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**School of Health
& Life Sciences**

**Diploma of Higher
Education (Dip HE)
Operating Department
Practice***

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Entry criteria:	UWS will deliver this programme with our NHS partners throughout Scotland. You must have secured a trainee/student Operating Department Practitioner post and be nominated by your NHS employer to undertake the programme.
Intake:	September
Duration:	2 years full-time
Campus:	Online

Professional registration

Students who complete the programme will be eligible to apply for professional registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Why choose Operating Department Practice (ODP)?

Our course offers an exciting opportunity to be involved in this innovative, pan-Scotland, ODP preparation. You will engage in online learning while practicing simultaneously as an ODP student within your employing health board. As such there will be opportunities to network with peers across Scotland while engaging in interdisciplinary practice locally. You will benefit from learning and developing clinical skills from a variety of experienced theatre practitioners including nurses, medical staff and other qualified ODPs.

Academic staff involved in this programme will comprise experienced academic staff who hold a postgraduate teaching qualification recognised by the Nursing and Midwifery Council with relevant clinical backgrounds e.g. in infection control, surgical, trauma and perioperative care. All staff involved are educated to a minimum of Masters degree level and have curriculum development and programme management experience. You will also enjoy specialist input from Professorial experts within the School of Health & Life Sciences at UWS and specialist input from multidisciplinary clinicians within current service. Service users will also input to the programme.

What is Operating Department Practice?

Operating Department Practitioners (ODPs) are members of the multi-disciplinary theatre team involved with the overall planning and delivery of perioperative care. ODPs are mainly employed in surgical operating departments but may practice in other broader perioperative clinical areas such as emergency departments and intensive care units.

“Operating Department Practitioner” is a protected title in the UK and the profession has been regulated since 2004 by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

Our programme has been developed to prepare ODPs who are fit for purpose now and for the future as service evolves. You will be equipped to practice in dynamic, multidisciplinary settings and demonstrate competency in providing high standards of safe, compassionate, evidence-based, and patient-focussed care in the perioperative context.



Overview of programme

There will be an induction week (online) prior to commencement to introduce the student to the programme and offer support.

In Year 1 you will study modules exploring the role of the ODP, health and social care and communication as well as the principles of anatomy and physiology and infection control.

In Year 2 modules will be focussed upon the role of the ODP in scrub, anaesthesia, recovery, medicine management and vulnerability across the lifespan.

Throughout both years of study, you will progressively gain experience in a variety of perioperative contexts under the supervision of a mentor who is a registered nurse/midwife/ODP. You will develop competency through observation, reflection and practice to enable you to meet the Standards of Proficiency (HCPC, 2014) required for professional registration. Finally, approaches to personal development planning and portfolio development are fostered, regarding constructing and maintaining clinical portfolios linked to your professional role.

Programme content

You will study a range of core and option modules. Core modules include:

YEAR 1:

The ODP Profession (30 credits at SCQF Level 7)

This module will provide you with an understanding of the role of the ODP including the ethical and legal boundaries of the profession; person-centred care and values-based practice; equality and diversity; health and safety principles; team working; evidence-based practice; health and social care issues; leadership and the profession. This module will include the exploration of effective communication with the multidisciplinary team and a wide range of service users.

Life Sciences (30 credits at SCQF Level 7)

This module will provide you with an understanding of the principles of anatomy and physiology of systems and relate to disease and trauma processes; infection control; healthcare associated infection, sepsis recognition and management; and assessment.

Applied Practice and PDP1 (60 credits at SCQF Level 7)

This module will support you to reflect on learning and assimilate new learning to the context of practice. You will maintain a portfolio of practice and reflective activities which will demonstrate the attainment of the Standards of Proficiency (HCPC, 2014). The portfolio will relate to your context of practice and provide evidence of professional development.

YEAR 2:

Anaesthesia and Medicine Management (30 credits at SCQF Level 8)

This module will promote an understanding of pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic effects and contraindications of drugs used in the perioperative setting; national and local guidelines; safe management of medicines; numeracy and calculation (through engagement with 'Safe medicate' software).

Care of the Vulnerable Person (30 credits at SCQF Level 8)

This module will support you to develop knowledge, skills and understanding required to care for a range of age groups and illnesses e.g. those experiencing dementia; learning disabilities, and children within an ODP setting. This module will also focus on further engagement with research as a key element of evidence-based practice and principles of quality improvement.

Applied Practice and PDP2 (60 credits at SCQF Level 8)

This module will support you to reflect on learning and assimilate new learning to the context of practice. You will maintain a portfolio of practice and reflective activities which will demonstrate the attainment of the Standards of Proficiency (HCPC, 2014). The portfolio will relate to your context of practice and provide evidence of professional development, which will include quality improvement, research, reflection and personal development activities.

Facilities

In your clinical setting you will gain clinical skills and experience in a range of placements under the supervision of a registered nurse/midwife/ODP. In addition, you will be provided with the opportunity to learn new skills and gain confidence within a simulated clinical environment.

This programme of study utilises the Virtual Learning Environment as a platform to support teaching and learning materials. In addition to accessing your Health Board facilities as a student of UWS, you'll be able to access all the facilities at your local UWS campus, the same as a campus-based student. This includes using our IT suites, printing facilities or library and with extended opening hours, including weekends and 24-hour facilities on some campuses, you'll be able to come on campus at a time suited to you. If you can't make it to our on campus facilities then we have our Student Hub which is our front line team to offer support in relation to a number of non-academic services such as student administration queries; careers and skills; disability services; counselling; funding and advice and international student support.

Being a student at UWS isn't just about your studies but the social aspect as well. The University, School and your Student Association (SAUWS) run a number of events and societies for you to get involved in.



Student support

Student support and guidance is very important to us. In addition to support provided by Programme Leaders, there are three key roles within the School's student support network: the Personal Tutor (each student is allocated one); the School Enhancement Developer and the Education Guidance Adviser. They will be able to provide guidance and advice on a range of key matters such as but not exclusively: health and wellbeing; funding; exams and assessment; study skills; attendance and engagement; and careers. Students may also be referred for specialist advice, to the central student support teams based on each campus at the Student Hub/Link.



Career prospects

Our aim is to provide an enjoyable and intellectually stimulating course of study that will prepare you for a successful career in Operating Department Practice. Registered ODPs work in a range of contexts such as operating theatres, out-patient departments, endoscopy clinics and accident and emergency.

The programme team will endeavour to enhance the student ODP's career and employability by developing graduate skills and attributes relevant to the work-based experience including critical thinking and decision-making skills, and the transfer of theory to practice. Additionally, students engaging in the programme will develop aspects of personal development planning by gaining graduate attributes such as becoming more effective, independent and confident learners and improving their general skills for study and career management.



Campus location

This course is studied fully online, however you will have access to all of our campuses if required.

AYR CAMPUS

Our state-of-the-art £81 million campus by the River Ayr opened in 2011 and is a 10-minute walk from the town centre. Inspired by the area's woodland surroundings, the campus is an exceptional space for study.

Travel:

- Glasgow is just under one hour away by train or car
- Cycle paths from Ayr town centre direct to campus
- Excellent road and rail links to Ayr
- Frequent bus and rail services operate from Glasgow and the south-west and further afield to Ayr
- Glasgow Prestwick International Airport is roughly five miles from campus with a direct train link to Ayr town centre and Glasgow International Airport is an hour's rail or car travel from the campus

DUMFRIES CAMPUS

Combining historic buildings with modern facilities, Dumfries is a shared campus (UWS, University of Glasgow and Dumfries & Galloway College) and is situated in a historic 85-acre parkland estate with views of the Galloway Hills.

Travel:

- Regular bus and rail services operate to Dumfries from the nearby city of Carlisle and from both Edinburgh to the north-east and Glasgow to the north-west

LANARKSHIRE CAMPUS

Located at Hamilton International Park (G72 0LH) which is approximately two miles from Hamilton town centre, the Park provides excellent access to central Scotland's motorway network – M74, M8 and M77.

Travel:

- UWS-Link bus services, with free wifi and charging points, run on a regular basis from Hamilton West train station to the campus while Stagecoach operate a service (X16) from Ayr to Hamilton Bus Station, via East Kilbride, with a stop next to the campus
- Regular public bus and rail services operate from Glasgow and the south-west as well as further afield, to Hamilton
- 20 miles from Glasgow International Airport
- 30 minutes by train/bus from Glasgow city centre
- Centrally located and providing excellent access to Scotland's transport network

PAISLEY CAMPUS

Located in the centre of Paisley, the campus is just 10 minutes by train to Glasgow, one of Europe's most exciting and dynamic cities.

Travel:

- Paisley Gilmour Street train station is only a few minutes' walk from campus. Trains run to Glasgow Central Station on a regular basis.
- The M8 motorway provides a fast, direct route to the centre of Glasgow and offers easy access to Paisley from the rest of Scotland and the south. The M8 links with the M74, A77/M77 and M80.
- Regular bus services operate from Glasgow and the south-west as well as further afield, to Paisley town centre
- The campus is less than three miles from Glasgow International Airport



APPLY

For info on how to apply visit www.uws.ac.uk

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