

## Course Specification

| Course Summary Information |                                                                                       |                                                                                             |
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| 1                          | <b>Course Title</b>                                                                   | BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice                                                    |
| 2                          | <b>Course Code</b>                                                                    | US1174                                                                                      |
| 3                          | <b>Awarding Institution</b>                                                           | Birmingham City University.                                                                 |
| 4                          | <b>Teaching Institution(s)</b><br>(if different from point 3)                         | N/A                                                                                         |
| 5                          | <b>Professional Statutory or Regulatory Body (PSRB) accreditation</b> (if applicable) | Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)<br>College of Operating Department Practitioners |

| 6 | Course Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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|   | <p>Operating Department Practitioners provide holistic care for a diverse range of patient groups, both within and beyond the operating theatre. This BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice course uses the Modernising Allied Health Professions Career Framework, which spirals through each of the three years to align to the 'Four Pillars of Practice', to maximise the choice available to you within the operating theatre and beyond. Successful completion of the course will allow you to be eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and gain employment as an Operating Department Practitioner (ODP).</p> <p><b>What's covered in this course?</b></p> <p>Using the Allied Health Professions career framework, the course embeds the 'Four Pillars of Practice' within each year to provide a spiralling curriculum covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pillar One: Clinical Practice (anaesthetics, surgery and post-anaesthetic care)</li> <li>• Pillar Two: Facilitation of Learning (of self and others)</li> <li>• Pillar Three: Leadership</li> <li>• Pillar Four: Evidence, Research and Development</li> </ul> <p>The proportion of teaching and learning of each pillar varies in each year, with the first year aimed at preparing you for academic work and self-development, supported by clinical placement experiences to underpin the principles of evidenced-based perioperative care for patients undergoing elective surgery.</p> <p>In year two, the clinical practice emphasis shifts to providing care for patients undergoing complex and emergency surgery. You will learn to understand the principles of leadership whilst supporting others to learn as well as developing inquiry-based learning to support research and development.</p> <p>You will work towards becoming an autonomous practitioner in year three, developing proficiency in anaesthetics, surgery and post-anaesthetic care you will have the option of gaining experience in acute care beyond the operating theatre or developing in the role of a Surgical First Assistant (SFA). You will also have the opportunity to explore your own specialist interests as well as developing your leadership skills to manage people and resources within the perioperative environment, as you transition to a registered ODP as you prepare to register with the HCPC.</p> |

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Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)  
College of Operating Department Practitioners (CODP)

**Why Choose Us?**

1. Funding - Allied health profession students will receive at least £5000 a year in additional funding for maintenance associated study costs.  
<https://www.bcu.ac.uk/Download/Asset/128d1436-85b7-ea11-9b05-0003ffd2139b>. Plus, if you've already studied for an undergraduate degree, you may still be eligible for funding: <http://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/finance-and-money-matters/financial-support/nhs-funded-courses>.
2. Learn in our innovative education facilities (<https://www.bcu.ac.uk/subject-areas/health-professions/facilities>) that simulate real-life medical situations – including an anaesthetic room, operating theatre and recovery unit to practice your core skills as an ODP.
3. Our strong partnerships with the NHS and independent health providers across the West Midlands and surrounding areas mean you will benefit from quality placement learning experiences to develop your skills and professional relationships.
4. You get to do a number of nationally-recognised courses throughout your degree: in year one you will be given the opportunity to undertake the Bedside Emergency Assessment Course for Healthcare Staff (BEACH) and Paediatric Emergency Assessment Communication Handover (PEACH) course; in year two you are offered the Acute Life-Threatening Events Recognition and Treatment (ALERT) course; and in year three you are able to do Intermediate Life Support (ILS) and Paediatric Intermediate Life Support (PiLS), both of which are nationally-recognised resuscitation courses.
5. Wide variety of career opportunities available upon successful completion, such as working in orthopaedic clinics, transplant teams, research and education.
6. Learn from experts – many of our staff are still active operating department practitioners, so you can rely on them for all the practical guidance, advice and knowledge you need to prepare for a successful career in a healthcare environment.

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| <b>7</b>  | <b>Course Awards</b>                                           |              |                        |
| <b>7a</b> | <b>Name of Final Award</b>                                     | <b>Level</b> | <b>Credits Awarded</b> |
|           | Bachelor of Science with Honours Operating Department Practice | Level 6      | 360                    |
| <b>7b</b> | <b>Exit Awards and Credits Awarded</b>                         |              |                        |
|           | Cert HE in Perioperative Studies*                              | Level 4      | 120                    |
|           | Dip HE in Perioperative Studies*                               | Level 5      | 240                    |
|           | BSc in Perioperative Studies*                                  | Level 6      | 300                    |

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|  | BSc (Hons) in Perioperative Studies**<br><br>*not eligible for professional registration<br>**awarded when practice element of the programme is not achieved and this award is not eligible for professional registration | Level 6 | 360 |
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| <b>8</b> | <b>Variation from the University Regulations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|          | This course has approved variations to the University's Academic Regulations. These can be accessed via the student contract page: <a href="https://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/student-contract">https://www.bcu.ac.uk/student-info/student-contract</a> . |

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| 9                | Delivery Patterns |                      |                   |         |
| Mode(s) of Study |                   | Location(s) of Study | Duration of Study | Code(s) |
| Full Time        |                   | City South           | 3 years           | TBC     |

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| <b>10</b>    | <b>Entry Requirements</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>11</b>    | <b>Course Aims</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|              | The course aspires to provide an innovative programme centred on operating department practice education. Encouraging widening participation through inclusivity, giving the learner the confidence to enter the perioperative workforce with the knowledge, skills and behaviour required as a registered ODP to work in the operating theatre and beyond. |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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| <b>12</b> | <b>Course Learning Outcomes</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>1</b>  | Communicate effectively and appropriately in academic, clinical and professional contexts.                                                                                            |
| <b>2</b>  | Demonstrate self-awareness and continuing professional development showing growth from foundation learner to emerging autonomous practitioner in line with the ODP scope of practice. |
| <b>3</b>  | Apply and integrate anatomical, physiological and pharmacological knowledge to inform safe, effective and evolving perioperative decision making.                                     |
| <b>4</b>  | Deliver safe, person-centred perioperative care across all phases within and beyond the operating theatre demonstrating skills aligned with the ODPs scope of practice.               |
| <b>5</b>  | Evaluate and manage risk, safety and human factors to optimise performance uphold governance requirements and enhance patient outcomes in the operating theatre.                      |
| <b>6</b>  | Analyse determinants of health and their impact upon perioperative outcomes applying this understanding to promote health, well-being and sustainable perioperative practice.         |
| <b>7</b>  | Collaborate effectively within the multidisciplinary team demonstrating professional responsibility, non-technical skills and critically evaluate roles and boundaries.               |
| <b>8</b>  | Demonstrate an understanding of effective leadership, supervision and education within the perioperative environment to support colleagues, students and service delivery.            |
| <b>9</b>  | Critically engage with research, evidence and clinical governance, contribute to service and quality improvement.                                                                     |

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| <b>10</b> | Evaluate and develop the ODP's contribution to patient care and service delivery demonstrating professional compliance with the roles and responsibilities of a future registrants of the HCPC. |
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| <b>13</b> | <b>Level Learning Outcomes</b>                                                                                                     |
|           | <b><i>Upon completion of Level 4 / the Certificate of Higher Education, students will be able to:</i></b>                          |
| <b>1</b>  | Demonstrate effective academic and professional communication skills on entry to Higher Education.                                 |
| <b>2</b>  | Exhibit self-awareness and professional growth for a level 4 Operating Department Practitioner learner.                            |
| <b>3</b>  | Explain and apply foundational anatomical, physiological and pharmacological knowledge.                                            |
| <b>4</b>  | Deliver safe, person-centred care within the perioperative environment.                                                            |
| <b>5</b>  | Demonstrate an understanding of risk, safety, and performance in the operating theatre.                                            |
|           | <b><i>Upon completion of Level 5 / the Diploma of Higher Education, students will be able to:</i></b>                              |
| <b>1</b>  | Demonstrate safe, patient-centred perioperative practice to a range of patients.                                                   |
| <b>2</b>  | Evaluate determinants of health and their impact on perioperative outcomes.                                                        |
| <b>3</b>  | Promote health and sustainability within the perioperative environment.                                                            |
| <b>4</b>  | Demonstrate effective collaboration and leadership in the multidisciplinary team.                                                  |
| <b>5</b>  | Critically engage with research and evidence to inform perioperative practice.                                                     |
|           | <b><i>Upon completion of 60 credits at Level 6 / the Bachelors Degree, students will be able to:</i></b>                           |
| <b>1</b>  | Demonstrate increasing autonomous and advanced perioperative practice in line with their scope of practice.                        |
| <b>2</b>  | Critically evaluate roles and professional responsibilities within the multidisciplinary team.                                     |
| <b>3</b>  | Critically engage with research and governance to advance perioperative practice.                                                  |
| <b>4</b>  | Demonstrate effective leadership, supervision and education within the perioperative environment.                                  |
| <b>5</b>  | Evaluate and develop the ODP's contribution to patient care, service delivery and professional growth as a future HCPC registrant. |

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| <b>14</b> | <b>Course Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|           | <p>The learning, teaching and assessment methods that you will encounter on this course are designed to respect the diversity of the learner, enable participation and encourage engagement throughout the course to enhance your experience and employability.</p> <p><b>Learning and teaching</b></p> <p>A variety of teaching and learning methods will be utilised across all three years to allow you to fulfil your potential and learn theoretical aspects of perioperative care alongside clinical skills. Such methods will include for example a blend of formal lectures (face-to-face and virtual), simulation, clinical skills workshops, key-note lectures, inquiry-based learning and self-directed study.</p> <p>Teaching and learning is also supported using and engagement with the Birmingham City University virtual learning environment, Modular Object-Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment (MOODLE) as well as secure online communication platforms such as Microsoft Teams.</p> <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <p>Assessments have been designed to be inclusive and varied. Your work will be assessed using a mix of methods depending on the module or area of study and will include assessments such as written exams, oral presentations, written assignments and clinical skills assessments. The</p> |

range of assessment methods is chosen to not only indicate a level of achievement but to also develop and demonstrate a range of skills transferable to the modern healthcare environment including reflection, oral and written communication, confidence and competence in care delivery and the ability to research, appraise and evaluate evidence. It is anticipated that the development of transferable skills will enhance your employability on graduation and provide a sound foundation for future professional development.

Formative learning allows for feedback as part of a continuous process, and you will be provided with opportunities for formative learning through for example, MOODLE quizzes, formative review of your work and peer-led feedback. Employability is integral to the course: clinical life support courses such as Bedside Emergency Assessment Course for Healthcare Assistants (BEACH), Paediatric Early Assessment and Communication for Health (PEACH), Acute Life-Threatening Events Recognition and Treatment (ALERT), Paediatric Intermediate Life Support (PILS) and Intermediate Life Support (ILS) as well as the BCU Graduate+ scheme are embedded within the course. These provide a unique opportunity to develop valuable skills outside of the classroom.

### **Practice placement**

You will have the opportunity to learn with and from other professional colleagues both within university and on placement and will be allocated the relevant level of supervision aligned to your year group. In the first year you will receive guided participation under direct supervision moving to active participation with guidance in the second year. In the final year you will practice independently with minimal supervision.

Practice assessment will be undertaken by practice assessors who will provide appropriate support for work-based learning as well as formative learning such as simulation and clinical skills delivery in specialist areas. In collaboration with BCU, practice assessors are responsible for ensuring that the student has access to the appropriate range of clinical experiences in order to meet the standards of proficiency required by the HCPC upon registration.

| 15          | Course Requirements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |             |              |         |                                                   |    |         |                                                          |    |         |                                                     |    |         |                                 |    |         |                                                             |    |         |                                                                                |   |  |  |
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| 15a         | <b>Level 4:</b><br><br><i>In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |             |              |         |                                                   |    |         |                                                          |    |         |                                                     |    |         |                                 |    |         |                                                             |    |         |                                                                                |   |  |  |
|             | <table><tr><th>Module Code</th><th>Module Name</th><th>Credit Value</th></tr><tr><td>ODP4027</td><td>Essentials of Academic Skills in Higher Education</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ODP4028</td><td>Anatomy and Physiology for Operating Department Practice</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ODP4029</td><td>Essentials of Anaesthetic and Post-Anaesthetic Care</td><td>40</td></tr><tr><td>ODP4030</td><td>Essentials of Surgical Practice</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ODP4031</td><td>Essentials of Evidence-based Practice in Perioperative Care</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>ODP4032</td><td>Foundations of Professional Practice and the Operating Department Practitioner</td><td>0</td></tr></table> | Module Code  | Module Name | Credit Value | ODP4027 | Essentials of Academic Skills in Higher Education | 20 | ODP4028 | Anatomy and Physiology for Operating Department Practice | 20 | ODP4029 | Essentials of Anaesthetic and Post-Anaesthetic Care | 40 | ODP4030 | Essentials of Surgical Practice | 20 | ODP4031 | Essentials of Evidence-based Practice in Perioperative Care | 20 | ODP4032 | Foundations of Professional Practice and the Operating Department Practitioner | 0 |  |  |
| Module Code | Module Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Credit Value |             |              |         |                                                   |    |         |                                                          |    |         |                                                     |    |         |                                 |    |         |                                                             |    |         |                                                                                |   |  |  |
| ODP4027     | Essentials of Academic Skills in Higher Education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 20           |             |              |         |                                                   |    |         |                                                          |    |         |                                                     |    |         |                                 |    |         |                                                             |    |         |                                                                                |   |  |  |
| ODP4028     | Anatomy and Physiology for Operating Department Practice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 20           |             |              |         |                                                   |    |         |                                                          |    |         |                                                     |    |         |                                 |    |         |                                                             |    |         |                                                                                |   |  |  |
| ODP4029     | Essentials of Anaesthetic and Post-Anaesthetic Care                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 40           |             |              |         |                                                   |    |         |                                                          |    |         |                                                     |    |         |                                 |    |         |                                                             |    |         |                                                                                |   |  |  |
| ODP4030     | Essentials of Surgical Practice                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 20           |             |              |         |                                                   |    |         |                                                          |    |         |                                                     |    |         |                                 |    |         |                                                             |    |         |                                                                                |   |  |  |
| ODP4031     | Essentials of Evidence-based Practice in Perioperative Care                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 20           |             |              |         |                                                   |    |         |                                                          |    |         |                                                     |    |         |                                 |    |         |                                                             |    |         |                                                                                |   |  |  |
| ODP4032     | Foundations of Professional Practice and the Operating Department Practitioner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 0            |             |              |         |                                                   |    |         |                                                          |    |         |                                                     |    |         |                                 |    |         |                                                             |    |         |                                                                                |   |  |  |

**Level 5:**

***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):***

| Module Code | Module Name                                                                    | Credit Value |
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| ODP5047     | Promoting Health, Wellbeing and Sustainable Practice in Perioperative Care     | 20           |
| ODP5048     | Enhanced Surgical Care                                                         | 20           |
| ODP5049     | Enhanced Anaesthetic and Post-Anaesthetic Care Delivery                        | 40           |
| ODP5050     | Research and Inquiry for Operating Department Practice                         | 20           |
| ODP5046     | Leadership Skills and Management in Perioperative Practice                     | 20           |
| ODP5051     | Development of Professional Practice and the Operating Department Practitioner | 0            |

**Level 6:**

***In order to complete this course a student must successfully complete all the following CORE modules (totalling 120 credits):***

| Module Code | Module Name                                                                                    | Credit Value |
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| ODP6022     | Supervising and Educating Others in the Perioperative Environment                              | 20           |
| ODP6020     | Acute Care in Practice                                                                         | 20           |
| ODP6021     | Principles of Surgical First Assistance                                                        | 20           |
| ODP6025     | Application of Research to Operating Department Practice                                       | 40           |
| ODP6023     | Professional Knowledge, Skills and Values of the Operating Department Practitioner in Practice | 20           |

***In the event students are unsuccessful in completing the practice item of assessment for the Professional Knowledge, Skills and Values of the Operating Department Practitioner in Practice module, the following optional module will be substituted***

| Module Code | Module Name                                                            | Credit Value |
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| ODP6024     | Professional Knowledge, Skills and Values in the Perioperative Setting | 20           |

**15b Structure Diagram**
**Level 4**

| <b>SEMESTER ONE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>SEMESTER TWO</b>                                                                       |
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| Core<br>ODP4027: Essentials of Academic Skills in Higher Education (20 credits)<br><br>ODP4028: Anatomy and Physiology for Operating Department Practice (20 credits)                                                                             | Core<br>ODP4031: Essentials of Evidence-based Practice in Perioperative Care (20 credits) |
| Core<br>ODP4029: Essentials of Anaesthetic and Post-Anaesthetic Care (40 credits)<br>ODP4030: Essentials of Surgical Practice (20 credits)<br>ODP4032: Foundations of Professional Practice and the Operating Department Practitioner (0 credits) |                                                                                           |

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| <b>SEMESTER ONE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>SEMESTER TWO</b>                                                                  |
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| Core<br>ODP5047: Promoting Health, Wellbeing, and Sustainable Practice in Perioperative Care (20 credits)<br>ODP5046: Leadership Skills and Management in Perioperative Practice (20 credits)                                                | Core<br>ODP5050: Research and Inquiry for Operating Department Practice (20 credits) |
| Core<br>ODP5048: Enhanced Surgical Care (20 credits)<br>ODP5049: Enhanced Anaesthetic and Post-Anaesthetic Care Delivery (40 credits)<br>ODP5051: Development of Professional Practice and the Operating Department Practitioner (0 credits) |                                                                                      |

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| <b>SEMESTER ONE</b>                                                                                                   | <b>SEMESTER TWO</b>                                                                             |
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| Core<br>ODP6020: Acute Care in Practice (20 Credits)<br>ODP6021: Principles of Surgical First Assistance (20 credits) | Core<br>ODP6022: Supervising and Educating Others in the Perioperative Environment (20 credits) |
| Core<br>ODP6025: Application of Research to Operating Department Practice (40 credits)                                |                                                                                                 |

ODP6023: Professional Knowledge, Skills and Values of the Operating Department Practitioner in Practice (20 credits)

Substitute module

ODP6024: Professional Knowledge and Values in the Perioperative Setting (20 credits)

## 16 Overall Student Workload and Balance of Assessment

### Level 4

#### Workload

16% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity           | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 188             |
| Directed Learning  | 401             |
| Private Study      | 611             |
| <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>1,220</b>    |

#### Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| Coursework      | 28.5%      |
| Exam            | 43%        |
| In-Person       | 28.5%      |

### Level 5

#### Workload

14% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity

| Activity           | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 173             |
| Directed Learning  | 420             |
| Private Study      | 607             |
| <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>1,200</b>    |

#### Balance of Assessment

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| Coursework      | 28.5%      |
| Exam            | 28.5%      |
| In-Person       | 43%        |

### Level 6

#### Workload

**10% time spent in timetabled teaching and learning activity**

| Activity           | Number of Hours |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Scheduled Learning | 123             |
| Directed Learning  | 338             |
| Private Study      | 739             |
| <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>1,200</b>    |

**Balance of Assessment**

| Assessment Mode | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| Coursework      | 28.5%      |
| Exam            | 28.5%      |
| In-Person       | 43%        |