

RCSEd and UCLan signal their intent on future collaboration and joint working

The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd) and The University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), setting out their mutual commitment to collaboration and to exploring future opportunities for joint working in the areas of medical education, training and research.

A virtual signing ceremony took place on 19 January 2021, where Professor Cathy Jackson, Executive Dean, Faculty of Clinical and Biomedical Sciences at UCLan and Professor David Lockey, Chair of The Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care (FPHC) at RCSEd both signed the MOU on behalf of their respective organisations.

Recognition of Prior Learning for the Diploma in Urgent Medical Care

As an immediate benefit under this new formal relationship, UCLan will grant automatic Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) for candidates who successfully pass the examination for the FPHC's Diploma in Urgent Medical Care (DUMC).

Both current and future holders of the DUMC qualification who subsequently register to undertake the MSc in Urgent Medical Care with UCLan will be deemed to have achieved the equivalent of 120 credits at RQF/CQFW Level 7 (SCQF Level 11). In order to obtain the full MSc qualification, candidates will be required to achieve the remaining 60 credits required by undertaking the appropriate preparation module and a dissertation or professional project.

It is anticipated that this innovative arrangement will benefit FPHC's DUMC candidates who wish to pursue a higher degree qualification, opening opportunities for future career progression. Additionally, it will benefit the overall development of the pre-hospital care workforce.

UCLan's Professor Cathy Jackson, Executive Dean, Faculty of Clinical and Biomedical Sciences, said: *"UCLan's School of Medicine together with our National Centre for Remote and Rural Medicine in West Cumbria are delighted to be working with RCSEd to ensure the highest standards of educational provision are in place to train healthcare professionals. Urgent care is one of a number of mutual interest areas we have been working on with the College. Trained medics working in this vital area can make a real difference by providing urgent or unscheduled care in settings outside of hospital. Its provision has never been more important to the NHS with more demand being seen in emergency departments as result of the pandemic."*

Professor David Lockey, Chair, Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care within RCSEd, added: *"The Faculty of Pre-Hospital Care is delighted to have reached this agreement with UCLan. Healthcare in the UK is increasingly based on multi-professional care, dependent on postgraduate education. Developing synergistic relationships between educational providers, to provide this type of education, ensures efficiency that benefits health professionals and patients. This is exactly what this agreement will achieve."*

Both UCLan and RCSEd look forward to exploring additional opportunities for future collaboration, under the auspices of the newly signed MOU.

Further Information

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More information on the Diploma in Urgent Medical Care is available here:

<https://fphc.rcsed.ac.uk/examinations/diploma-in-urgent-medical-care>

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