ADVANCED PHYSIOTHERAPY: PAEDIATRICS MSc
2017/18 ENTRY

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Advanced Physiotherapy: Paediatrics MSc

This postgraduate programme integrates the advanced clinical, theoretical, academic and research components of paediatric physiotherapy practice. The emphasis is on the management of paediatric patients with cardiorespiratory, neurological and musculoskeletal disorders. Flexibility in selection of modules allows for physiotherapists with particular interests to be accommodated.

Degree summary

This MSc offers physiotherapy students the opportunity to extend their understanding of key areas in this field, including challenging the foundations of established but poorly justified treatments, developing and undertaking clinical research and practice, learning about new and emerging treatment options, and enjoying the mentorship of recognised experts in paediatric physiotherapy.

UCL is a world class university and this well-established and popular postgraduate physiotherapy programme is very highly regarded both locally and internationally. Our close relationship with Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children means that much of our research and training is carried out on a joint basis. The excellent reputation of this programme is partly due to expert tuition with lectures, tutorials and workshops delivered by recognised experts in physiotherapy practice. All students will undertake one placement as a core module. MSc students may choose to undertake a second placement as an option module.

The programme is delivered through a combination of teaching and self-directed learning, and includes up to six weeks of clinical placements. Assessment is through clinical assessments, written assignments, oral presentations, multiple choice tests, submission of the 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 six core modules (90 credits) two optional modules from twelve choices (30 credits) and the research dissertation (60 credits).
A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, full-time 12 months, flexible 2-5 years) is offered.
A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits, part-time 12 months) is offered. Students take 60 credits of core modules.

CORE MODULES
- Physiotherapy Research & Dissemination
- Paediatric Neuro Physiotherapy
- Paediatric Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy
- Paediatric Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy
- Clinical Education in Advanced Physiotherapy Part I
- Research Methods and Statistics
- Paediatric and Adolescent Sports and Performance Injury Prevention and Management

OPTIONAL MODULES
- Clinical Education in Advanced Physiotherapy Part II
- Children in Difficult Circumstances
- Disability & Development
- Child Development: Inclusive Approaches in Global Contexts
- Leadership & Professional Development
- Clinical Knowledge & Decision Making
- Information Law & Governance in Clinical Practice
- Patient Safety & Clinical Risk
- Muscle and Exercise Physiology in Health and Disease
- Respiration through Life, Health and Disease
- Paediatric and Adolescent Sports and Performance, Injury Prevention and Management
- Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy Skills

DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a substantial report and an oral examination.
Your career

The programme enables graduates to pursue a career in academia, research or clinical practice, or to use their postgraduate qualification to be successful in applying for more senior positions within their specialist clinical career field.

Employability

The programme aims to transform the way students think about expert patient care, and the theoretical foundation for paediatric physiotherapy clinical practice. The programme provides a rigorous, evidence-based training in best research and clinical practice. This gives graduates a competitive 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 2 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: Paediatrics at graduate level
- why you want to study Advanced Physiotherapy: Paediatrics at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this challenging programme
- 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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