Faculty of Education Health and Wellbeing
Institute of Health Professions

Module Code: 7MI001: Advanced Clinical Skills in Tongue Tie (Ankyloglossia) Management (10 credits)

Start Date: 28 January 2015
Location: University of Wolverhampton, Walsall Campus –Room WN 110

Course Overview:
Tongue Tie is a common problem in newborn babies that can lead to feeding, speech and dental problems. This course is designed to develop the practitioner’s comprehensive understanding of tongue tie and the evidence based management of babies with this condition.

What will I study?
Anatomy and Physiology; legal and professional relating to advanced clinical skills; ankyloglossia; frenulotomy technique; aftercare; how to deal with emergencies; how to start a frenulotomy service.

Mode of Delivery:
The course is a one day study day open to registered practitioners with an interest in infant feeding and in particular problems associated with tongue tie.
For those practitioners wishing to learn the skills of assessment and performing frenulotomy with the view of setting up their own service, a placement in a frenulotomy clinic will be arranged to facilitate the practical aspects of assessment of tongue function and frenulotomy.

Entry Requirements:
Registered professionals wishing to enrol on the course which includes clinical practice experience will need to have been qualified for at least five years and will need the full support from their manager.

Assessment details:
For those undertaking the module the assessment will be:
1. A 1,500 word case study (50%)
2. Successful completion of clinical practice including undertaking 20-25 frenulotomies under supervision.

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Course fees:
The full course, including clinical practice assessment = £300