Grant | 15 credits

This module aims to enable you, as an experienced practitioner in the field of musculoskeletal practice, (general practitioner, physiotherapist and nurse) to extend your scope of practice to include the use of injection therapy. Teaching will include injection techniques. This module is designed to enable you to use injection therapy as part of your expanded advanced musculoskeletal practice.

2025 Module Dates:

- 11/03/2025
- 18/03/2025
- 25/03/2025
- 01/04/2025
- 08/04/2025

Assessment type and date:

- Summative SOPE 15th April 2025
 - SOPE resit 13th May 2025
 - Portfolio due 27th May 2025
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Remote & Digital Healthcare (CMD709)

Module Lead: Dan Creton | 15 credits

The module will provide healthcare professionals with authentic opportunities to explore autonomous practice in the context of undertaking a comprehensive holistic, structured clinical assessment of the patient using remote/digital technology.

2025 Autumn Module Dates:

- 17/09/2024
- 24/09/2024
- 01/10/2024
- 08/10/2024
- 15/10/2024

Assessment Type & Date:

OSCE 29th October 2024

2025 Spring Module Dates:

- 29/04/2025
- 06/05/2025
- 13/05/2025
- 20/05/2025
- 27/05/2025

Assessment Type & Date:

OSCE 3rd June 2025

Transition to Advanced Practice (PAR703)

Module Lead: Steve Close | 15 credits

2024 Module Dates:

- 10th September 1400-1600 remote
- 2nd October MH Simulation

Assessment Dates & Type:

- Portfolio & CAD 16th May 2025

Trauma care, initial assessment and management (HP7021X)Module Lead: Dave Griffith | 15 credits

2024 Module Dates:

- 30/10/2024 (Onsite-Face to Face)
- 06/11/2024 (Onsite-Face to Face)
- 13/11/2024 (Onsite-Face to Face)
- 20/11/2024 (Onsite-Face to Face)
- 27/11/2024 (Onsite-Face to Face)

Assessment Dates & Type:

- Simulation assessment 4th December 2024
- Simulation resit 18th December 2024
- Essay 15th January 2025

Professional Practice Days

In addition to your module dates, students are required to attend professional practice days. Professional practice days are designed to help you make the transition to an advanced clinical practitioner: the transition from a provider of care to a prescriber of care. We include topics and sessions that are relevant for all ACPs that don't fit into other modules. You won't be assessed on topics from professional practice days, but the learning from these days will help for all modules and your future career as an ACP. More details for your professional practice days can be found on your MSc ACP Year Canvas pages.

Year 1 Professional Practice (2024-2025 entry)

Module Lead: Steve Close

If you started your course in September 2024, then you will attend the Year 1 Professional Practice Days. To find more information about these professional practice days, visit the MSc ACP Year 1 Canvas page.

- 11/09/2024
- 03/12/2024
- 10/03/2025
- 14/05/2025

Year 2 Professional Practice (2023-2024 entry)

Module Lead: Steve Close

If you started your course in September 2023, then you will attend the Year 2 Professional Practice Days. To find more information about these professional practice days, visit the MSc ACP Year 2 Canvas page.

- 01/10/2024
- 20/02/2025
- 08/04/2025

Year 3 Professional Practice (2022-2023 entry)

Module Lead: Steve Close

If you started your course in September 2022 (or earlier), then you will attend the Year 3 Professional Practice Days. To find more information about these professional practice days, visit the MSc ACP Year 3 Canvas page.

- 17/09/2024
- 10/12/2024
- 14/01/2025
- 11/02/2025
- 04/03/2025
- 02/04/2025