

Dr Alice Manley

Junior Doctor Scholarship Winner

I was very honoured to be awarded the BSDS scholarship. This was a fabulous opportunity to attend a really fantastic course which I had heard so many positive things about. It was a really well organised day from start to finish. The mix of lectures and practical work was great, with an emphasis on the latter. The practical sessions were invaluable in consolidating skills and gaining confidence in performing surgical techniques. It was a great opportunity to practice on pig skin as it really helped simulate real life. The trainers were all exceptionally friendly and keen to offer hints and tips. This course has helped set me up for performing procedures in clinical practice and it has provided me with such a good grounding. I would honestly recommend this course to anybody who wants to develop their skills in a safe and understanding environment. Thank you to everybody who helped run it.

Laura Rowland

Nursing Scholarship Winner

I was so pleased to win the BSDS scholarship for the stitch up course. Bristol was a long journey there and back in one day but it was well worth it! Everyone was so friendly and I felt completely at ease as soon as I arrived. I thought the presentations were perfect for the content of practical sessions and gave me a good knowledge base for what I am doing going forward. At first in the practical sessions I felt really behind quite a lot of people and it took me a while to figure out some of the suturing techniques due to the amount of people on the course but the Dr's going around really explained things well and gave me the time I needed and I shouldn't have worried as by the afternoon practical sessions I felt so comfortable suturing!! I was able to spend the later end of the afternoon practicing what I needed to do rather than going on to the more advanced techniques so this was good the way I could best use the time so I could get out of the course what I needed. The booklet we received on the day has been so helpful in work and lunch was lovely too. Many thanks for the scholarship, my patients' are already complimenting my skills! My only criticism would be the sign posting of the building was not great, I called Bristol Uni after being sent to the other end of the road and they could not help me either, it was only due to a passer-by on the same course hearing me on the phone that led me to the correct place and a few other people struggled to find it. Other than that it was great.