

University of Cumbria

PgC Paramedic First Contact Practitioner

Frequently Asked Questions

I do not have a level 6 qualification, what happens now?

You will be considered as a non-standard entrant and will be required to be interviewed prior to being accepted onto the PgCert. In order to prepare students for the academic requirements, we are unable to offer a place for anyone who does not hold evidence of level 6 study, passed at 50% or higher, within the last 5 years. However, we suggest you study a level 6 stand alone module with ourselves such as [evidence-based practice](#) or [emergency clinical decision making](#). These modules are worth 20 credits at level 6 and are at a cost of £840, you would receive an academic transcript on completion.

Once you have achieved one of these modules, you would satisfy the academic entry requirements for the PgCert Paramedic: First Contact Practitioner and can apply for a place again, if you meet all other criteria. For example, you could study evidence-based practice in September 2023, finishing in January 2024 and apply to start the FCP in April 2024. If you would like to apply for a place on one of our modules, please follow the relevant hyperlink above. Funding may be available to you directly through your primary care employer or your local training hub.

I have a level 6 module, passed at 50% or more, what happens now?

You will be considered as a non-standard entrant and will be required to be interviewed prior to being accepted onto the PgCert. If the level 6 module was undertaken at another Institute, we must be able to validate the grade via a transcript completed within the last 5 years.

I do not have 5 years post experience, can I still join?

If you have been registered more than 3 years, but less than 5 years, we can consider an application through the non-standard entry requirements. Alongside the learning needs analysis, applicants will be required to evidence upon interview of how they are meeting enhanced practice frameworks and the support provided by their employer.

What about study leave?

The schedule of work is split between work integrated learning, asynchronous teaching and independent study. These elements add up to approximately 200 hours of study per semester, roughly 16hrs per week based upon a 12-week university semester.

This is the indicative workload which will vary from student to student. As a completely distance course, all core learning materials will be available to the students anytime on the digital learning platform. There are no requirements for students to attend set days. The only caveat would be if an assessment method is an OSCE or VIVA, in which case this would be done over Microsoft teams. Students are given the option to book a time appropriate to them based upon home/work schedules.

Who can mentor/supervise me?

This must be a GMC registered Doctor or a qualified Advanced Clinical Practitioner/Advanced Nurse Practitioner (MSc qualified) and have clinical responsibilities within the relevant area of practice in primary care.