Paediatrics and Child Health with Clinical Practice MSc

This new Master’s degree provides you with an in-depth knowledge of the theory and practical skills of clinical paediatrics, including pathology, diagnosis and management. The programme combines lectures and seminars at the UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health in year one with direct exposure to clinical practice in Great Ormond Street Hospital in year two.

Degree summary

The programme will include disease pathology, the assessment of patients and the different therapies available, as well as their limitations and side effects. You will have the unique opportunity to directly observe the implementation of clinical knowledge in the diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of paediatric disease.

The UCL Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health pursues an integrated, multidisciplinary approach to enhance understanding, diagnosis, therapy and prevention of childhood diseases. Our research and educational portfolio covers a broad range of paediatric issues, from molecular genetics to population health sciences, and our structure facilitates interdisciplinary work and allows flexibility for the development of new areas of investigation.

Our close relationship with the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children means that much of our research and teaching is carried out on a joint basis. You will benefit from excellent facilities in both laboratory and non-laboratory subjects.

The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops and clinical practice observation. Assessment is through unseen written examinations, essays, research posters, assessed seminars, reflective diaries, and simulated clinical scenarios.

Degree structure

Mode: Full-time: 2 years
Location: London, Bloomsbury

Students undertake modules to the value of 360 credits. The programme consists of eight compulsory modules (180 credits), four optional modules (60 credits), a dissertation report (60 credits) and a case-based portfolio (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

- Evidence-based Child Health
- Research Methodology and Statistics
- Specialist Paediatrics I (Acute)
- Specialist Paediatrics II (Chronic)
- Clinical Practice: Acute Paediatrics*
- Clinical Practice: Chronic Paediatric Conditions*
- Clinical Practice: Health Service Structure and Specialised Services*
- Clinical Practice: Process Mapping via the Patient Journey*

*All Clinical Practice core modules are taken in year two

OPTIONAL MODULES

- Students choose four from the following in year one:
  - Clinical Genomics and Rare Diseases
  - Epidemiology for Child Health
  - Healthy Child Programme 0-18 years
  - Immunisation and Communicable Diseases
  - Leadership and Professional Development
  - Nutrition, Growth and Physical Activity
  - Respiration through Life, Health and Disease
  - Safeguarding in Children and Children in Society

DISSERTATION/REPORT

- All students undertake an independent research project in their first year culminating in a dissertation of 10,000 words. In the second year, students complete a case-based portfolio.
Your career

The programme provides an ideal foundation for further doctoral research in this field and/or a career in research and evidence-based practice in paediatrics.

Employability

You will learn practical academic and clinical skills in acute and chronic paediatric practice and will gain the ability to apply these in your working environment.
Entry requirements

Medically qualified applicants should have post-qualification experience in paediatrics or child health. Non-medically qualified applicants should normally have a minimum of an upper second-class UK Bachelor’s degree or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard, and several years’ specialist experience of working in hospitals, community child health or public health services for children and families.

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: Good.

Information about the evidence required, acceptable qualifications and test providers is provided at:
www.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/english-requirements

Your application

When we assess your application we would like to learn:

- why you want to study Paediatrics and Child Health with Clinical Practice graduate level
- why you want to study Paediatrics and Child Health with Clinical Practice at UCL
- what particularly attracts you to the chosen programme
- how your academic and professional background meets the demands of this rigorous programme
- how this degree will enhance your career

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: £27,040 (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.

The Peter and Loek Wheeler Child Health Scholarship will provide one student with up to € 32 000 per year to cover the tuition fees for the Paediatrics and Child Health with Clinical Practice MSc.

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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