EVIDENCE-BASED HEALTHCARE MSc / 2019/20 ENTRY

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The Evidence Based Healthcare MSc is designed to facilitate optimal patient care. Students create and compile the best available evidence for individual aspects of patient care, and on completion of the programme will independently be able to carry out systematic reviews to determine best practice.

**Degree summary**

Delivered entirely online, students develop the ability to understand the different types of study designs, locate healthcare information and determine its importance, detect and quantify errors in research, systematically review interventions through identification and analysis of all prior research, analyse the reliability of diagnostic tests and disease prognosis, and understand the basic principles of cost-effectiveness analysis.

This programme is delivered online and contains plenty of practical examples. The written material is supplemented by videos and live online discussions where students will be able to participate interactively. Assessments are open book timed online exams covering different aspects of evidence-based healthcare. At the end of this programme students will be able to write systematic reviews, analyse the reliability of diagnostic tests and disease prognosis, and understand the basic principles of cost-effectiveness analysis.

The programme is delivered through a combination of online lectures, seminars, class discussions, workshops, tutorials, and practical tasks. Assessment is through open book timed online exams and the research project.

**Degree structure**

Mode: Full-time: 1 year; Part-time: 2 years; Flexible: up to 5 years

Location: London, Hampstead (Royal Free Hospital)

Students undertake modules to the value of 180 credits. The programme comprises four core modules (60 credits), four optional modules (60 credits) and a research dissertation (60 credits).

A Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits comprising four core and four optional modules) is offered.

A PG Cert is available in Flexible/Modular mode only, and for a maximum duration of two years. This programme is 60 credits in total (three core modules and one optional module).

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**

- Evaluating the Quality of Evidence-Based Healthcare*
- Introduction to Evidence-Based Healthcare*
- Performing Systematic Reviews of Interventions (Part 1)*
- Performing Systematic Reviews of Interventions (Part 2) satisfactory completion of part 1 is a pre-requisite

*PG Cert students take modules indicated above as core and in addition choose one of the optional modules below.

**OPTIONAL MODULES INCLUDE**

- Application of Evidence in Clinical Practice
- Evidence Based Pre-Clinical Research
- Research Methodology (Part 1)
- Performing Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Accuracy Studies
- Randomised Controlled Trials: Design & Conduct

**DISSERTATION/REPORT**

All MSc students undertake an independent research project, in the form of a systematic review or a cost-effectiveness analysis, which culminates in a substantial dissertation and oral presentation.
Your career

This MSc is ideally suited for medical staff and students, nurses, nurse specialists and physiotherapists and healthcare professionals who want to practice evidence-based healthcare and contribute to local, national, or international guidelines.
Entry requirements

A medical degree (MBBS) or second-class UK Bachelor’s degree in a healthcare related subject such as nursing, physiotherapy or clinical biochemistry, 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. IELTS minimum of 6.5 overall and 6.0 in each sub-category.

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 Evidence-Based Healthcare at graduate level
- why you want to study Evidence-Based Healthcare at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to this programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this 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.

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: £14,040 (FT), £6,960 (PT)
// EU: £14,040 (FT), £6,960 (PT)
// Overseas: £27,470 (FT), £13,750 (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.

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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