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Welcome to Buckinghamshire New University!

We are looking forward to you joining our part-time **MSc Advanced Clinical Practice** programme at our **Uxbridge Campus** in December.

At BNU we pride ourselves on the support we offer our students to succeed in their academic learning and on creating graduates ready for employment and career progression. This pack has been created by the BNU Welcome Team and your Programme Lead to provide you with information that you will need for a successful start at BNU. Please read it carefully before you join us.

ABOUT YOUR COURSE

A warm welcome to the Level 7 MSc Advanced Clinical Practitioner (ACP) Programme.

This programme is a work-based programme that integrates academic and work-based learning through collaboration between your Employer and the University. This programme enables you to develop the knowledge, skills and professional values required to deliver compassionate, safe and effective care as an autonomous, reflective practitioner.

On successful completion of your programme you will have demonstrated the capability to deliver a wide range of skills for patients, education, leadership and research, as well as appropriate values and behaviours, underpinned by a systematic knowledge-based training.

YOUR COURSE LEADER

Your course leader is Associate Professor Helen Burton-Gow and she can be contacted via helen.burton-gow@bnu.ac.uk.

YOUR INDUCTION

Your induction will take place **Wednesday 10th December 2025** at our **Uxbridge Campus** (106 Oxford Road, Uxbridge, UB8 1NA). Apprentices must arrive by 9.30am and report to reception upon arrival, where you will be met and shown to room 2.15 which will be our base for the day.

Please bring a laptop or tablet with you. For information about how to access BNU Wi-Fi please visit our [Digital and Technical Services page](#).

Please note there is no parking on Campus. Cedars Car Park is close-by and other parking information can be found at <https://en.parkopedia.co.uk/parking/uxbridge/?arriving=202508162200&leaving=202508170000>.



The schedule for your induction day is as follows:

Time	Event	Faculty
09.30 – 10.00	Collect ID badge from Floor 2	AP Helen Burton-Gow
10.00 – 11.15	Introductions and Apprenticeship Hub briefing	Apprentice Hub
11.15 – 11.30	Break	
11.30 – 12.00	APL Requests	ACP Faculty
12.00 – 12.30	Programme Intro, expectations & Class charter	AP Helen Burton-Gow
12.30 – 12.45	Lunch	
12.45 – 13.15	Blackboard Organisations + Portfolio set up	AP Helen Burton-Gow
13.15 – 13.45	Course technology requirements + Apps Anywhere	SL Sam Whitby
13.45 – 14.15	Introduction to Independent Prescribing	Module Lead Annette Peedell
14.15 – 14.30	Break	
14.30 – 16.30	ALL7024 assignments – Completion and upload of GCP certificate	Deadline Friday 12 th December by 14.00
16.30	Questions and Close	AP Helen Burton-Gow

YOUR PRE-JOINING PROJECT

Please complete the ‘**Good Clinical Practice introduction Elearning**’ course which can be accessed [HERE](#) via the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR).

YOUR KIT LIST

You will require a stethoscope.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An overview of your programme structure is as follows. If you require this information in an alternative format, please contact Helen Burton-Gow via helen.burton-gow@bnu.ac.uk.

	Term 1 (10 weeks)	Term 2 (10 weeks)	Term 3 (10 weeks)	Term 4 (10 wks)
Year 1	Evidence Based Practice for Advanced Practice (20c)	Clinical Examination & Biomedicine (20c) (Runs once every other wk)		UNI VACATION/WORKBASED PORTFOLIO
		Medical Investigations & Diagnostics (20c) (Runs once every other wk)		
		Four pillars eportfolio (0 credits)		
Year 2	Principles of Prescribing Module + Applied Pharmacology Module (Independent Prescribing) (40c)		Optional module (20c)	
Year 2 not eligible for prescribing	Advanced Medicines Management (20c)	Health and social care Business administration or other optional module/APL (20c)		
Year 2	Four pillars eportfolio (0 credits)			
Year 3	Negotiated major Project (40c)		Apprentice: End Point Assessment (20c) Non-Apprentice: Optional Module (20c)	
	Four pillars eportfolio (0 credits)			



We encourage you to make the most of the networking opportunities available within your cohort. Your peers bring diverse backgrounds and experiences, providing a valuable source of learning and collaboration.

Module Timetable: ALL7024 Evidence-Based Practice for the Advanced Practitioner (20c / L7)

Date	Info	Content	Faculty
Wednesday 10 th Dec 25	10.00 – 15.00	Apprentice Induction + In-class GCP course completion & submission	AP Helen Burton-Gow
Friday 12 th Dec 25	By 14.00	Apprentices to submit SUMMATIVE ASSIGNMENT – PART I	
Wednesday 14 th Jan 26	10.00 – 15.30 F2F	<p>Pre-joining task - GCP course completion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Module Assessments • Academic writing • Literature searching & referencing • Using AI with honesty and integrity <p>Formative homework – Literature search & identification of three key primary research papers for peer review.</p> <p>Pre-reading - Primary Research Paper (Quantitative)</p>	AP Helen Burton-Gow
Thursday 15 th Jan 26	By 14.00	<p>SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT PART I (non-apprentices only)</p> <p>FORMATIVE SUBMISSION - Literature search draft for in class peer review</p>	
Wednesday 21 st Jan 26	10.00 – 15.00 F2F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer review of formative submission • Journal Club (Quant Paper) • Quantitative methods incl QI & Critical appraisal <p>Formative home-work – CASP Checklist with a 250 word critical summary for Peer review.</p> <p>Pre-reading – Primary Research Paper (Qualitative)</p>	Dr Jess Wray
Tuesday 27 th Jan 26	By 14.00	FORMATIVE SUBMISSION – 250-word critical summary for peer review	
Wednesday 28 th Jan 26	10.00 – 15.00 F2F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer review of critical writing • Journal Club (Qual Paper) • Qualitative methods incl QI & Critical Writing <p>Formative homework – Lit review plan / draft via Turnitin</p>	Dr Jess Wray
Tuesday 3 rd Feb 26	By 14.00	FORMATIVE SUBMISSION – Literature review plan/draft	
Wednesday 4 th Feb 26	10.00- 12.00 Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q&A Session • Faculty to complete Feedback for the Literature review plan via Turnitin 	AP Helen Burton-Gow
Tuesday 10 th Feb 26	By 14.00	SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT PART 2 – Literature Search	
Wednesday 11 th Feb 26	09.30 – 16.30 F2F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statistics 	Dr Jess Wray
Wednesday 18 th Feb 26	09.30 – 16.30 F2F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics • Health economics 	Dr Jess Wray
Wednesday 4 th March 26	By 14.00	SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT PART 3 – Journal Club	
Wednesday 18 th March 26	By 14.00	SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT PART 4 – Literature review	



YOUR RECOMMENDED READING

Details of your full reading list will be made available to you when your teaching starts. There is no need to buy books before you join as all your recommended reading will be available through our [library](#). However, if you would like to do some reading before you join us we recommend you have a look at the Multi-Professional Framework for Advanced Practice which can be found [here](#).

ENROLMENT

You need to enrol online with BNU before you join us. You will receive an email giving you all the information you need, so don't worry. More information can be found on our [website](#).

Please note that the enrolment is separate to the application you have already submitted via Aptem, however some of the questions you will be asked may be very similar.

Photograph

You will need to email us a head and shoulders photograph of yourself before you start at BNU. This photo should be in a JPEG format and sent to students@bnu.ac.uk with the subject line "Student ID." Please include the following information in your email:

- Your student ID (if you know it)
- Your full name (include all forenames and surname)
- Your date of birth
- The name of the course you will be starting

IT SERVICES

When you receive your enrolment email it will include all the information you need to access the digital services at BNU, including setting up your IT account and accessing MyBNU to access all university systems and information. To find out more about the IT services available to you, visit our [web pages](#) and see our [quick start guide](#).

DISABILITY AND INCLUSION SERVICE

The Disability and Inclusion service can help you to get the most from your experience at university in an inclusive learning environment. If you think that you have a disability and might need some support, please contact us to find out what help is available. You can use the links below to book an appointment:

- [Online appointments](#)
- [Appointments at our High Wycombe campus](#)
- [Appointments at our Uxbridge campus](#)
- [Appointments at our Aylesbury campus](#)



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YOUR STUDENTS' UNION

When you enrol at BNU you will automatically become a member of [Bucks Students' Union](#) and will have the opportunity to enrich your student experience by taking part in a diverse and exciting range of free activities, opportunities and events thanks to our unique [Big Deal](#) offer. Your Union will represent your views and support you every step of the way - explore our website at <https://www.bucksstudentsunion.org/> to find out more about what's on offer.

If you have any general questions before you start please contact welcome@bnu.ac.uk, or for course specific questions please get in touch with me via helen.burton-gow@bnu.ac.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you soon!

Helen Burton-Gow
Course Leader, MSc Advanced Clinical Practice

We will consider any request for accessible formats that may be required. Please send your request to welcome@bnu.ac.uk.



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