Medical Education MSc

Designed by the Royal College of Physicians and UCL to meet the requirements of doctors who are intending to have a significant role in medical education, these programmes are taken sequentially starting with the Postgraduate Certificate in year one, the Postgraduate Diploma in year two, and finally the Master's in year three.

Degree summary

Participants develop the ability to: adopt a learner-centred teaching approach, structure teaching, and set objectives that enhance their students’ learning; apply educational theory and research to their own teaching practice; recognise how assessment theory should inform practice in assessment of medical competence; and appraise both medical trainees and peers.

UCL Medical School co-ordinates developments in medical teaching and education and addresses curriculum development, academic standards, the assessment process, clinical and generic skills acquisition and research in medical education.

Our programmes, taught with the Royal College of Physicians, enable participants to gain greater knowledge of teaching and learning processes, develop practical skills and techniques, and gain a deeper understanding of the evidence and theory underpinning current thinking in medical education.

Students benefit from the Jerwood Resource Centre, a world-class medical education library. Collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians attracts teaching input from experts from across the UK.

The programmes are part-time, requiring onsite attendance only during the contact days of teaching sessions and tutorials, which include workshop style discussion and practical application ‘simulation’ sessions. Assessment is through evaluative reports, investigative study proposal and report, a viva during the final stage and the dissertation.

UCL regulations require attendance for 70% or more of the module’s face-to-face teaching before a student is eligible to submit the assessment for that module.

Degree structure

Mode: Flexible: up to 5 years
Location: London, Regent’s Park (Royal College of Physicians)

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The MSc programme consists of eight core modules (120 credits), and a research project (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma comprising eight core modules (120 credits, part-time two years) is offered.

A Postgraduate Certificate comprising four core modules (60 credits, part-time one year) is offered.

Degree structure

CORE MODULES
- Teaching and Learning in Medicine I
- Teaching and Learning in Medicine II
- Assessment in Medical Education
- Educational Supervision and Clinical Teaching
- Advanced Teaching Skills
- Research Methods in Medical Education
- Course and Curriculum Design in Medical Education
- Advanced Clinical Education

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

DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All MSc students undertake an individual research project which culminates in a dissertation of 15,000 - 20,000 words.
Your career

Whilst many clinical practitioners will continue to practise as doctors, this award carries with it the opportunity to develop a formal role in either undergraduate or postgraduate education. This programme has helped our graduates obtain high-quality posts as NHS consultants or academics in a university setting.

Recent career destinations* include:

- Consultant Gastroenterologist, The Great Western Hospital (NHS)
- Medical Consultant, Addenbrooke’s Hospital (NHS)

* 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

Entry to the Postgraduate Certificate of the MSc in Medical Education requires a primary medical qualification. Eligibility for the Postgraduate Diploma requires successful completion of the RCP/UCL Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education. Eligibility for Master’s level is dependent on successful completion of the RCP/UCL Postgraduate Diploma.

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: Good level. If your existing score is below this, please consider retaking the exam, as applicants with lower scores will not be accepted on the programme.

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.

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. Because the programme is usually oversubscribed, we use your personal statement as a method of ranking applicants. This ranking takes into consideration:

- your current and prior involvement in education and training (with recognition for applicants who teach over and above the usual requirement)
- evidence of interest in medical education (with recognition for applicants who have undergone prior training in medical education, or have published in the area)
- your ability to write to an academic standard in English (with penalties for multiple grammatical and spelling errors).

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: £12,150 (FT)
EU: £12,150 (FT)
Overseas: £28,370 (FT)

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: 15 May 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

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