

School of Health, Nursing & Midwifery



HEAD AND NECK CANCER CARE

**BSc Nursing/Health Studies Programme
15 Points at Level 3**

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Unlike other cancers, head and neck cancers cover a diversity of types and many different sites which are incorporated into the broad categories of the oral cavity, larynx and oropharynx. A great number of the patients who present with this disease have underlying health problems which reflect high risk lifestyle choices such as heavy smoking and alcohol consumption and indeed people, particularly men, who live in the most deprived areas are known to be at increased risk from this disease (SIGN 2006).

This module has been written in conjunction with the West of Scotland Managed Clinical Network for Head and Neck Cancer and the Scottish Head & Neck Oncology Nursing Forum and is aimed at nurses and health care professionals who would like to increase their knowledge within this sphere of practice.

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