Managing Minor Illness in First Contact Care

University of York
The Department of Health Sciences
Managing Minor Illness in First Contact Care  
Level 6 (Degree level) 20 Credits

Primary Care ✔ Social Care & Learning Disabilities  
Mental Health  
Leadership & Organisational Development  
Secondary Care ✔ Midwifery & Infant Health  
Public Health  
Study Skills

Entry Requirements  
Entry is open to all healthcare professionals. All applications must be approved by your manager or employer.

Course Content  
The course looks at a wide range of common minor ailments of various body systems, including the skin, the head and face, the eye, ear, nose and throat, the respiratory system, the abdomen, the genito-urinary system and genitalia.

Topics include pathophysiology, history taking, clinical examination, problem solving, differentiation and diagnostic reasoning and a critical analysis of evidence-based management of a variety of disorders and of the professional and legal implications of role expansion in minor illness care.

Course Structure  
This course runs on a part-time basis over a ten week term.

Skills and Competencies you will gain  
By studying this course, you will increase your knowledge of a range of minor illnesses and will develop appropriate history taking and physical examination skills. You will learn how to make clinical judgements to help you differentiate between minor illnesses and more serious conditions.

You will improve your diagnostic reasoning and patient management in minor illness care and will gain a solid understanding of the implication of role expansion for safe practice, the sick child and other vulnerable clients.

Assessment Method  
Your progress will be assessed by an Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) lasting approximately 45 minutes. In this structured simulation, the types of problems portrayed are those you would commonly encounter in practice.

You will also sit a closed book exam comprising multiple choice and short answer questions.

Funding  
We have NHS funded places available on this course. Please see www.york.ac.uk/healthsciences/ssprd/funding for the latest information.

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