



Programme-specific entry requirements

This programme is intended for applicants wishing to become registered Operating Department Practitioners (ODP) identified through an interest in healthcare and specifically acute care settings.

The entry requirements will include:

- assessment of applicants through a values-based recruitment process based on an interview
- assessment of literacy, numeracy and basic computer skills
- evidence of achievement and/or ability to study at the required academic level.

At interview, applicants will be expected to demonstrate:

- the appropriateness of the programme for their career aspirations
- their awareness of the nature of ODP (those who have no theatre/health experience)
- their awareness of the academic, practice and professional requirements of the programme.

This will be undertaken during a recruitment and selection event with professional practice partners, service users and academic staff from within the institute.

Offers will be subject to a satisfactory **Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check** and **Occupational Health Assessment**.

English language proficiency

To ensure applicants have a good command of spoken English to communicate effectively with service users and carers, educators and others there are specific requirements for this programme. Applicants for whom English is not their first language will be required to hold an IELTS certificate graded 7 or equivalent, with no element below 6.5.

Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exemption Orders 1975)

As these training posts involve or may involve direct contact with people receiving health care they are exempt from the provision of the above Act and applicants are required to give details of all previous convictions, all cautions, warnings, binding-orders, or detentions by police, including any spent convictions. Failure to disclose is a serious breach of entry requirements.

Progression prior to any year of study will be subject to a self declaration form being completed by the student relating to the above statement.