



## Atos Healthcare training to receive university accreditation

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A leading provider of healthcare services – Atos Healthcare – has teamed up with the University of Derby Corporate to officially accredit a key training course for its nurses.

The announcement means that the 300-400 Atos Healthcare nurses who successfully complete the course each year will receive a Certificate of Achievement – Disability Analysis – an award which will give them 30 credits at Level 6 of a degree award.

In a profession where all nurses will be required to obtain a degree in order to successfully qualify in nursing from 2012, the partnership is a further boost as it will enable many of Atos Healthcare's nursing team to put their credits towards studying for a full degree top up should they wish to do so. Students require 120 credits at Level 6 to successfully obtain a BSc (Hons) in Nursing.

The accreditation has been made possible through a collaborative partnership between Atos Healthcare, a business division of Atos Origin and the number one provider of [occupational healthcare](#) services in the UK<sup>1</sup>, and the University of Derby, through its commercial arm, University of Derby Corporate (UDC).

Paul Wilkinson, Head of Corporate Sales for University of Derby Corporate, said: "Accreditation of Atos Healthcare's Disability Analysis Training is an important development as it demonstrates that the course is meeting the higher education quality standards set by a UK university. We are delighted to be working with Atos Healthcare to support their delivery of training and wish the nurses every success on the training programme."

Mike O'Donnell, CMO (Chief Medical Officer) at Atos Healthcare: "Training is absolutely critical in a professional organisation in order to stay abreast of latest developments and ensure consistent high quality services for clients. At Atos Healthcare, we take training very seriously and we are very proud that our training course has been recognised and accredited by the University of Derby."

In addition to the induction training for all our healthcare professionals, we run ongoing training events and mentoring programmes to ensure our healthcare professionals have the knowledge and tools to do the best job they can for our clients."

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<sup>1</sup> Based on market share and according to the UK Occupational Health Market Development Report, Market and Business Development 2008, published by MBD.





As part of the assessments, a Derby tutor will visit Atos Healthcare training centres nationally and assess all aspects of the disability assessment training courses, including the Observation of Simulated Client Experience (OSCE) and reports based on actual assessments. The tutor will assess and evaluate if the tests are meeting the accepted standard for accreditation. Successful nurses will then be awarded the University of Derby accredited award.

Alison Hogg, Head of Subject Nursing and Health Care Practice in the University's School of Health, said: "We are delighted to announce this partnership which adds to our learning portfolio and complements our community programme.

The assessment for these training courses falls under the remit of the University's BSc and MSc programmes in Community Specialist Practice – one of two courses which have just been revalidated and approved by the Nursing and Midwifery Council for the next five years."

Atos Healthcare offers nationwide opportunities for healthcare practitioners including nurses, doctors and physiotherapists who [we actively recruit](#) to undertake disability assessments. All registered general nurses working for Atos Healthcare in disability analysis must have three years' broad-based clinical post-registration experience and be registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

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### **About Atos Healthcare**

Atos Healthcare is the number one provider of disability assessment and occupational healthcare services in the UK<sup>2</sup>. It has over 3,000 staff, of whom around two-thirds are healthcare professionals. Each year, Atos Healthcare carries out more than 1 million medical assessments and looks after the occupational health of over 800,000 employees from 150 UK centres. For further information, please visit [www.atoshealthcare.com](http://www.atoshealthcare.com).

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<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

