Dear Referee,

**BSc Healthcare Practice**

This letter is being sent to you, at the request of the School of Health and Human Sciences at the University of Essex, by a candidate who has applied for admission to undertake a programme or degree with us. The applicant’s name and address appear below.

I would very much appreciate your appraisal of the candidate in regard to his or her academic and/or professional ability, and suitability for the programme. In making this evaluation, you may find it helpful to refer to the information attached, which describes the entrance requirements of the scheme.

Please ensure that the reference you provide is signed by yourself and on headed paper. Alternatively, an email reference from a professional email account would also be acceptable.

Thank you in anticipation of your kind co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie Wiltshire
Programme Administrator

Full name and address of applicant

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School of Health and Human Sciences  
BSc (Hons) Health Care Practice

Introduction
Changes in health trends, policies and technologies create the necessity for health professionals to continuously re-define and improve their skills. The breadth and depth of expertise required by different individual’s means that the traditional educational programme with a "set menu" approach no longer reflects the complex needs of the students.

This programme is intended to meet this need by providing a range of options consisting of modules within a credit accumulation and transfer framework. Many of the modules have professional recognition.

A flexible approach to study
The BSc (Hons) degree in Health Care Practice is a modular programme of study incorporating the University’s credit accumulation and transfer scheme. It accredits prior formal learning (courses) and experiential learning. This means that each student constructs a personal pathway of study to meet his/her personal and professional needs. Other modules are available to compliment and build upon the student’s experiences.

Students are required to accumulate 360 credits (120 credits each at Levels 4, 5 and 6). Using the University AP(E)L process, a qualification leading to registration with a professional body in health care (e.g. an accredited award such as Diploma of Higher Education in Nursing) accompanied by current practice, previous experience, training and education within a field of healthcare typically will be recognised as being equivalent to 240 credits. Over the course of study students accumulate academic credits up to that required for the award of a degree by the University of Essex.

In order to complete the APEL process, further evidence of the student’s current employment and previous academic achievement will be sought. Further information about our APEL process is available here http://www.essex.ac.uk/quality/university_policies/ap%28E%29L/default.asp

Programme length
As a flexible programme, students can complete the course of study in a manner which suits their personal needs. Students are required to undertake not less than two years and not more than five years of study.

Entry criteria
Students entering the programme must:
• possess a recognised professional qualification
• have current registration as a practitioner
• have one year’s post registration experience
• be employed in a health related setting

Compulsory module
In order to attract academic and professional validation, the programme must contain a certain component. The compulsory module for the BSc (Hons) Health Care Practice is:
• Critical Appraisal Skills
Whilst this module must be incorporated within the student pathway, there is no requirement to study them in any particular order.

Assessment
Assessment will vary between modules and will be based on a combination of activities including essays, projects, seminar presentations, practice based assessments and portfolio.

Fees
The fees are dependent on the number and type of modules undertaken by each individual student. Fees are charged upon commencement of each module.

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