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# Foundation Degree in Health and Society & Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Public Health

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## What is the course about?

Nowadays, health is seen increasingly as everyone's business: what does 'being healthy' actually mean? What are the new risks to our health and what can we do about them? What are we doing to the environment? Why is there such a disparity in standards of health amongst different groups in society? Our programmes help you to develop abilities in both social and natural sciences to tackle questions like these. Offered in partnership with the University of Chester, within the Faculty of Health and Social Care, all our programmes are delivered on-Island.

## What are the entry requirements?

The Foundation Degree is designed for both school leavers and people who do not have a formal entry qualification (people within work, but have experience within health care) and students who have a view to work within the health care sector. Applicants under the age of 21 years may be expected to have more formal academic qualifications, including A-level or BTEC qualifications at the appropriate level. Students are expected to have proven capability in numeracy and written English. On successful completion of the Foundation Degree, students will be given the opportunity to "top up" to the BSc. in Public Health by adding a further year of study.

## What subjects will I study?

Both the Foundation and Bachelor of Science degree examine social and clinic aspects of health, including modules on; sociology of health, biology of disease, health promotion and cancer. Running through both programmes are core modules in research and work related learning, allowing student to build transferable and employability skills, including critical reflection and professional practice.

## How will I be assessed?

A major strength our programmes are the variety of assessment methods, ranging from coursework including: essays, posters and portfolios to reflective accounts, presentations and examinations. One unique module even allows assessment on the organisation of a student led conference, complete with website!

## What are my progression and career options?

On successful completion, students have used our programmes as a stepping stone into employment in the wider health arena and/or progress to Postgraduate study. Individuals have found fulfilling careers in public and environmental health, teaching, clinical practice, health management and positions within the voluntary sector. Others have used the qualifications to enhance their Continuing Professional Practice and gain valuable experience with in the health sector.

## Who should I contact?

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