Operating Department Practitioner (ODP) Careers in NHS Wales

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Band 8C/D/9

Career pathway continues on to Clinical Director, Assistant/Deputy/Executive Director of AHP and Health Science

Band 8A/B Manager/ Advanced Practitioner

- Surgical Care Practitioner (SCP) — Apply
- Anaesthesia Associate (AA) — Apply
- Advanced Critical Care Practitioner (ACP) — Apply
- Lead ODP — Apply
- Theatre Manager — Apply
- National Organ Retrieval Manager — Apply

Band 7 Advanced Practitioner

- Surgical Care Practitioner (SCP) — Apply
- Anaesthesia Associate (AA) — Apply
- Trainee Advanced Critical Care Practitioner (tACCP)* — Apply (*May be Annex 21)
- Transfusion Practitioner — Apply
- Advanced Practice ODP/ Advanced Clinical Practitioner — Apply
- Theatre Lead/Team Lead/Manager — Apply
- Resuscitation Manager — Apply
- National Organ Retrieval Lead — Apply

Qualifications:

- MSc Surgical Care Practice (£)
- MSc in Anaesthesia and Perioperative Science (£)
- PgCert/PgDip/MSc in Critical Care or equivalent (£)
- MSc in Advanced Practice or equivalence (£)
- MSc in healthcare management or equivalent

Routes:

- Trainee Surgical Care Practitioner (SCP) — Annex 21
- Trainee Anaesthesia Associate (AA) — Annex 21

Band 6 Specialist Practitioner

- Senior ODP (Anaesthetic, Recovery, Scrub)/ Specialist ODP (Preop assessment, Critical Care, Manometry, Endoscopy, Infection Control, Surgical First Assistant, etc.) — Apply
- Resuscitation Officer — Apply
- National Organ Retrieval Practitioner — Apply

Qualifications:

- PgCert/PgDip in Specialist area in Wales (£)
- Leadership and Management Qualification

Band 5 Registered Practitioner

- Registered ODP Practitioner — Apply
- Register with HCPC as Operating Department Practitioner
- BSc Operating Department Practice

Onward route to Nursing. ODP route in development

Band 4 Assistant/Associate Practitioner

- Assistant Practitioner — Apply

Qualifications:

- HECert in Healthcare Studies (£)
- Level 4 Diploma Perioperative Practice (Scrub Pathway) (£)
- Relevant Level 4 within role (£)

Band 3 Assistant

- Senior Theatre Assistant (Perioperative: Anaesthetic, Scrub, or Recovery) — Apply

Qualifications:

- Level 3 Diploma in Perioperative Support (£)

Band 2 Assistant

- Theatre Assistant — Apply

	Work-based learning route	Existing support worker route	BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice
Entry Qualifications	GCSEs/ Level 2 or equivalent	Prior experience in relevant support role	A-Levels BC/ Equivalent
Route Description	Work based learning route to theatre assistant roles. Minimal requirements for entry e.g. GCSEs or Level 2 Clinical Healthcare or equivalent	Those already in support worker roles interested in moving into theatre environment	Operating Department Practitioner Training Programme (full-time). Commissioned at 3 Universities in Wales.
Considerations	Earn as you learn	Theatre assistant practitioner	University degree route

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