

NATIONAL MINOR ILLNESS CENTRE

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Are you looking to extend your nursing role? Have you considered minor illness specialist training? For the last fourteen years we have been providing high-quality education for nurses from our NHS general practice in Stopsley, Luton. As the national specialists in minor illness, we also produce the standard text, the **Minor Illness Manual**. This book is now in its third edition, and has sold over 20,000 copies worldwide. The fourth edition is due out in early 2012.

We were the first organisation in the UK to design a minor illness course for nurses. Unlike similar courses run by universities, our seminars are still taught entirely by practising clinicians who have a wealth of experience in their field, and who also have an extensive, up to date knowledge of the relevant research literature.

Our teaching style is informal, and we welcome lively discussion. We focus on “what you need to know”. Our visual aids are carefully chosen, and comprehensive handouts on CD-ROM enable you to focus your attention entirely on the tutors, without the need for extensive note-taking. We will also give you free access to the Members’ section of our website, which provides regular email updates.



Since 1997 we have taught over 1000 students from the UK and abroad. These were mostly practice nurses, but many others have come from Walk-in Centres, Urgent Care Centres and Minor Injury Units. There is always a stimulating mix of people with different areas of expertise: for example nurses working in Occupational Health, school and prison services and paramedics from gas rigs. Feedback from our students has been overwhelmingly positive, with many of them praising “*the best course I have ever been on*”.

- **Modular course – flexible to fit your needs**
- **Wonderful food and free parking**
- **Efficient organisation and timekeeping**
- **Friendly, approachable tutors**

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It is possible to attend the **seminar week** as a “standalone” course, and receive a certificate of attendance. But the NMC recommends that nurses should have certificates of competence in all areas of their practice. For this reason, we recommend that students undertake the **accreditation** for this course (45 CATS points at level 3). This entails a six-month clinical placement with an approved mentor (usually a GP). Accreditation students undertake five assignments:



How to examine a child's throat

- Pharmacology Scenarios
- Evidence Based Practice
- Two Case Studies
- Organisational Skills

Students also submit a completed Manual of Clinical Competencies, countersigned by their mentor. There is a separate charge of £600 for accreditation, which covers the marking of assignments and the cost of university administration. Students can decide whether they want to undertake accreditation after they have attended the seminar week.

We also offer **Masterclasses**, providing an opportunity for clinicians to refresh their knowledge in the light of recent research and changes to national guidance. These provide a rare opportunity for Minor Illness specialist nurses to network.

Course Dates for 2011/2

Seminar weeks:

7-11 November 2011
23-27 January 2012
20-24 February 2012
26-30 March 2012
23-27 April 2012
25-29 May 2012
25-29 June 2012
24-28 September 2012
26-30 November 2012

Masterclass:

Thursday 1st December 2011



Courses are usually run at our modern spacious premises in Luton, which has ample free parking. They can also be commissioned at satellite locations.

Book today by contacting Jill Fenwick, Course Administrator, on 01582 399442 or email jill.fenwick@nhs.net. Or see our website on www.minorillness.co.uk.

“The best university level minor illness course available in the UK today”
Tony McIlwee, nurse and clinical educator, Birmingham