Upwards of 690,000 adults in the UK have rheumatoid arthritis, while about 200,000 have been diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis, and as many as 177,000 have psoriatic arthritis. Around 12,000 children under 16 are affected by juvenile idiopathic arthritis – one of the most common causes of physical disability in childhood. Podiatrists assess, diagnose and treat foot and ankle pathologies – to maintain and enhance locomotion function of the feet and legs, to alleviate pain, and to reduce the impact of disability.

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Rheumatological Disorders and the Lower Limb

Introduction
The DH introduced a Musculoskeletal Services Framework (2006). The vision of this services framework is that people with musculoskeletal conditions can access high-quality effective and timely advice, assessment, diagnosis and treatment. The module is designed for clinicians with experience in the care and management of the patient with various Rheumatological disorders that may affect the lower limb. This module aims to enable clinicians working in this area of Musculoskeletal conditions to provide the service envisioned by the Services Framework -

"... systematically planned services, based on the patient journey, and with integrated multidisciplinary working across the health economy." (Musculoskeletal Services Framework p6, 2006).

This module will provide clinicians with an advanced theoretical basis for the management of people with Rheumatological disorders that may affect the lower limb.

Who should attend?
This course is primarily for podiatrists and other healthcare professionals involved in the management of the lower limb of patients with Rheumatological Disorders. The module is designed for clinicians with experience in the care and management of the patient with various Rheumatological disorders. This module aims to provide students with the specialist theoretical knowledge and clinical skills to assess the person with Rheumatological disorders of the lower limb and identify and formulate care plans for this group of patients with emphasis on multidisciplinary teamwork and timely specialist referral.

Course Content
Topics Covered will include:

- Inflammatory crystalline disorders
- Metabolic Bone Disorders
- Vasculitis
- Pharmacological Management
- Pain – assessment and management
- The Rheumatoid Foot
- Juvenile disorders

Key Speakers
Experts in the field of Rheumatology, Pain and Surgery will deliver lectures on a variety of topics. Members of Prof Anthony Redmond’s team (University of Leeds) will provide an interactive day focusing specifically on The Rheumatoid Foot (Day 4).

Assessment
Coursework 100%: Participants will be required to submit a literature review and a reflective assignment on how their learning from the course might be implemented in their own clinical practice by the end of July 2012.
Further Information

Dates of Course: 14 – 18 May 2012

Time: 9.00am – 5:00pm

Venue: University of Ulster, Jordanstown campus, Room 1F122

Fee: Credit bearing (includes assessment and all 5 days must be attended) - £630 (UK and EU applicants)
£1563 (Non-EU applicants)
Attendance only Day 4 only £ 150
Attendance only Days 1- 5 £ 580

Credits: 30 credit points at level 7 (Masters level)

Closing date for applications: 30 March 2012

Please note: early applications are advisable as places will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Please do not book any flights or accommodation until you receive confirmation that you have been accepted onto the module. This generally happens soon after the closing date.

This module can be taken: stand-alone (credit bearing) OR as part of a PgCert/PgDip/MSc in Advancing Practice in your profession.

Northern Ireland NHS applicants only – if you are seeking a Department of Health (DHSSPS) commissioned place, please DO NOT apply online. To find out if there are commissioned places available for this course, please contact your Trust Manager.

Admission criteria: please go to: http://ahpacademy.ulster.ac.uk/courses/ to download the admission criteria.
Application for **CREDIT BEARING MODULE**
(includes assessment)

Professional Development Course
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14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 May 2012
University of Ulster, Jordanstown campus, Northern Ireland

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**How to Apply for this Module**
To apply for this module – credit-bearing:

1. Go to the University of Ulster homepage: [www.ulster.ac.uk/](http://www.ulster.ac.uk/)
2. Click on - How to Apply
You should reach the page below. Please read this page carefully before proceeding. Further help with the application process and step by step instructions are available from: http://ahpacademy.ulster.ac.uk/courses/. Please download and use the instructions provided to ensure that you apply for the correct course (PgCert/PgDiploma/MSc in Advancing Practice) OR module (stand-alone module). You will require the Module Title/Module Code/CRN code on the first page of this document to help you with the application.

How to Login to the Online Application System

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For further information or a draft programme please visit website www.ulster.ac.uk/ahpacademy or contact:

Maria Keenan
T: +44 (0)28 9036 6608
E: M.Keenan1@ulster.ac.uk

Closing date for applications: 30 March 2012
I wish to apply for an attendance only place on the above programme and enclose the fee:
(please tick the following as appropriate)

- Attendance only day 4 £150
- Attendance only days 1 - 5 £580

Payment in full must be enclosed to secure an attendance only place on this course – see Payment and Cancellation Policy:
http://ahpacademy.ulster.ac.uk/fs/doc/Payment%20and%20Cancellation%20Policy%2024.08.10x.pdf

PERSONAL INFORMATION

MR/MS/MRS/MISS: [ ] FORENAMES: 
SURNAME: 

Do you have a disability or a medical condition (e.g. Dyslexia, visual impairment, mobility issue) which might affect your studies and for which special arrangements might have to be made to facilitate your study

[ ] YES  [ ] No  If yes please provide details:

Lunch and refreshments will be provided on a daily basis. Please indicate whether you have any specific dietary requirements below:

HOME ADDRESS: 
POSTCODE: 
TEL. NO. (HOME): MOBILE NO: 
NAME & ADDRESS OF WORK PLACE: 
POSTCODE: 

PROFESSION: 
POSITION HELD: 
TEL NO (WORK): EMAIL ADDRESS: 

H.P.C REGISTRATION: YES [ ] NO [ ]

Where did you hear about this course?

Applicants Signature:  
Date: 

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METHODS OF PAYMENT

CHEQUES
Cheques should be made payable to the University of Ulster and crossed. Cheques can only be accepted if in Sterling or Sterling Draft. Unfortunately it is not feasible to invoice your company/employer.

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In order to secure your place you must send the course fee in full along with your completed application form by 30 March 2012 to AHP Academy Applications at the address below:

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