

## The Informed and Informing Clinician

In this module knowledge acquisition and communication skills are developed. The use of internet search engines and literature search engines are introduced and the skills applied to acquiring information related to issues in dental practice. Approaches to the critical appraisal of the relevance and validity of the content of literature and marketing literature are introduced; including the hierarchy and robustness of evidence relative to the strengths and limitations of evidenced based dentistry. This work is linked to the development of the core IT skills in word processing and graphics required to produce simple patient information leaflets and letters.

### Credits

10 credits

### Module Attendance Required

Wednesday afternoons x 8

### Module Dates

Oct-Dec Year 1

### Assessment

- PowerPoint presentation - a SWOT analysis of your practice.
- Critical appraisal of a research paper.

### Academics involved in the delivery of this module

Professor T Burke; Mr Mike Sharland

### Stand Alone Course

This module can be taken as a stand alone course if required. To apply, please contact Professor FJT Burke, [f.j.t.burke@bham.ac.uk](mailto:f.j.t.burke@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:f.j.t.burke@bham.ac.uk>), 0121 237 2768, or Lynda Malthouse, [l.malthouse@bham.ac.uk](mailto:l.malthouse@bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:l.malthouse@bham.ac.uk>), 0121 237 2768.

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### Fee if taken as a stand alone course

2011-2012

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### Course fact file

**Type of Course:** Continuing professional development, module