



Certificate in Foundation Studies in Health Sciences (Occupational Therapy)

Course overview:

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The course will include continuous assessments to build up a realistic profile of the student's abilities. Tutors will be required to assess you periodically. As the course progresses and the level of spoken and written English improves and the mastery of subject content improves, students will be expected to show evidence of higher analytical and evaluation skills.

Skills such as the ability to apply your knowledge base, to show evidence of self-directed learning and attitude during tutorials will be assessed in the first and second semesters.

Student performance will be monitored continuously by the area coordinator and feedback will be provided through the course tutors. This will allow an awareness of the student's approach to learning and the identification of students who are encountering difficulties, so that remedial action such as the offer of small group coaching can be provided.

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