

This course is for nurses caring for patients with COPD in practice or in the community



- More than 900,000 people have a diagnosis of COPD but this figure is thought to be much higher with as few as 1 in 4 patients actually having their condition recognised
- Britain has one of the highest death rates from COPD in Europe
- Hospitalisations with this disease have increased 50% between 1992 and 2000
- Hospital costs in 2001-2002 amounted to £587m in the UK

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Module accredited by the Open University with 30 Credit Accumulation Transfer Scheme (CATS) points at Academic Level 2 (Diploma)



Studying a COPD module with Education for Health will enable you to confidently identify and diagnose the disease at an early. It may be possible to then instigate appropriate management strategies, so that the patient can continue to function as normally as possible within his or her usual home setting.

This module covers the following areas:

- COPD profile
- Diagnosis
- Clinical settings of COPD
- Assessment
- Basic mechanisms
- Treatment (drug and non-drug)
- Risk factors and prevention

By the end of the module you will be able to:

- Analyse the pathophysiology of COPD and its effects on the respiratory system
- Examine factors which may increase the risk of developing COPD
- Analyse the critical issues in history-taking in this field
- Assess disability and health status in COPD patients and examine their impact
- Use prescribed diagnostic procedures to assess lung function in COPD patients.

This course will take 6 months to complete and is delivered through comprehensive study materials supported by 2 study days and 1 assessment day. (Day 3 includes a practical workshop and 1 hour unseen written exam).

Cost: £595



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