

School of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences

Skin Surgery Skills

Code: 7LMS2056, Credits: 30, Level: 7

This course has been developed for practitioners who wish to develop and consolidate their skills in minor skin surgery. It includes supervised practice and formal assessment of competency in performing skin surgery procedures. Initial training is performed on simulated tissue models and practical skills workshops are run by experienced skin surgeons. Proficiency is developed during a period of supervised clinical practice & competency assessed using Direct Observational Procedure (DOPS).



Content:

Focuses on acquisition of minor surgery practical skills and the context of service delivery:

- Patient assessment & treatment options
- Skin preparation, local anesthesia
- Surgical anatomical hazards
- Surgical procedures: curettage, shave, ellipse excision, punch biopsy
- Histology: specimens, diagnosis
- Wound closure and aftercare
- Medico-legal / professional standards

Venue:

Teaching is face to face at the University of Hertfordshire, College Lane Campus, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9AB.

Study Route: This module is available to students on the MSc Clinical Dermatology and MSc Skin Lesion Management but can be studied on an individual basis & will be of interest to health care professionals who want to develop & consolidate their dermatology surgical skills such as GPs, dermatology and skin cancer nurse specialists, community, and cancer clinicians.

Dates: (09.00 – 16.30)

11th, 12th, 13th March 2026

15th June 2026

Assessment: 17th or 18th Sept 2026.

Cost:

£1,830 per 30 credit module for Home students commencing in academic year 2024/25. Modular fees remain at a fixed price for the duration of your studies based on year of commencement.

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Prerequisites:

- Practitioners must:
- Have professional registration in the UK or Ireland
 - Gain employer approval to facilitate expected outcomes of the module prior to commencement
 - Have a supervisor(s) able to mentor/assess competence of surgical skills identified in the clinical skills portfolio
 - Have access to sufficient patients requiring dermatology skin surgery to complete a logbook of a minimum of 10 ellipse excisions during the module.

Assessment:

Strategic Analysis Report: provision skin surgery services – 100%.
Practical OSCE (Skin surgery competencies) - Pass/Fail
Surgical Skills Logbook completion of a minimum of 10 ellipse excisions.