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CLINICAL OPHTHALMIC PRACTICE PG Cert / 2019/20 ENTRY
This is the first blended learning postgraduate programme in the UK to be designed for nurses and allied health professionals working in ophthalmology. Developed by two global centres of expertise, Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and UCL, this collaboration ensures that students have access to experts in their fields.

Degree summary

The emphasis of the programme will be on relating empirical knowledge to clinical practice and care, whilst developing more analytical and research-based skills. The inclusion of a work-based module, relating clinical care to practice, ensures that the knowledge base is related to experience of clinical conditions in the workplace and you will be able to deliver first-class patient care.

This programme aims to bridge the gap between theory and practical skills for those working in ophthalmic practice. It provides an opportunity for nurses and professionals allied to medicine, who are working in ophthalmic care, to enhance their understanding of the knowledge base and empirical research that underpins clinical conditions and develop practical skills within their own clinical area.

This course will allow you to develop an in-depth understanding of the field of ophthalmic practice which is tailored to the area of practice that you are working in. Completing this programme you will develop an in-depth knowledge of the causes of pathological eye conditions from a physiological perspective and how that links to assessment, diagnosis and therapies in their clinical practice. Additionally, you will develop critical thinking with regard to research studies in this area and acquire an understanding of the various methodologies, governance and ethical considerations related to clinical research.

You will acquire the underpinning knowledge related to pathological ophthalmic conditions, develop core generic assessment and diagnosis skills and advanced skills in their speciality. In addition, you will also develop analytic skills which will enable you to adopt a more evidence based practice and consequently improve their clinical care and the patient experience. Students will have access to the foremost ophthalmic library in Europe, both in person and remotely. There will be networking opportunities for online group discussions and web-based discussion forums around the modules being taken.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, discussion forums and online learning. Personal tutors will support your learning. Assessment is through both formative and summative assessment via coursework, workbooks, online multiple choice questions, short answer papers and a final viva examination.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years
Location: London, Old Street
Students undertake modules to the value of 60 credits. The programme consists of four compulsory modules (15 credits each) delivered predominantly via distance learning, with seven attendance study days.

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

- Anatomy and Physiology
- Research and Statistics
- Ophthalmic Clinical Case Studies
- Clinical Care in Practice Work-Based Portfolio

OPTIONAL MODULES

- There are no optional modules for this programme.
Your career
Students will be able to apply for positions in ophthalmology and will be eligible for further postgraduate study at UCL.

Employability
As a graduate of this programme you will have enhanced your employment prospects with employers both in the UK and overseas, as you will have broadened your ophthalmic knowledge and skills and have a foundation in research. These skills will be transferable within all areas of ophthalmic practice.
Entry requirements

A minimum of a second-class Bachelor’s degree in a relevant discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard. Candidates will need to have a professional healthcare qualification (in nursing or an allied healthcare profession). Students are also required to have at least one year’s ophthalmic experience and to be currently working in the field of ophthalmology.

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 should take note of application deadlines.

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study Clinical Ophthalmic Practice at graduate level
- why you want to study Clinical Ophthalmic Practice at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your personal, 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 2019/20 ENTRY

// UK: £3,650 (FT), £1,740 (PT)
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// Overseas: £8,350 (FT), £4,170 (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 Students website.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All applicants: 30 August 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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