The internationally renowned Dental Public Health MSc at UCL offers a challenging and innovative programme of study. Based in the Department of Epidemiology & Public Health, a particular strength of the programme is the focus on exploring the application of public health philosophy to dental public health issues.

Degree summary

Students develop a broad understanding of the philosophy of dental public health, and in particular the underlying social, economic and political determinants of health. They are able to describe and apply the key principles of the Primary Health Care Approach, and demonstrate an up-to-date knowledge of current concepts and theories.

UCL is one of the world’s pioneering universities with a reputation for high-quality research. Located in the heart of London it is a stimulating and exciting environment in which to study.

UCL Epidemiology & Public Health is a friendly, thriving multidisciplinary department. Staff, specialising in biology, dentistry, economics, epidemiology, medicine, psychology, public health, statistics and sociology, aim to develop a better understanding of health and prevention of ill health through vigorous research at a global, national and local level. This knowledge is applied via teaching and contributions to national and international health policy and the wider public understanding of health.

The programme is designed to encourage maximum student participation and involvement, and is based upon small group teaching seminars, where a questioning approach is actively encouraged, enabling students to challenge the basis for current dental policy and practice. Assessment is through internal assignments, examination, oral presentation and the research dissertation.

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 eight core modules (120 credits) and a project report (60 credits).

**CORE MODULES**
- Philosophy and Principles of Dental Public Health
- Oral Epidemiology
- Basic Statistics for Medical Sciences
- Principles and Practice of Oral Health Promotion
- Research Methods in Dental Public Health
- Regression Modelling
- Evidence Based Dental Practice
- Planning for Better Oral Health

**OPTIONAL MODULES**
- There are no optional modules for this programme.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**
- All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a report of no more than 12,000 words.
Your career

Many former students have become chief dental officers, dental public health academics and planners in their own countries.

Recent career destinations* include:

- Dentist, NHS (National Health Service)
- Deputy of Brazilian Air Force Dental Health System, For a A rea Brasileira (Brazilian Air Force)
- MPhil/PhD in Epidemiology and Health Care, UCL
- Dentist, Ministry of Health.
- Research Associate, Public Health Foundation of India

Employability

Many of our completing students go on to work within governing bodies, healthcare institutions and local dentist practices. A large number also go on to academic careers and commence research degrees within their specified areas of interest at various higher education institutes around the world.

Within the UK, several of our past students are now lecturers in dental public health, while others are consultants in dental public health working at Public Health England.

* Careers data is taken from the ‘Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education’ survey undertaken by HESA looking at the destinations of UK and EU students in the 2013-2015 graduating cohorts six months after graduation.
Entry requirements

All applicants must normally hold an approved dental or medical qualification. Applicants must be confident using computers and show evidence of numeracy (e.g. GCSE Mathematics or Statistics).

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 Dental Public Health at graduate level
// why you want to study Dental Public Health at UCL
// how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this 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.

Application fee: There is an application processing fee for this programme of £75 for online applications and £100 for paper applications. More details about the application fee can be found at www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application.

FEES AND FUNDING 2018/19 ENTRY

// UK: £9,570 (FT), £4,785 (PT)
// EU: £9,570 (FT), £4,785 (PT)
// Overseas: £24,420 (FT), £12,150 (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.

Aubrey Sheiham Scholarship £2,500 payable towards fees for one full-time MSc Dental Public Health applicant holding an unconditional offer for 2018/19 entry.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 27 July 2018

Details on how to apply are available on the website at:

www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply

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EU referendum

For up-to-date information relating to specific key questions following the UK’s decision to leave the EU, please refer to www.ucl.ac.uk/eu-referendum