

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEDICINE

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for Postgraduate Diploma in Special Operations Medicine (NFQ Level 9, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme, students should be able to:

- Describe the theoretical basis for Military Special Operations and outline the role of medical support in SOF operations;
- Outline common definitions, medical training requirements and standards of SOF medical capability within the NATO Alliance and provide guidance to promote the highest quality, evidence-based health care within SOF;
- Critically evaluate individual NATO nation SOF medical systems to determine if it presently delivers the required capabilities expected of that SOF unit;
- Objectively outline the strategic, operational, and clinical changes required to improve their individual nation's SOF medical system;
- Demonstrate competent command planning at the operational and strategic level in support of all aspects of SOF mission profiles;
- Demonstrate an understanding of how to create, maintain, train, and employ Special Operations Medical Teams for their nation's SOF, thereby saving lives and increasing interoperability within NATO;
- Describe how to implement evidence based educational theory and concepts into SOF medical education and training;
- Demonstrate the ability to critically review Special Operations Forces medical standards, training and operations through an analysis of past, present and future conflicts.