CLINICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION MSc / 2019/20 ENTRY

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Clinical and Public Health Nutrition MSc /

This MSc focuses on the problems of over- and under-nutrition, which apply to most developed nations as well as those undergoing rapid transformation. The programme offers specialised training in the clinical and scientific basis of malnutrition and obesity, and therapeutic approaches to correcting this in the hospital, community and educational setting.

Degree summary

The programme focuses on periods of the lifecycle when nutrition is particularly important; these include: acute illness, trauma, surgery or malignancy; and chronic conditions in which disease, nutrition and treatment interact. The aetiology, pathophysiology and epidemiology of obesity will be explored alongside all approaches currently being used in its treatment.

UCL delivers a high proportion of nutrition teaching to medical undergraduates because many UCL staff engage in research with a nutritional dimension.

As part of the internationally renowned UCL Division of Medicine (supported by the Institute of Liver and Digestive Health), we link with clinical services at University College London Hospitals (UCLH) and the Royal Free Hospital. Students benefit from the expertise of the many clinicians and scientists who teach on this MSc.

UCL has a rich and varied research environment. Students can choose projects, which will develop research skills in clinical and public health settings with supervisors from across UCL, the London community or elsewhere.

The programme is delivered through a combination of seminars, lectures, laboratory work, site visits and practicals. Assessment is through examination, presentations, essays, practical reports and the dissertation.

Accreditation

This MSc is registered with the Association for Nutrition, a professional body that holds the UK Voluntary Register of Nutritionists (UKVRN), a competency-based register of nutritionists. Graduates of this programme will be eligible to apply for direct entry to the UKVRN as Registered Associate Nutritionists.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 1 year
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Teaching takes place all day (9-6pm) on Wednesday & Fridays. Other commitments, including your research project and opportunities to observe clinics at UCLH, take place outside of teaching hours.

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) comprising all taught modules is offered.

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

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

- Fundamentals of Nutrition and Metabolism
- Disease-related Malnutrition
- Experimental Design and Research Methods
- Practical Nutritional Assessment
- Therapeutic Aspects of Clinical Nutrition
- Nutrition and Public Health
- Malnutrition in the Community
- Disease and Disordered Eating

OPTIONAL MODULES

There are no optional modules for this programme.

DISSERTATION/REPORT

All MSc students undertake an independent research project which culminates in a dissertation of 10,000-15,000 words.

Students are offered the opportunity to observe related clinics at University College London Hospital. These take place on non-teaching days, ie Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, in term 2.
Your career

This MSc is particularly suitable for candidates who wish to pursue a lifelong career in the field of cutting-edge translational research and the practice of nutrition therapy in the health services of the UK and other countries, or in the clinical nutrition industry. This programme will provide an ideal foundation for graduates who wish subsequently to undertake a PhD within UCL or elsewhere.

Whilst this MSc does not lead to registration to practice as a dietitian, it provides a firm foundation for an application (via the indirect route) for registration with the Association for Nutrition, a professional body that holds the UK Voluntary Register of Nutritionists (UKVRN), a competency-based register of nutritionists.

Employability

This programme runs within the School of Life and Medical Sciences, one of the largest and most prestigious aggregations of academics in its field, with a global reputation for teaching informed by cutting-edge research. Our close links with major hospitals and public health organisations allows students to perform significant nutrition projects. Some use the MSc to improve their medical/clinical knowledge-base, or to gain entry to Dietetics courses; one in eight will continue with PhD studies; several are working in the voluntary sector or in industry; one is a leading public health clinician, several teach and research in home universities.
Entry requirements

A minimum of an upper second-class Bachelor's degree in a biological science, medical or healthcare discipline from a UK university or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard.

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 Clinical and Public Health Nutrition at graduate level
- why you want to study Clinical and Public Health Nutrition at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this programme
- how this MSc will help you develop professionally

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

// UK: £13,450 (FT)
// EU: £13,450 (FT)
// Overseas: £25,610 (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 Students website.

Bursaries are not applicable to the MSc Clinical and Public Health Nutrition, MSc Eating Disorders and Clinical Nutrition or MSc Drug Design.

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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