

Clinical Psychiatry

Postgraduate Diploma and MSc Courses





Postgraduate Diploma

Delivered over 1 year, the online, part-time Postgraduate Diploma course is specially developed for busy health professionals. Formatted in 6 modules, each 6 weeks in duration; the course is designed to be practical and clinically focused.

MSc

The MSc runs over 1 calendar year. Starting with an initial 12 week online module to develop their skills in critical appraisal and knowledge of research methodologies, the students then complete the professional project module which consists of a 1,200 word proposal and 10,800 word professional project.

Why Study Clinical Psychiatry with us?

Mental health is becoming increasingly challenging, with approximately 1 in 4 people in the UK likely to experience a mental health problem every year. These presentations can be on a wide spectrum, including change in behaviour, substance misuse, mood disorder, psychosis, dementia and more.

Taught completely online, our Clinical Psychiatry Postgraduate Diploma will improve your knowledge to ensure the best patient outcome. In addition, you'll be up to date with new classifications, treatments, and assessments that integrate psychological and social sciences, demonstrate how the field links to others and have an understanding of how the Capacity Acts and Mental Health Act influence delivery of services and the implications for you as a healthcare professional.

Healthcare professionals on the front line, including primary care and specialist units, need to be equipped with the skills and specialist knowledge to deal with mental health patients confidently and effectively.

The Clinical Psychiatry is suitable for Healthcare professionals frequently seeing patients displaying symptoms of mental health issues. You could be working in a clinical setting, either in the UK or overseas, in a role such as a psychiatrist, general practitioner, nurse, social worker, occupational therapist, psychologist, pharmacist or physiotherapist.

Clinical Psychiatry Postgraduate Diploma

Course Modules

Our online Clinical Psychiatry Postgraduate Diploma allows you to study for just one calendar year and is a part-time, distance-learning course. The course is worth 120 credits and comprises six modules of 20 credits, each running over a period of six weeks.

Module 1 - Recognition of Psychiatric Disorders in Primary Care

- Equipping healthcare professionals with knowledge and skills to be able to confidently diagnose a psychiatric disorder based on a biopsychosocial model, underpinned by a critical exploration and understanding of a classification system.

Module 2 - Common Psychiatric Disorders

- Equipping healthcare professionals with knowledge and skills that will assist in the diagnosis of common and major psychiatric presentations such as anxiety disorders, mood disorders, psychosis and personality disorders.
- This understanding will be used to manage this group of patients using a biopsychosocial model underpinned, where required, by ethical and legal aspects.

Module 3 - Psychiatric Disorders in Later Life

- Enhancing the unique skills needed for looking after older adults with major psychiatric disorders like depression, delirium, dementia, anxiety and paranoid states.
- You will update the knowledge and information needed for diagnosis and management including non pharmacological and pharmacological interventions using the biopsychosocial model and legal framework for mental capacity and relevant medicolegal and ethical issues.

Module 4 - Atypical Psychiatric Presentations

- Enabling you to recognise and manage a range of complex and atypical psychiatric presentations with a high prevalence in a primary care setting.



"When I enrolled into the course I had no idea about the opportunities it would provide me with. Having my first paper published through this course helped me overcome my apprehensions of academic writing and made me more confident to pursue it further. "

- Rutu Dave



Module 5 - Early Years, Learning Disability and Neuropsychiatry

- Equipping healthcare professionals with the ability to diagnose and appropriately manage or refer the most common presentations in young people including emotional disorders, conduct disorders and neurodevelopmental disorders.
- You will be able to recognise pathways of management for complex presentations within intellectual disability and neuropsychiatry.

Module 6 - Substance Misuse and Mental Health

- Familiarising healthcare professionals with the key terms in substance misuse to facilitate history taking and use of assessment tools to formulate a management plan.

Teaching Methods

Our courses are conducted entirely online through self-directed distance learning. However, you will receive guidance throughout with tutor-stimulated academic discussions, which are based on clinically-rich case scenarios. These usually occur within groups of 10-15 students, allowing you to clearly communicate with both your tutor and fellow students.

You will participate in a combination of group and individual activities, which are recorded in a reflective journal. This innovative teaching method enables you to envisage the translation of your studies into your every day work and practice.

Our dedicated Student Support Team are also available to help with any problems you may face. From navigating our online platform to advising you on deadlines, our team can assist with any questions or challenges you may have along the way.

Study skills week

Once you have secured your place on the course, you will be invited to a Study Skills week webinar. This will give you the opportunity to participate in workshops on Harvard referencing, scientific and reflective writings, and levels of evidence in preparation for your studies. It is not compulsory for you to attend our Induction Day but it is recommended, as it'll provide you with a sturdy introduction to the course.

Clinical Psychology Postgraduate Diploma

Entry Requirements

Documents required:

- A copy of your updated CV including your address and date of birth.
- A copy of your undergraduate degree certificate.
- The name and email address of someone who is able to provide a reference, this can be a work colleague, employer or former tutor.
- A detailed personal statement explaining why you would like to undertake the course.

Health professionals working within a clinical setting, both UK and overseas, with a related Healthcare Science degree (including international qualifications) are eligible to apply for the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology.

Applicants without the above academic criteria but relevant/ suitable experience can apply. Applications will be judged on the individual specifics of background and qualifications including ability to work at Postgraduate level (applicants may be asked to submit a piece of work for assessment to confirm that they are able to work comfortably at postgraduate level and demonstrate requisite clinical/professional knowledge).

Applicants should submit copies of the following with their application:

Proficiency in the English language is also essential to completing our courses. If English is NOT your first language, we ask for proof of competency during the application process. We are able to accept an IELTS overall score of 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.5 for each band) or an equivalent qualification.



Clinical Psychiatry MSc

Course Modules

Module 1 - Research Methodologies and Critical Appraisal

- This module runs over a 12 week period and is designed to develop skills in critical appraisal and knowledge of research methodologies. The module consists of mandatory formative assessment activities to support your learning and development prior to the Professional Project module.

Module 2 - Professional Project

- You will be required to produce a piece of work based upon a clinically-related project that is relevant to your practice. Once you have selected a specific project, you will submit a project summary/proposal of approximately 1,200 words. Following the approval of your proposal, you will then complete a 10,800 word professional project.
- To produce the professional project you will continue to study online. Much of the work is self-directed, however you will receive guidance from your tutor throughout the module.

Teaching Methods

Module 1 - Research Methodologies and Critical Appraisal

MSc teaching methods for this module are similar to the Postgraduate Diploma course modules, however it is run over 12 weeks.

Module 2 - Professional Project

To produce the professional project, students continue to use the online course; however much of the work is self-directed.

Students are expected in the first 8 weeks to interact with their tutor on a weekly basis. Students select a specific project and submit a project summary/proposal (approximately 1,200 words).

Once the proposal has been approved, the professional project (10,800 words) itself is then completed through online guidance and supervision offered by the tutor. The student and tutor will interact regularly (weekly) on the dedicated students/tutor discussion area or through any other means of communication deemed appropriate by both parties (telephone/ SKYPE/ email). Note of any verbal communication with the tutor is recorded in the student's journal by the student.

Entry Requirements

Entry to the one year Clinical Psychiatry MSc will require successful completion of the Clinical Psychiatry Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits). This can be from Diploma MSc, the University of South Wales or another UK university (having completed similar modules). We can discuss this with you during your application.

Individuals who have not completed the postgraduate diploma can apply for the Clinical Psychiatry MSc as a two year course consisting of eight modules (180 credits) with the first 120 credits deriving from the postgraduate diploma.

Entry requirements for the two-year course are as for the Postgraduate Diploma.

Applicants should be working in a clinical setting, either in the UK or overseas, and have a science degree in a relevant subject.

You will also need to submit copies of the following with your application:

- Qualification certificates
- A maximum of two professional and/or academic references
- IELTS score of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 for each band (or an equivalent qualification)



What do our students think?

Since 2010, over 1000 students have progressed their medical career by enrolling in one of our qualifications. We ourselves have learned a lot during this time and continually seek to improve the student learning experience. Here is what some of our previous students have said:

"I found the online learning very interesting. It enabled me to save money and time."

Dr Imad Eddin Rahamtalla, Doctor

"I strongly recommend Diploma MSc to all those busy physicians who are working in remote areas and wish to upgrade their knowledge."

Dr Junaid Zaffar, Diabetologist

"The learning was fun and enjoyable. The course was awesome and it increased my confidence."

Dr Sankar Nath Jha, Assistant Professor





"I found learning with Diploma MSc interesting, it helped to update my academic knowledge."

Dr Prasanth Kinattupurayil, Doctor

"I love that it was flexible and that I could log in at my convenience. I found this course to be very in-depth, informative, challenging and stimulating."

Kerri-Ann Best PGDip, RD



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