ADVANCED PHYSIOTHERAPY: NEUROPHYSIOTHERAPY MSc
2019/20 ENTRY

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Advanced Physiotherapy: Neurophysiotherapy MSc /

This programme integrates the clinical, academic and research components of neurophysiotherapy practice, with an emphasis on the management of patients with neurological disorders. You will develop an understanding of evidence-based practice and develop as an advanced physiotherapy practitioner. You will be able to select from a wide range of modules according to your interest and complete at least one clinical placement.

Degree summary

This programme offers you the opportunity to extend your knowledge of the key practical and theoretical aspects of neurophysiotherapy. You will challenge the foundations of established but poorly justified treatments, develop and undertake clinical research and learn about new and emerging treatment options. You will also benefit from the mentorship of recognised experts in neurophysiotherapy.

UCL is a world-leading university offering well-established and popular postgraduate physiotherapy programmes that are highly regarded both locally and internationally.

The neurophysiotherapy degree offers an extensive range of compulsory and optional modules in specialist areas. Lectures, tutorial and workshops are delivered by recognised experts in physiotherapy practice. We have close links to the UCL Institute of Neurology and the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery at Queen Square with its specialist physiotherapy department.

Our students come from all over the world. This cross-fertilisation of international experience and ideas generates a powerful and inspirational platform for postgraduate physiotherapy learning which, combined with the central London location, makes UCL an attractive choice for physiotherapy students.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, tutorials online learning and self-directed learning. Assessment is through written assignments, online assignments, oral presentations, multiple choice texts, literature review and research proposal, assessed coursework, unseen and prior disclosure written examinations, and the dissertation with an oral presentation.

Degree structure

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

Modules run over five to six consecutive working days. Full-time students generally take four modules per term. Part-time and modular/flexible students take one to three modules per term.

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

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits, full-time 12 months, flexible 2-5 years) is offered. Students take five core modules (75 credits) and three optional modules (45 credits).

A Postgraduate Certificate (60 credits, full-time one year, flexible study up to two years) is offered. Students take four core modules (60 credits).

Please note that the list of modules given here is indicative. This information is published a long time in advance of enrolment and module content and availability is subject to change.

## COMPULSORY MODULES

- Clinical Education in Physiotherapy - Part 1*
- Neurophysiotherapy: Evidence for Rehabilitation and Practice*
- Motor Control in Life, Health and Disease*
- Physiotherapy Research and Dissemination*
- Research Methods & Statistics
- (*PG Cert students take the four core modules indicated above.)
- Research project

## OPTIONAL MODULES

- Neurorehabilitation
- Motor Systems and Disease
- Higher Functions of the Brain
- Paediatric Neurophysiotherapy
- Paediatric Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy
- Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy Skills
- Clinical Exercise and Physical Activity
- Respiration Through Life Health and Disease
- Leadership and Professional Development
- Disability and Development
- Clinical Education in Advanced Physiotherapy - Part 2

## DISSERTATION/REPORT

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

There is a compulsory three week placement (105 hours of contact time). There is an optional second placement. These placements are part of the Clinical Education in Advanced Physiotherapy modules.
Your career

The programme will provide you with the skills and knowledge for a career in academia or research, or a more senior clinical or management position within your chosen career field. Recent physiotherapy graduates have pursued senior careers in healthcare policy, university lecturing, private practice, management or highly specialist clinical practice. Several past physiotherapy students have used the MSc successfully to gain funding for PhD studies.

Employability

This programme aims to transform the way you think about the theoretical foundation for neurophysiotherapy clinical practice and what defines expert patient care. The programme provides you with a rigorous, evidence-based training in best research and clinical practice, suitable for clinical, educational or research posts in physiotherap.
Entry requirements

Normally a minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard in Physiotherapy; or an approved Diploma in Physiotherapy together with evidence of appropriate clinical and/or teaching experience and a commitment to continuing professional development. We expect students to have had at least two years post-qualification clinical experience and UK state-registration is preferred.

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 Advanced Physiotherapy: Neurophysiotherapy at graduate level
- why you want to study Advanced Physiotherapy: Neurophysiotherapy at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your personal, academic and professional background meets the demands of a challenging academic environment
- 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.

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

FEES AND FUNDING 2019/20 ENTRY

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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 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: 26 July 2019

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

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EU referendum

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