

# Sexual and Reproductive Medicine

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. Students then complete the professional project module which consists of a 1,500 word proposal and 10,500 word professional project.

## Why study Sexual and Reproductive Medicine with us?

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With a dramatic increase in the demand for fertility services and IVF treatment in the hands of the specialist, there is an increasing need for knowledge in the treatment and management of fertility issues at primary care level. This includes conditions such as polycystic ovarian syndrome, which has a prevalence of 10% amongst females, as well as low testosterone and erectile dysfunction amongst men.

Similarly, with 10% of couples presenting to primary care with issues relating to fertility, this is a common primary care problem. However, it is not covered adequately in traditional training and requires specific reproductive medicine training.

Applicants taking our courses in Sexual and Reproductive Medicine will typically be GPs, doctors, nurses, physicians and pharmacists with an interest in sexual and reproduction medicine.

Students may apply for the MSc in Sexual and Reproductive Medicine as a two-year course, firstly completing the Postgraduate Diploma (120 credits), followed by the MSc (60 credits).

# Sexual and Reproductive Medicine

## Postgraduate Diploma

### Course Modules

Our online Sexual and Reproductive Medicine 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 - The Reproductive System, Fertility and Pregnancy

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**Aim of the module:**

- You will develop a critical understanding of the anatomy, physiology and endocrinology of reproduction and an awareness of normal physiology in relation to conception, implantation and pregnancy.

#### Module 2 - Sexual Function

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**Aim of the module:**

- You will develop a critical understanding of the anatomy, physiology and endocrinology of reproduction and an awareness of normal physiology in relation to conception, implantation and pregnancy.

#### Module 3 - Male Subfertility and Infertility

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**Aim of the module:**

- You will develop an in-depth understanding of the pathophysiological mechanisms underlying male infertility, and the therapeutic options related to male infertility.

#### Module 4 - Female Subfertility and Infertility

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**Aim of the module:**

- You will gain an in-depth knowledge of the causes of female infertility and an understanding of the clinical management of female subfertility/infertility.

#### Module 5 - Initial Management of the Infertile Couple

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**Aim of the module:**

- You will develop an understanding of the investigation and management of the couple presenting with fertility issues, including the epidemiology and definition of infertility and an awareness of the diagnosis and investigation of recurrent miscarriage.

#### Module 6 - Assisted Reproduction and Ethics

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**Aim of the module:**

- You will develop a critical awareness of infertility treatments currently available, and an awareness of the ethical dilemmas surrounding assisted reproduction and broadly how it relates to different political and religious sensitivities.





## Teaching Methods

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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

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Once you have secured your place on the course, you will be invited to an 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.

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## Postgraduate Diploma

### Entry Requirements

#### Documents required:

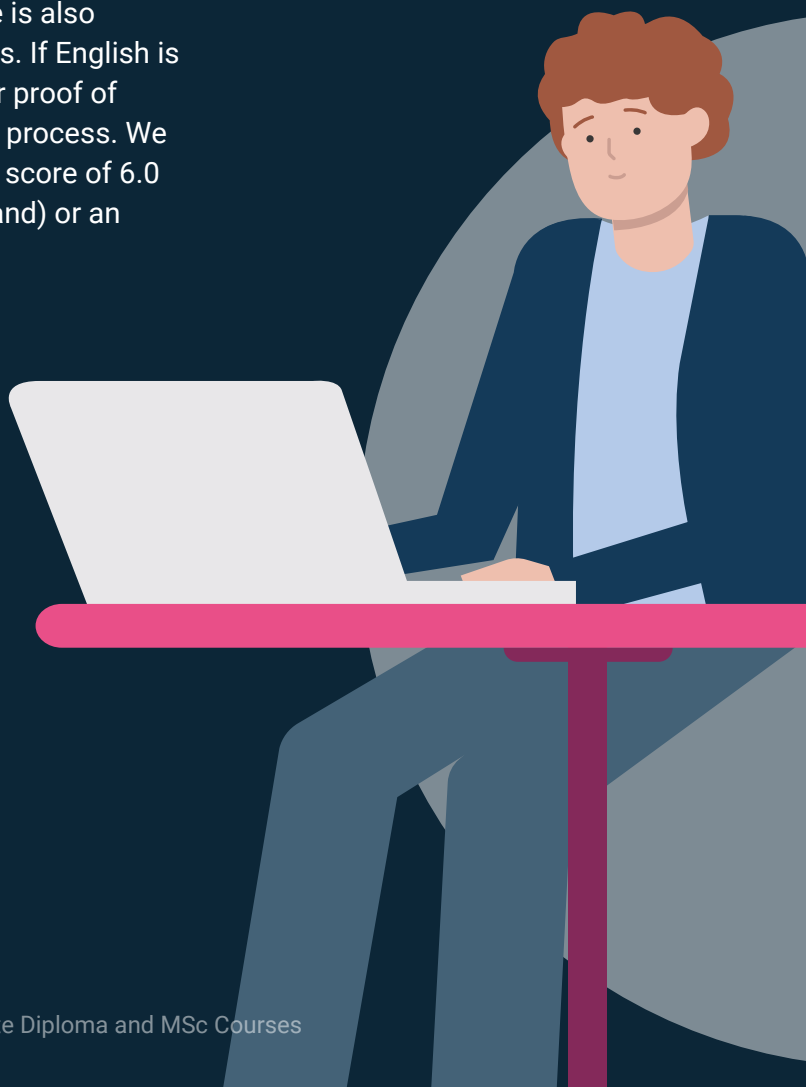
- A copy of your updated CV including your address and date of birth.
- A copy of your undergraduate degree certificate.
- The name and email address of someone who is able to provide a reference, this can be a work colleague, employer or former tutor.
- A detailed personal statement explaining why you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

#### 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.

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 Sexual and Reproductive Medicine.

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).



# Sexual and Reproductive Medicine MSc

## Course Modules

### Module 1 - Research Methodologies and Critical Appraisal

- You will analyse and interpret research in sexual and reproductive medicine, comparing and contrasting the different research methods in healthcare with an emphasis on sexual and reproductive medicine.

### Module 2 - Professional Project

- You will analyse and interpret research in sexual and reproductive medicine, comparing and contrasting the different research methods in healthcare with an emphasis on sexual and reproductive medicine.

## 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 1,500 words).

Once the proposal has been approved, the professional project (10,500 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 Sexual and Reproductive Medicine MSc will require successful completion of the Sexual and Reproductive Medicine 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 Sexual and Reproductive Medicine 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)

Graduates of this course will receive a Master of Science award from the University of South Wales, Diploma MSc's collaborative partner.



## 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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