

# Basic Surgical Skills for Allied Health Professionals

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Edgehill University, Faculty of Health and Social Care, Oxford Road, Manchester**

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## Reporting Information

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for choosing to attend the above course. This mail is to inform you of the directions to the venue, the reporting information, and the programme and format for the day.

### **1. General and Reporting**

**Dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018 (Saturday and Sunday)

**Times:**

**Day 1:**

Registration: 0800 - 0830 hours

Start of Course: 0830 hours

End of Course: 1700 hours

**Day 2:**

Start of Course: 0830 hours

End of Course: 1630 hours

**Venue:**

St. James' Building

61-79 Oxford Road

Edgehill University

Faculty of Health and Social Care

Manchester

M1 6EG

**Where to Report:**

Kindly report to the reception area of the St. James Building. A member of the faculty will meet you and take you to the room.

### **2. Address, Directions and Parking**

**Address:**

St. James' Building

61-79 Oxford Road

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**Directions:**

For general directions to reach St. James' Building, please follow this link:

<https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/location/st-james-manchester/>

**Parking:**

A NCP car park is located close to the building. This is the website:

<https://www.ncp.co.uk/find-a-car-park/car-parks/manchester-oxford-street-jv/>

The sat nav postcode is M1 5EJ.

### 3. Programme and Contents

This course, led and delivered by surgeons, is aimed at providing surgical nurse practitioners and theatre nurses a structured programme to learn fundamental surgical skills and techniques that will be applicable across all surgical specialities. The delegates will be introduced to the safe principles underpinning the various basic surgical techniques with individual tuition under the direct supervision of surgeons. Participants will be assessed throughout the course and a certificate will be issued upon successful completion.

On completion of the course, you should be able to: Gown and glove in the correct manner; Develop a sound understanding of sutures, suture materials and needles; Appropriately handle commonly used surgical instruments in a safe manner; Create and secure surgical knots; Perform instrument tie; Appreciate the mechanism of action and safe dosage of local anaesthetics; Carry out the following suturing techniques – interrupted, horizontal and vertical mattress, continuous and sub-cuticular; Understand the principles of using safe diathermy; Perform, using a safe and effective technique, excision of skin lesions and cysts, abscess drainage and excision, and wound management and debridement; Insert and fix wound drains; Understand basic laparoscopy skills, instrumentation and hand-eye coordination.

The final programme will be very much in line with the one that has been placed online. This will be given to you on the day. Kindly follow this link to view the programme online:

<https://doctorsacademy.org/CourseNw/BSSAHP/PGM18.pdf>

There is always the possibility of a lecture or demonstration over-running and thus some flexibility may be necessary within the programme. However, due to the wide range of topics that will be covered during the course, we will adhere to a strict time-schedule. We will endeavour to observe the session times (i.e., morning and afternoon) and hence all breaks, and start and finish times, will be followed as per the programme.

### 4. Pre-Course Viewing Material:

Please find below the instructions to access the pre-course viewing material.

1. On the homepage of the Doctors Academy website ([www.doctorsacademy.org](http://www.doctorsacademy.org)), there is a link entitled: '**Read or Download Course Presentations**'.
2. Click on the link 'Basic Surgical Skills for Allied Health Professionals, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Postgraduate Education Centre, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Manchester'
3. You can access the presentations by entering your **Course Registration Number**.

You can view the material in flipbook format and videos. The short videos are demonstrations of knot tying and suturing techniques. There is no voice recorded within these videos. There will be live demonstration of techniques at the course. Please note that the material is not available for download since all PowerPoint presentations will be discussed and Live Demonstrations of all procedures performed during the course. Appreciating that you will be busy with your work commitments, we suggest that you go through the material only if you have time. All theory will be taught and practical demonstrations shown in detail during the course. You will therefore gain full benefit from the course even if you do not have the chance to view the material.

## **5. Refreshment Breaks:**

There will be a 15-minute refreshment break in the morning and afternoon sessions, and a 45-minute lunch break. You will be provided with tea, coffee and biscuits during the refreshment breaks, as well as lunch. Vegetarian options will be available.

### **What you need to bring with you:**

1. A copy of the email you have received from us regarding your confirmation of place (with your name). Please note that you will not be allowed to attend the course without this information.
2. Your University/Hospital identification badge.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@doctorsacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@doctorsacademy.org.uk) if you have any further queries in the interim. Alternatively, you can contact us at 02920 616765.

**If you are lost for directions or have any other difficulties on the day, please call us on 07754707986 or 07809860784.**

We look forward to meeting you at the course.

With very best wishes,

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