

## The History of Medical Institutions, 1700-1950

**Credits:** 10

**Assessment:** - 1 x 3000 word essay

Medical institutions, such as hospitals, asylums and workhouses have been central to the delivery of health care for more than two centuries. This module is concerned with tracing current themes in the history of these institutions, examining, for example, the architectural, financial and patient histories of various types of hospital and asylum. It will also introduce you to the records of these medical institutions.

On completion of the module you should be able to demonstrate

- an enhanced understanding of the history of hospitals and asylums and the ability to set institutional histories within an appropriate social and cultural context
- be aware of new directions in the history of medical institutions, including the history of institutional finance, hospital and asylum architecture, as well as differences between state and charitable hospitals in Europe and America
- developing skills in historical analysis as applied to medical institutions and their records

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### Entry requirements

#### International students:

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