

**MSc in Advance Forensic Practice (Custody)**  
**MSc in Advanced forensic Practice (Sexual Assault)**  
**MSc in Advanced Forensic Practice (Custody & Sexual Assault)****PgD in Advance Forensic Practice (Custody)**  
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## Award overview

This award is an award designed by Health Professionals for those who work in the field of forensic medicine. This long awaited innovation is the first forensic qualification, professionally badged by the United Kingdom Association of Forensic Nurses (UKAFN), providing recognition in this specialist field.

This course is a collaboration between the Faculties of Health, Science and the Law School and utilises our combined unique resources of a full size court room for assessments by qualified legal experts in providing oral evidence in court, along with a fully refurbished Crime Scene House, complete with CCTV and an observation room, where you will be assessed by forensic experts and experienced ex-police officers. The award is aimed at all nurses and healthcare professionals working in a custody, or sexual offences role. The course will be competency assessed and has been developed with consideration to the Department of Health core elements of Advanced Practice. (DH, 2010)

This award will underpin the legal, forensic and clinical knowledge to ensure practitioners work in an evidenced based manner and will fulfil the requirements to be a competent witness in court. The course will embrace the principles set by the FFLM, UKAFN, NPIA, along with other regulatory and professional bodies.

For those practitioners following the custodial pathway, the content will include PACE, Safer Detention and Handling, along with the Road Traffic Law.

For those following the sexual assault pathway, this will include competency in assessing victims of sexual assault, aftercare needs and understanding the evidence base related to sexual assault.

Who is it for?

The award is open to Health Professionals (nurses or paramedics) who work in either Custody Arenas; examining alleged offenders and/or Sexual Assault arenas, examining alleged victims of sexual assault.

Award length

The PgC is one year, starting in January 2012 and completing in January 2013. Students then have 2 years to complete a Postgraduate Diploma and a further 2 years to complete the Masters Stage. However, it is possible to complete in less time.

Entrance requirements Prospective students will have a first degree or equivalent recent academic work at either Masters or Degree level and must be able to identify a Preceptor in their workplace who is able to assess their clinical competencies

Award structure:

**PgC** (Title depends on which clinical competencies are undertaken; either Custody or Sexual Assault)

Introduction to Forensic Practice **Core** 15 Credits at Level 7

Clinical Competencies in Forensic Examination in either Custody or Sexual Assault **Core** 30 Credits Level 7

Professional Legal Skills for Non- Lawyers **Core** 15 Credits at Level 7

**PgD**(Title depends on which clinical competencies were undertaken at PgC Stage; either Custody or Sexual Assault. However, it is also possible to obtain a dual title if the student undertakes the other clinical competency module as the 2 option modules)

Option module one 15 credits at Level 6 or 7

Option module two 15 credits at Level 6 or 7

Physical Assessment **Core** 15 Credits at Level 7

Research Methods **Pre-requisite** for Dissertation\Project Based Change Module 15 Credits at Level 7

### **Masters**

Project Based Change 60 Credits at Level

**Or**

Research Dissertation

Core modules

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**PgD**

Physical Assessment **Core** 15 Credits at Level 7

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