

MSc Death, Bereavement and Human Tissue Studies

Join us at our Stafford Campus to study on this new and unique postgraduate programme that is designed for all individuals who have a professional, managerial or voluntary involvement with caring for the deceased and their relatives and friends at the time of death and those who have a particular interest in obtaining consent for post mortem examination.

This course will provide you with the understanding, knowledge, skills and confidence in aspects of the legal and ethical framework and an understanding of bereavement and communicating with bereaved people. There is also the opportunity to think in broad terms about teaching, training and research on human tissue, and what benefit can be derived from this.

Through a process of critical enquiry you will be encouraged to review past and current practices alongside regulatory regimes, ethical and religious values and belief systems and to promote a person-centred practice with bereaved people. You will explore a range of current theoretical, conceptual and evidenced-based perspectives and through this develop knowledge and skills that will enhance your impact and influence upon service delivery.

The Postgraduate Course in Death, Bereavement and Human Tissue Studies is delivered by some of the most respected specialists in the field, including:

Mrs Michaela Willis MBE	Chief Executive, National Bereavement Partnership
Dr Emyr Benbow	Senior Lecturer in Pathology, Manchester Royal Infirmary
Ken Johnson FIBMS IHM	Recently retired Head of Bereavement Services at a very large, inner city NHS Trust
Professor Sir James Underwood	Professor of Pathology and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Sheffield
Dr Chris Womack	Principal Clinical Histopathologist in Cancer Discovery, AstraZeneca

In addition, we will call upon a number of highly experienced and esteemed clinicians from across the regions who will use their own expertise to enhance your learning experience.

Delivery

- Part-time attendance over 3 years
- Modules will be delivered in 2 blocks of 4 days (Thursday-Sunday) over 2 terms
- Four day Residential / Induction programme. This gives you the opportunity to develop your understanding of the programme, familiarise yourself with our University and, more importantly, to meet your fellow students and the course team. It is busy and action packed and provides an excellent foundation for your success on the course.

Alternatively, you can study individual modules as part of your on-going professional development. By doing this it is possible to accumulate credits towards this or another postgraduate award. Please contact us for more details.

Structure

The course is mapped against the six core domains of the Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF) (DH2004).

Postgraduate Certificate	Postgraduate Diploma	Masters
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Four Core Modules (15 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Mortem: exploring rationale and need for change • Understanding Death, its Causes and its Certification • Understanding Bereavement and Communication • Post Mortem: the ethical dimension - application of theory to practice 	Two Core Modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tissue and Organ Donation for Therapeutic Use, Research and Anatomical Examination (30 credits) • Issues and Methods in Health Research (15 credits) One Option Module (15 credits) to be chosen from the Health and Social Postgraduate Scheme	One Core Module (60 credits) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dissertation with seminar presentation
60 credits		
120 credits		
180 credits		

Cost

Each year/stage of the programme is £1500, or £375 for each 15 credit module

Further Information

Application forms, together with further information on all of our taught and negotiated postgraduate courses may be obtained from:

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