

Important information to consider when choosing your course.

Postgraduate Certificate First Contact Practice

When students are considering applying for the PGCert First Contact Practice they should be aware of the following:

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- Students will study part-time, using a blended approach with learning split between face to face and online. This will include a mixture of synchronous (in real time) and asynchronous (with a time delay) delivery. Students will receive support from unit leads and course lead.
- For the PGCert First Contact Practice the pass mark is 50%.

Additional Costs

Additional costs are mandatory or optional costs which students will need to meet in order to fully participate in and complete their course. Students will need to budget for these costs separately as they are not included in the overall Tuition Fee they (or their sponsor) are charged.

- It is helpful for FCP students to possess their own stethoscope for practical classes. This is an item of equipment that will be required for their future role in General Practice. When not possible, stethoscopes will be made available for on-site practical classes but cannot be taken off-site.
- Throughout the duration of the course, FCP students will have complimentary access to an FCP e-portfolio for their professional roadmap. This fee, where covered by the HSU will remain in place for one year from enrolment. Following completion of the course, FCPs will need to self-fund their e-portfolio with fees varying according to the e-portfolio available to the relevant roadmap.
- On successful completion of the course students have the option

to attend the graduation ceremony. Students choosing to attend must meet the cost of hiring academic dress for the ceremony; wearing of academic dress at the ceremony is compulsory. The academic dress is provided by an external company. In 2024 the hire cost was £39. There are no other charges to the graduate for the graduation ceremony. However, additional tickets for family members and friends are chargeable and you will be advised of the price when you are invited to graduation.

- You will be provided with transcripts for each year of study along with a diploma supplement and degree certificate upon completion of your course of study. If you require a replacement of any of these documents there will be a fee payable as set out below:
 - Transcript (per academic year): £10
 - Degree Certificate: £40
 - Diploma Supplement: £10

Where 2024 prices are quoted these costs are not expected to increase by any substantial amount for 2025–26.