Paediatrics and Child Health: Community Child Health MSc

This comprehensive programme is intended for professionals specialising in paediatrics and child health and is based at the Institute of Child Health, which occupies a unique position in UK paediatrics because of its strong links to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children and UCL.

Degree summary

The Community Child Health pathway aims to help participants develop the public health skills central to community child health practice. You will build an awareness of current and future developments in community child health and gain the skills necessary to critically appraise practice and policy, and undertake independent research if the full MSc is taken.

The Institute of Child Health pursues an integrated, multidisciplinary approach to enhance understanding, diagnosis, therapy and prevention of childhood diseases. Our research and our educational portfolio covers a broad range of paediatric issues, from molecular genetics to population health sciences, and our structure facilitates interdisciplinary work and allows flexibility for the development of new areas of investigation.

Our close relationship with the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children means that much of our research and teaching is carried out on a joint basis. Students benefit from excellent facilities in both laboratory and non-laboratory subjects.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials and research project supervision. Assessment is through a combination of multiple choice questions and short-answer question examinations, essays, posters, presentations, reflective portfolios, critical appraisal of literature and, if the full MSc is taken, the dissertation, including an oral presentation.

Degree structure

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

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

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, full-time 9 months, flexible 2-5 years) is offered. The programme consists of three core modules (45 credits) and five optional modules (75 credits).

A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits, part-time 1 year, flexible 1-2 years) is offered. The programme consists of three core modules (45 credits) and one optional module (15 credits).

CORE MODULES
- Evidence-based Child Health
- Research Methodology and Statistics
- Epidemiology for Child Health

OPTIONAL MODULES INCLUDE
- Leadership and Professional Development
- Molecular and Genetic Basis of Paediatrics
- Specialist Paediatrics I
- Specialist Paediatrics II
- Teaching and Learning in Medical Education
- Immunisation and Communicable Diseases
- Healthy Child Programme 0-18 years
- Disability
- Safeguarding Children and Children in Society
- Nutrition, Growth and Physical Activity
- Respiration through Life, Health and Disease
- Principles and Practice in Paediatric Gastroenterology
- Investigations and Management in Paediatric Gastroenterology

DISSERTATION/REPORT
- All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000 words.
Your career

This pathway provides the skills necessary to become a community health practitioner. Graduates will be able to assess the need for child health services and planning of services, and understand the rationale and organisation of preventive child health services and the relationship between social conditions and health.

Employability

Students on this pathway will have learnt valuable academic and clinical skills in community practice and will be able to use these in their everyday working environment. Graduates based in the UK continue in their career pathway in community child health.
Entry requirements

Medically qualified applicants should have post-qualification experience in paediatrics or child health. Non-medically qualified applicants should normally have a minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, and several years’ specialist experience of working in hospitals, community child health or public health services for children and families.

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.

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 Paediatrics and Child Health: Community Child Health at graduate level
// why you want to study Paediatrics and Child Health: Community Child Health 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: £9,560 (FT)
- EU: £9,560 (FT)
- Overseas: £23,710 (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.

The Michelle Zalkin Scholarship offers exceptional students, with a proven career interest in Child Protection, the chance to study for a Master's in Paediatrics and Child Health. More information can be found on the programme website.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 1 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

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