ADVANCED PHYSIOTHERAPY: NEUROPHYSIO THERAPY MSc
2017/18 ENTRY

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Advanced Physiotherapy: Neurophysiotherapy
MSc

This new programme integrates the clinical, academic and research components of neurophysiotherapy practice, with an emphasis on the management of patients with neurological disorders. The programme fosters understanding of evidence-based practice and encourages physiotherapists to develop as advanced practitioners. Students select from a wide range of modules according to their interest and complete at least one clinical placement.

Degree summary

This programme offers students the opportunity to extend their knowledge of the key practical and theoretical aspects of neurophysiotherapy, challenge the foundations of established but poorly justified treatments, develop and undertake clinical research and learn about new and emerging treatment options, enjoying the mentorship of recognised experts in neurophysiotherapy.

UCL is a world-leading university offering well-established and popular postgraduate physiotherapy programmes that are highly regarded both locally and internationally.

The neurophysiotherapy degree offers an extensive range of core and optional modules in specialist areas and lectures, tutorial and workshops are delivered by recognised experts in physiotherapy practice. We have close links to the UCL Institute of Neurology and the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery at Queen Square with its specialist physiotherapy department.

Our students come from all over the world. This cross-fertilisation of international experience and ideas generates a powerful and inspirational platform for postgraduate physiotherapy learning which, combined with the central London location, makes UCL an attractive choice for physiotherapy students.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials online learning and self-directed learning. Assessment is through written assignments, online assignments, oral presentations, multiple choice texts, literature review and research proposal, assessed coursework, unseen and prior disclosure written examinations, and the dissertation with an oral presentation.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: 2-5 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of five core modules (75 credits), three optional modules (45 credits) and a dissertation/report (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, full-time 12 months, flexible 2-5 years) is offered. Students take five core modules (75 credits) and three optional modules (45 credits).

A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits, full-time one year, flexible study up to two years) is offered. Students take four core modules (60 credits).

CORE MODULES
- Clinical Education in Physiotherapy*
- Evidence-informed Neurophysiotherapy Practice*
- Motor Control and Pathophysiology of Neurological Disorders*
- Physiotherapy Research and Dissemination*
- Research Methods & Statistics
- (*PG Cert students take the four core modules indicated above.)

OPTIONAL MODULES
- Skeletal Muscle and Associated Disease
- Peripheral Nerves and Associated Diseases
- Motor Neurons, Neuromuscular junctions and Associated Diseases
- Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Disease
- Neurorehabilitation
- Peripheral Nerve, Muscle and Special Senses
- Motor Systems and Disease
- Higher Functions of the Brain
- Epilepsy, Pain, Tumours and Infections of the Central Nervous System
- Paediatric Neurophysiotherapy
- Paediatric Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy
- Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Skills
- Muscle and Exercise Physiology in Health and Disease
- Respiration Through Life Health and Disease

DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000 words.
Your career
The programme will enable graduates to pursue a career in academia or research, or to use their postgraduate qualification to be successful in applying for more senior clinical or management positions within their career field. Recent physiotherapy graduates have pursued senior careers in healthcare policy, university lecturing, private practice, management or highly specialist clinical practice. Several past physiotherapy students have used the MSc successfully to gain funding for PhD studies.

Employability
This programme aims to transform the way students think about the theoretical foundation for neurophysiotherapy clinical practice and what defines expert patient care. The programme provides graduates with a rigorous, evidence-based training in best research and clinical practice, which will give them a natural advantage when applying for physiotherapy clinical, educational or research posts.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard in Physiotherapy; or an approved Diploma in Physiotherapy together with evidence of appropriate clinical and/or teaching experience and a commitment to continuing professional development. We expect students to have had at least two years post-qualification clinical experience and UK state-registration is preferred.

English language proficiency level

If your education has not been conducted in the English language, you will be expected to demonstrate evidence of an adequate level of English proficiency.

The level of English language proficiency for this programme is: Standard.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

Students are advised to apply as early as possible due to competition for places. Those applying for scholarship funding (particularly overseas applicants) should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

// why you want to study Advanced Physiotherapy: Neurophysiotherapy at graduate level
// why you want to study Advanced Physiotherapy: Neurophysiotherapy at UCL
// what particularly attracts you to this programme
// how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of a challenging academic environment
// where you would like to go professionally with your degree

Together with essential academic requirements, the personal statement is your opportunity to illustrate whether your reasons for applying to this programme match what the programme will deliver.

FEES AND FUNDING 2017/18 ENTRY

// UK: £10,710 (FT), £5,350 (PT)
// EU: £10,710 (FT), £5,350 (PT)
// Overseas: £25,130 (FT), £12,570 (PT)

The tuition fees shown are for the year indicated above. Fees for subsequent years may increase or otherwise vary. Further information on fee status, fee increases and the fee schedule can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master’s fee taken in an academic session.

Full details of funding opportunities can be found on the UCL Scholarships website: www.ucl.ac.uk/scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 8 September 2017

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

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