

Certificate in Commissioning and Purchasing for Public Care

This four-day short course is aimed at commissioners in public care organisations. It is designed to support you to implement the national agenda and develop good commissioning practice.

The course will enable you and your partners to achieve better outcomes and commission value for money services. It explores the links between strategic, locality and individual commissioning and draws on our work with local authorities, CCGs and a wide range of provider organisations to develop and implement good commissioning practice.

Course Content

You will come away from the four days of the course having worked through each stage of the IPC framework for commissioning and purchasing, and tackled a series of realistic exercises designed to illustrate the techniques and tools available for effective commissioning. You will have opportunities to address your contribution in the context of the changing national agenda and to take stock and reflect on current practice; as well as being provided with practical tools to implement change where required.

The content will be delivered through a mix of presentations and practical sessions that explore models and principles, consider practice, and help you think about their application. The learning style will be collaborative with an emphasis on sharing approaches that work and practical experiences. The course covers:

- The relevant national commissioning agenda for public care
- Introduction to the IPC Commissioning Framework: structured organisational self-analysis
- Collaborative commissioning and working with a wide range of partners and stakeholders
- Methods for managing knowledge and analysing the needs of the local population, including needs analysis and systems mapping
- Delivering effective change in the commissioning process, including decommissioning services
- Market shaping and influencing, including approaches to managing provider relationships
- Using outcome-based commissioning to develop innovative service responses

- Engaging patients and service users in commissioning
- Exploration of the issues facing commissioners in relation to delivering more personalised services
- Effective purchasing of services based on clear specifications and appropriate contracting and tendering arrangements
- Monitoring and review in commissioning and contracting
- Analysis of the role of the commissioner and exploring commissioning skills

Logistics and Costs

The course comprises four taught days, usually delivered in two two-day sessions about 3 – 6 weeks apart as well as self-study. The course costs £790 per person, which includes course materials and all administration costs. The IPC [cancellation and non-attendance](#) policy applies.

Please note that we are only able to accept a maximum of two bookings per organisation on our open courses – see the [IPC website](#) for dates and location of the next open course(s). Please contact us if you are interested in an in-house, bespoke course for your organisation.

Accreditation

You can choose to accredit your learning from this short course and gain a certificate of credit from Oxford Brookes University – worth 20 [CATS](#) credits at postgraduate level – to help with your Continuing Professional Development (CPD). To do this you will need to attend an additional support session and complete an assessed work-based project. There is an additional fee of £500 per person for accreditation.

Further Information

The Certificate of Credit in Commissioning and Purchasing for Public Care is a postgraduate level short course provided by the Institute of Public Care (IPC), which is part of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Oxford Brookes University. Places on each course will be limited to a maximum of 18 people, and a minimum of 12 bookings will be required for the course to run.

IPC offers the evidence-based rigour of a university with hands-on experience gained from work in public care management and practice. IPC's clients include care and support providers, central and local government, and NHS organisations. Our purpose is to help make public care better run and more evidence-based. We do this through analysis, evaluation and redesign of services, help with implementing change, and skills development programmes. Since 1987 we have led the way in thinking and practice on service redesign and change, commissioning arrangements, performance management, workforce planning, managing practice quality and market facilitation in public care. We offer postgraduate level certificates of credit in all of these areas. If you would like to find out more about the work of IPC visit <http://ipc.brookes.ac.uk/>.

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