HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTION CONTROL MSc / 2016/17 ENTRY

www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/
The Healthcare Associated Infection Control MSc is a new, distance learning modular programme, designed to provide systematic training in the increasingly important area of the control and prevention of healthcare associated infections.

Degree summary

The programme provides a firm theoretical and practical foundation to infection control practice. This includes strategies for infection control isolation precautions; healthcare workers and related issues; organisation, roles, responsibilities and resource implications of effective infection control; developing management and communication skills; information technology and infection control.

The programme is administered by the Division of Infection & Immunity, and we have collaborative research links within UCL and with institutions throughout the world. Teaching is provided by members of the Research Department of Infection (clinical & academic), Public Health England, Eastman Dental Institute, Hospital Infection Society and Health Protection Agency, together with invited guest speakers and external supervisors.

This interactive programme is taught using UCL’s virtual learning environment, which provides structured video teaching, an informal virtual discussion forum, a private email link to your personal tutor, a virtual library with links to UCL’s wide range of online journals and databases, and detailed personal feedback.

The programme is taught through week-long courses and the Internet. Though the majority of the programme is delivered via distance learning, support is offered through a supervisory structure of local and UCL-based tutors. Practical modules cover elements across the spectrum of the syllabus and offer the opportunity to meet other students and teachers on the programme.

Degree structure

Mode: Flexible: Flexible: 2-5 years

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme consists of five core modules (75 credits), three optional modules (45 credits) and an independent research project (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, four core modules and four optional modules, flexible study 2-5 years).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CORE MODULES</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Foundation Course</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Healthcare Associated Infection Prevention, Control and Organisational Aspects</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Decontamination Aspects (including Sterilisation, Disinfection, Cleaning and Engineering)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>OPTIONS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Health Economics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legal and Regulatory Aspects</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laboratory Introduction to Basic Bacteriology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Basic Epidemiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surveillance &amp; Epidemiology: Systems, Data Analysis &amp; Statistics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>And other appropriate modules from UCL’s distance learning programmes, as agreed with Programme Director.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>DISSERTATION/REPORT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of approximately 10,000 words.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Your career

It is anticipated that the specialist skills graduates acquire through the programme will enhance future career prospects.

Employability

On completion of the programme we anticipate that you will be able to:

- Access, understand and apply published research evidence as applied to the practice of infection prevention and control
- Develop, evaluate and maintain best practice within the field of infection prevention and control
- Develop the necessary skills to continue your own professional development
Entry requirements

Applicants must hold a minimum of a second-class UK Bachelor’s degree in biomedical or life sciences or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. In addition, applicants must have an active professional involvement in the control of hospital infections. It is a prerequisite of the programme that all students have regular access to a personal computer and the Internet and have acquired basic skills in their use.

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 Healthcare Associated Infection Control at graduate level
// why you want to study Healthcare Associated Infection Control 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 2016/17 ENTRY

// UK: £9,020 (FT)
// EU: £9,020 (FT)
// Overseas: £12,840 (FT)

Fees for flexible, modular study are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master’s fee taken in an academic session. The tuition fee schedule for 2016/17 entry can be viewed on the UCL Current Students website.

Medical Research Council Studentships may be available for this programme.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 29 July 2016

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

CONTACT

Programme Administrator

Email: ii.infection-immunityadmin@ucl.ac.uk

EU referendum