

## Study with us

# About your course

### Courses covered

Code	Title
HS SHAHCPFD	FdSc Health Care Practice (Higher Apprenticeship)

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

### Important points

- This is apprenticeship programme, and you will be working towards standard ST0827. Once complete the programme you will have a Foundation Degree in Health Care Practice and be able to enter the register as a Nursing associate.
- Your progression against the standard will be reviewed every 12 weeks in a tripartite progress review meeting with yourself, your employer and your tutor from UH.
- You must be in current employment in a health or social care setting for a minimum of 30 contracted hours per week.
- Teaching will be one day a week and there will be six, 6-week placement blocks organised throughout the 24-month programme.
- There will be a blend of teaching with face-to-face sessions normally taking place at the University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield with some content delivered online.
- Apprentices are expected to attend all scheduled teaching sessions.
- Annual leave must be planned outside these sessions and ideally within the allocated annual leave outlined in the programme structure.
- The programme and its content are occasionally subject to review, which may result in enhancements being made to the programme.
- You will be expected to typically undertake 7 hours a week independent study in addition to scheduled teaching sessions.
- Your place will be subject to evidence that satisfactory health screening and the Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) checks have been undertaken prior to the commencement of the programme.
- You must comply with the 'Principles of Professional Behaviour expected of Students' detailed in the [Fitness to Practice Guidance](#), in order to demonstrate that you are fit to practice; failure to do so may result in referral to University Fitness to Practice processes.
- You can find the current versions of the School's Disclosure and Barring Service Procedure and [Fitness to Practice Policy](#) AS 15 (together with other School-specific policies and

regulations) at School-specific Policies and Regulations. Please read them carefully before accepting your offer and let us know if you have any questions about anything in them.

- Students must comply with the EU Working Time Directive and any breach of this may result in a referral to the School's Fitness to Practice Panel.
- We will use every reasonable effort to provide your educational and other related services in the manner and to the standards set out in our prospectuses, on our website, and in our other published materials. At times there may be circumstances outside our reasonable control which have a detrimental effect on how we provide our services to you. If circumstances such as these arise, we cannot make an absolute commitment that your studies will not be disrupted, but we will use every reasonable effort to minimise any disruption to you.

## Academic Year

### Academic Year 2023 – 2024

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters (A, B and C). Semester A and B are made up of teaching weeks followed by exams, where applicable (the re-sit period falls within Semester C).

- *Semester A runs from Monday 25 September 2023 to Friday 19 January 2024*
- *Semester B runs from Monday 22 January 2024 to Friday 10 May 2024*
- *Semester C runs from Monday 13 May 2024 to Friday 6 September 2024*

This course runs throughout the academic year and across all three semesters.

## Expected workload

In the UK, a full-time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent Study	Placement
Year 1	14%	47%	39%
Year 2	16%	51%	33%

## Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	0%	67%	33%
Year 2	0%	62%	38%

## Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Placement travel expenses	1 and 2	Mandatory	£1- £20/ day
No additional expenses have been specified for this course.			

Please be aware that some teaching sessions may be delivered online. Therefore, to study online you will need access to a suitable computer or similar electronic device and a good reliable Internet connection, which may incur additional expenses.

Please note that our Learning Resource Centres (LRCs) have PCs and Macs available to use, including hi-spec PCs. The university also has laptop loans available at both LRCs and provide a remote desktop portal service to allow users to access the software on Lab and LRC Windows PCs when not on campus.