

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The British Paediatric Neurology Association's distance learning course is designed to complement clinical training and improve clinical practice. The course is constantly updated, offering a comprehensive theoretical background in paediatric neurology for trainees and an opportunity for established consultants to update themselves on a particular topic as part of their Continuing Professional Development. The course is divided into 12 units, which may be studied individually:

Number	Unit Title	Recommended working time (hours)	UK Cost
Unit 1:	Introductory Unit	48	Included
Unit 2:	Embryology, disorders of neuro-embryogenesis, hydrocephalus and neonatal neurology	48	£295
Unit 3:	Development and Learning	48	£295
Unit 4:	Central motor deficits; congenital and acquired spinal cord disorders	48	Available soon
Unit 5:	Development and function of the peripheral nervous system and neuromuscular disorders	48	Available soon
Unit 6:	Membranes, channels, epilepsy and paroxysmal disorders	96	£395
Unit 7:	Cerebrovascular disease, trauma and coma	48	£295
Unit 8:	Inflammation and infection of the nervous system	48	£295
Unit 9:	Metabolic, Nutritional and Systemic Disease	48	£295
Unit 10:	Vision, Hearing and their Disorders	24	Available soon
Unit 11:	Oncology	24	£150
Unit 12:	Psychological Development, Psychiatric Disorder, Communication, Learning Disability and Service Networks	48	Available soon

Access to Unit 1 is provided at no additional cost. You will find it helpful to complete Unit 1, Section 1 as the aim of this section is for students to identify best learning practice for themselves, and how to use these course materials effectively.

The cost of the full course in the UK is currently £1,850. Further details for applying for the full course are available at: www.bpna.org.uk/DL/uk_preapp.pdf

COURSE DELIVERY

The course is accessed via a dedicated course website. On acceptance of your application you will be provided with a username and password to access the individual Unit.

Each Unit is split into separate Sections and each Section has the following to download and work through:

- Activity document
- Interactive activities
- Commentary document
- Reading materials (Some units require access to standard texts, available at reasonable cost or accessible through contact with your regional neurology department)

The Activity document leads you through each section, providing activities for you to complete, to check your learning and give you an indication of whether you are on the right lines and point you at resources to fill in your knowledge. This is the principle of “active learning”, which is integral to the mode of Distance Learning.

After downloading the materials you may choose to work either work on your computer or print off the materials so that you can work on a hard copy. We would hope that you will work through it at a rate that is right for you, maintaining a balance between momentum and enjoyment.

It is recommended for those undertaking Unit 6 (Membranes, channels, epilepsy and paroxysmal disorders) to attend the BPNA’s Paediatric Epilepsy Training courses also. Further information can be found at www.bpna.org.uk/PET

COURSE CONTENT

Each Unit has been written by a group of Consultants expert in their particular field.

Each Unit has a brief introductory section; this will outline the aims for all the sections. At the beginning of each section you will find detailed learning outcomes for that section. You will also be given an indication of any resources you may need in order to complete the section – and some of these you may need to access or organize before you actually start on the section. Sometimes this will be particular books or articles (any article essential to the section will be provided), sometimes it is arranging to attend particular clinics or look at the case notes of a child with a specific disorder.

The authors have identified the *essential* components to be completed in the sections in order to achieve the aim and learning outcomes. Every activity has a “star rating” which is intended to identify how essential the author feels this is for you to do.

- *** Indicates it is essential and the authors feel you should do it
- ** This activity is highly recommended and will enhance your understanding of the subject matter
- * You should read what this activity involves and decide for yourself if you need to do it. Sometimes this will be a pre-test or supplementary information for you to check whether you have the appropriate level of background knowledge for the more complicated parts of the section. It may be that the material is, again, valuable for your understanding of the topic, but that not doing it will not affect whether you can do later parts of the unit.

ON COMPLETION

The BPNA will award a certificate of Continuing Professional Development to you for each Section you complete. When you have completed each Section (usually 2-3 hours work), you will need to email your

completed section (a scanned copy if you have worked on the hard copy) to the BPNA Secretariat. Provided that you have completed all three star activities and you have completed the online feedback, the BPNA will issue a certificate reflecting the 'Recommended working time' shown on the front of the section.

TO APPLY

Please complete the application form that follows and send by post or fax to:

BPNA Secretariat
Bridge House
Harrow Road
Bolton
BL1 4NH
United Kingdom

Fax: +44 (0)1204 493003

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions, please contact Philippa Rodie at the BPNA Secretariat in the UK at info@bpna.org.uk or by telephone: +44 (0)1204 492888.



www.bpna.org.uk/DL

Registration Form

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Position: _____

Place of Work: _____

Address for correspondence: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to register for the following BPNA distance learning units:

	Unit Title	UK Cost	Unit applied for
Unit 1:	Introductory Unit	Included	✓
Unit 2:	Embryology, disorders of neuro-embryogenesis, hydrocephalus and neonatal neurology	£295	
Unit 3:	Development and Learning	£295	
Unit 4:	Central motor deficits; congenital and acquired spinal cord disorders	£295	Available soon
Unit 5:	Development and function of the peripheral nervous system and neuromuscular disorders	£295	Available soon
Unit 6:	Membranes, channels, epilepsy and paroxysmal disorders	£395	
Unit 7:	Cerebrovascular disease, trauma and coma	£295	
Unit 8:	Inflammation and infection of the nervous system	£295	
Unit 9:	Metabolic, Nutritional and Systemic Disease	£295	
Unit 10:	Vision, Hearing and their Disorders	£150	Available soon
Unit 11:	Oncology	£150	
Unit 12:	Psychological Development, Psychiatric Disorder, Communication, Learning Disability and Service Networks	£295	Available soon
		Total cost	£



www.bpna.org.uk/DL

PAYMENT METHOD

Cheque enclosed payable to 'BPNA'

Invoice my employer:

For the attention of: _____

Name of Organisation _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Purchase Order / Reference number: _____

Credit/Debit Card (your card details will be destroyed after it has been debited)

Cardholder's name: _____

Course registrant's name (if different): _____

Cardholder's address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Amount: _____ Card holder's signature: _____

~~~~~  
Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Card type: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start date/issue no: \_\_\_\_\_

Security number (last 3 digits on reverse of card): \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND BY POST OR FAX TO:**

BPNA Secretariat  
Bridge House  
Harrow Road  
Bolton  
BL1 4NH  
United Kingdom