This higher degree is aimed at clinical professionals from all backgrounds involved in the delivery of acute, chronic, and integrated pain services in primary or secondary care. Combining cutting-edge research with an international reputation for clinical excellence, the UCL Pain Management MSc is ideal for anyone wanting to improve the lives of people living with pain while also accelerating their own career.

**Degree summary**

Students will learn: Research methods and ethical principles underpinning pain research 
Health economics and social impact of pain 
Clinical governance of pain services 
Pathophysiology of pain and therapeutics 
Managing pain in cancer patients including post-chemotherapy pain 
Management of headache and abdominopelvic/urogenital pain 
Managing pain in children and adolescents 
Strategies for the self-management of pain 
Neuromodulation for chronic pain 
Management of headache 
Pharmacology of pain and therapeutics 
Managing pain in cancer patients 
Clinical governance of pain services 
Pathophysiology of pain 
Delivering world-class research output. Graduates can expect to be academically confident and ideally placed to pursue doctoral (PhD) level study with UCL upon completion.

This programme is delivered via a specially-designed online learning environment with additional workshops and discussions to support students on the journey towards making a real difference for people living with pain. Assessment is based on reflective practice, video presentation, and written assignments. Clinical placement is not a required component of the programme. However, for students wishing to see practice in the UK or specialist pain management practice at UCLH, short clinical placements can be arranged. The Pain Management Centre at UCLH is busy and accommodates a large number of students and specialist trainees. Therefore, please consider your goals for any placement in advance.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: 3-5 years

Location: Distance learning programme

This programme designed to be undertaken part-time over 2 years alongside students’ normal clinical work. Candidates wishing to study flexibly over 3-5 years should explain this upon application.

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

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, eight core modules) is offered.

A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits, four core modules) is offered.

**CORE MODULES**

- Introduction to Pain: Economics, Evidence Delivery (15 credits)
- Acute Pain (15 credits)
- Chronic Pain (15 credits)
- Pain in Cancer Patients (15 credits)
- Headache, Paediatric Pain & Abdominopelvic Pain (15 credits)
- Strategies for the Self-Management of Pain (15 credits)
- Neuromodulation (15 credits)
- Pain in the Community (15 credits)

**OPTIONAL MODULES**

- There are no optional modules for this programme.

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

- Successful completion of the MSc requires a 5,000 to 8,000-word dissertation on a topic that is relevant to the candidate's own clinical practice and has been covered, at least superficially, at some point in the programme. The options for the dissertation will be discussed with each student but can include, where possible, joining clinical research at the UCLH Pain Management Centre, study in-depth of topics, preparing for higher (doctoral) research, etc. Students will have two supervisors and a mentor.
Your career

This programme is the ideal solution for:

// Nurses and allied health professionals wishing to pursue senior (Band 7+) roles in the NHS
// General practitioners involved in the delivery of chronic pain services
// Junior doctors wishing to develop and demonstrate clinical interest in pain management and/or the pain component of training in anaesthesia
// International doctors wishing to develop their expertise in pain management
// Osteopaths and chiropractors with an interest in pain management.

Employability

Combining academic excellence with UCL’s reputation as London’s global university and our strong links to industry, the prospects for graduates of this programme are excellent. Whether you wish to continue with patient care in the NHS or private sector, pursue doctoral research, or work in industry and innovation, this programme will equips students not only with the knowledge and skills but also the networking links and opportunities to take their career to the next level.
**Entry requirements**

A minimum of a second-class UK Bachelor’s degree or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Applicants should also be registered/licensed healthcare professionals with a demonstrable interest in pain management.

**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](http://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.

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](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught/application).

**FEES AND FUNDING 2018/19 ENTRY**

- **UK**: £13,060 (FT), £N/A (PT)
- **EU**: £13,060 (FT), £N/A (PT)
- **Overseas**: £24,420 (FT), £N/A (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.

Please note that this programme is available on a flexible (modular) basis only so fees are charged pro-rata to the appropriate full-time Master’s fee taken in an academic session. Please see the UCL Division of Surgery and Interventional Science website for more details.

For a comprehensive list of funding opportunities available at UCL visit the Scholarships and Funding website.

In addition to the funding options available from UCL Scholarships and Funding, a small number of bursaries are available to reduce the programme fees by up to £4,000. Candidates interested in applying for a bursary should indicate this in their application. Applicants will then be asked for further information if their application is successful.

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

All applicants: 27 July 2018

Details on how to apply are available on the website at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/apply)

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**EU referendum**

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