

*Professor Lesley Roberts, our Deputy Dean and Pro-Dean Education, welcomes you to Warwick Medical School and explains what we aim to achieve in the delivery of postgraduate education.*

I'm Leslie Roberts Pro-Dean education and Deputy Dean here at Warwick Medical School. I'm delighted that you've chosen work for your Postgraduate Studies. And I hope you'll stick with me just for a couple of minutes while I explain what our intentions are in the delivery of postgraduate education.

Choosing to study at the postgraduate level is a big decision. And for those of you who are studying part time, alongside existing work responsibilities, this is an even more significant decision. So what we hope to do is to provide you with a framework and a course that will enable you to engage with new evidence, new knowledge and to apply that on a continual basis to your current practice, or to align that to your future career intentions.

By scaffolding your education in this way, what we're hoping to do is to provide you with the constant ability to reflect and to apply knowledge, which forms the bedrock of professional development, there will of course, be a strong academic element to your work and that will allow you to engage with new knowledge and new evidence and think about how it does or indeed may not apply to your own practice.

Being able to justify decisions and evidence decisions is really important at this level of study. And we will give you the skills to be able to do that. But we will make sure that throughout it is closely aligned to the work that you are intending or currently engaged with. Included in this is the assessment vehicles that we use. So thinking about assessments, we try very hard to make them relevant to your work areas.

So developing e-portfolios allowing you to reflect and critique the work that you are doing, and making sure that connection between your actual activity and your academic endeavours is very closely linked throughout. So alongside that, we try and give you a range of other skills, so transferable skills, so things like communication skills, not just in the academic sense, but actually being able to think about how you communicate and defend ideas in the multidisciplinary team setting, to lay people and not only in the written word, but also in the spoken word or using emerging and novel forms of communication.

So hopefully, you will enjoy your studies here at Warwick and we will give you the skills that you need to launch yourself into the next stage of your career be that in advanced clinical practice Diabetes, Dentistry, you can insert your own chosen title there. I wish you the very best for the forthcoming academic period in your life and thank you very much.