



Health Sciences
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Prospective QPs

Typical Questions Asked

Do I need to attend all the modules?

No, unless you wish to aim for the Postgraduate Diploma or MSc, modules can be selected as required.

How can I decide which modules to attend?

Delegates are offered a free Gap Analysis with a course tutor. Guidance can be given during a face-to-face interview or remotely after providing a detailed CV for review.

How long does the course take?

This depends on how many modules the delegates wish to attend and where these fall in the series. A full series typically takes 18 months but some delegates prefer to spread the course over 2 series. Flexibility is the name of the game!

How do I enrol for the Postgraduate Certificate?

Delegates should register their interest with their Tutor and/or QP Course Administrator. The University of Strathclyde will be informed and will subsequently coordinate the qualification direct with the delegate. The requirements for the Certificate are...

- attend 3 foundation modules and 3 of choice, perform satisfactorily in the module assessments, sit the Certificate exam at the University

How do I enrol for the Postgraduate Diploma/MSc?

The University of Strathclyde coordinates their qualification directly with the delegate. Typically the requirements for the Diploma are...

- attend all modules, perform satisfactorily in the module assessments, sit the Diploma exams at the University

The MSc requires the above plus a workplace thesis/project, approved by the Course Director at the University.

I've heard about the Personal Tutor System, what is it?

Delegates who attend 4 or more modules are classed as "core" delegates. This brings additional benefits to the delegate...

- core delegates are assigned a Personal Tutor who offers support and guidance through regular meetings on modules regarding the application process and experience requirements for the viva
- core delegates are also offered a free revision interview 6-8 weeks before their viva to assess the delegate's readiness for the viva
- review of the QP application form prior to submitting to the Joint Professional Bodies

Do all modules cost the same?

No, some are 5 days in duration and some are 4 days. In addition different venues (such as the practical module in Glasgow) can impact on the course costs.

Once the series is finished do I still have use of your advice and consultancy?

Yes. Past delegates on our courses are always welcome to contact us with comments or queries for opinion or advice. This is a free service and we are always pleased to keep in touch with past delegates.

What is the success rate of your delegates at viva?

Information to date shows a pass rate of 96% for delegates we have trained.

Is there an exam for each module?

Yes, the exams usually take place prior to the next module, on the Sunday evening at 18.30. Some modules however are assessed by dissertation and a deadline provided for submission.

I don't want to be a QP but this looks like great training, can I attend?

Yes. Not everyone attending the modules is looking to become a QP. Many use the training to develop as technical managers or as part of their continuing professional development.

Do I need a sponsor?

Yes. Ideally a QP and someone who knows you and your roles and responsibilities well. Someone who can provide you with ongoing support through your training. Your Sponsor will be required to complete a Sponsor's Report to accompany your QP application form. NSF encourage Sponsors to visit a module and meet the Personal Tutor to check on progress.



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