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The programme recognises the investment in colposcopy training through academic credit

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# Postgraduate Certificate in Colposcopy

The Postgraduate Certificate in Colposcopy is an exciting, new and innovative programme being the first of its kind in the United Kingdom.

The programme has been developed by the **School of Nursing and Midwifery** in collaboration with the British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (BSCCP) and Cervical Screening Wales.

The programme is open to health professionals who wish to become BSCCP accredited colposcopists and those that are already BSCCP accredited colposcopists.

On successful completion of the programme it will lead to the award of a Postgraduate Certificate in Colposcopy and BSCCP/RCOG Certificate in Colposcopy (Diagnostic and Therapeutic) for new trainees. The 60 credits acquired through the programme can be used towards an MSc in Advanced Practice.



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*The British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology*



**Cervical Screening Wales**  
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## Syllabus Content

The syllabus content will comply with the BSCCP/RCOG theoretical training requirements, and will include topics such as:

- National cervical screening programmes
- Cervical cytology/histology
- Evidence based practice in colposcopy
- Consultation, history taking skills and diagnostic reasoning in colposcopy
- Physiological change and pathophysiology of the lower genital tract

- The principles of safe diagnostic colposcopy
- Audit and quality within the colposcopy service

Within the Advances module more complex/topical areas will be covered including

- The principles of safe therapeutic colposcopy
- Complex case management in colposcopy
- Legal, professional and ethical aspects of colposcopy
- Advanced communication skills
- Cervical cancer pathways

## The Programme Aim

To develop knowledge, skills and competence in colposcopy to ensure safe and effective colposcopy practice. This programme meets the standards and requirements set by the BSCCP/RCOP for colposcopy training and service provision. The programme is made up of two 30 credit modules at Master's level. It can be taken either as a stand alone Postgraduate Certificate in Colposcopy or as part of the MSc in Advanced Practice (Colposcopy).

## For new trainees

The Foundation in Colposcopy and Advances in Colposcopy modules are of six months duration over two academic years (Sept 2010-March 2011) and (Jan 2012-June 2012) respectively, with a total of 17 study days.

## For BSCCP accredited colposcopists (diagnostic only or diagnostic/therapeutic)

A shortened programme over nine months with a total of 10 study days may be available (Oct – June) on the production of suitable evidence for accreditation of prior experience and learning.

## Methods of learning and teaching

This will consist of case based discussions, problem based learning, simulation, 3D interactive technology, workshops, tutorials, web based learning, self directed study, discussions and debate and expert led lectures.

Role play and simulation will be used to develop for example history taking, consultation; diagnostic and management skills for new trainees in readiness for the BSCCP OSCE.

## Entry Requirements

- Have a recognised medical qualification or RGN 1st level registration and some knowledge of the colposcopy service and the needs of the patient.
- Have the need to develop, knowledge, skills and competence in colposcopy as part of their clinical practice and provide evidence of support from the sponsoring organisation such as lead consultant in colposcopy and/or line manager of the Health Board.
- Agree to or have agreement that the sponsoring organisation will meet the costs of the BSCCP OSCE examination which is in excess of the module fee.
- Have BSCCP membership as a trainee or BSCCP accredited colposcopist.
- Be competent in smear taking and can provide evidence of undertaking a recognised education/training programme.
- Identify a clinical mentor - For new trainees, a named BSCCP recognised trainer who has agreed to supervise and act as a trainer throughout the programme of study.

## Learning in Practice

New trainees will learn in practice through colposcopic experience under the supervision of a BSCCP recognised trainer who is fully prepared for this role in the programme. The BSCCP recognised trainer will be responsible for providing clinical supervision, monitoring progress and providing feedback and for the assessment of clinical competence. BSCCP accredited colposcopists may equally choose a BSCCP recognised trainer as a clinical mentor or require one if they are not trained in therapeutic colposcopy.

## Assessment

Theory and practice are assessed by a variety of means through theoretical and reflective assignments and the BSCCP logbook and OSCE (for new trainees only).

## For further details about the programme

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