



British Casting Certificate

CPD Programme: School of Health and Life Sciences

The qualified Orthopaedic Technician/ Orthopaedic practitioner is a vital member of the healthcare team, able to assess, plan, implement and evaluate care episodes using, wherever possible, evidence-based practice.

The course aim is to teach students the best way to look after patients who need to have any form of cast or similar support.

The course is offered in 4 separate locations: Glasgow, Newport, Bradford and Stanmore, London. The course will run in Glasgow in April each year subject to demand; preparing the students for an OSCE exam in October and essay submission in December of that year. There will be a break in the programme during the summer to accommodate students' holiday arrangements.

Attendance: Normally 1 day per week for 21 weeks combining practical cast and splint application; and theory. **Please note:** students are required to travel to London for the exam.

Course Fee: For Glasgow students the fee includes BOA exam fee plus a contribution towards travel and accommodation for exam in London. This is for 1st exam attempt only.

Contact: psnursing@gcu.ac.uk or casting@boa.ac.uk for further information and application form.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme at GCU

The British Casting Certificate courses and examinations are validated by the British Orthopaedic Association (BOA) and the Association of Orthopaedic Practitioners (AOP), and supported by the Royal College of Nursing (Society of Orthopaedic and Trauma Nursing).

Academic Accreditation and Award from GCU

This is a joint award with Glasgow Caledonian University. Students have the option to study at either SCQF level 8 or 9; to gain a total of 60 credits at either University Diploma or Degree Level.

Top-Up Degree Award

All Registered Nurses who complete the course and who are not already graduates, will be eligible to graduate from GCU with BSc Professional Studies in Nursing, in addition to the British Casting Certificate. This option does not incur any additional cost or study. It is also possible for nurses who are already graduates to exit with a Graduate Diploma Professional Studies in Nursing

Course content

The assessments comprise a theoretical component (3000 words) and an Objectively Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE). The course fee includes this accreditation. Students undertake assessment and management of care, incorporating cast and splint application

as well as the evaluation of the care provided to patients requiring musculoskeletal casting or splinting. This includes appraising a range of immobilisation options and determining the management and outcome implications, based on individual patient's lifestyle and needs.

The curriculum spans children and adults, as well all aspects of musculoskeletal injury and immobilisation, upper and lower limb, congenital conditions, e.g. hip disease and talipes, and acknowledges that the workplace may range from an accident and emergency department, an orthopaedic operating theatre or a more autonomous community hospital setting where patients present with minor injuries.

Who should attend?

Nurses and other healthcare personnel who cast and splint.

Applicants should:

- Be currently working in a role where they are expected to apply cast and splints;
- Have a minimum of 1-year experience;
- Have the support of their line manager as well as confirmed access to regular training to ensure they can complete all aspects of the curriculum before being accepted on the BCC;
- Provide the name(s) and designation(s) of at least one Clinical Supervisor who is experienced in casting and splinting and who will mentor and support them in the workplace.