

# Clinical Neuropsychiatry MSc/PG Diploma/PG Certificate

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This interdisciplinary programme is for experienced professionals working with people with neuropsychiatric disorders associated with neurodegeneration, brain injury, and other neurological illness. Also open to psychology and other neuroscience graduates who want to develop their academic and clinical skills, it provides you with:

- the ability to investigate and treat neuropsychiatric disorders
- the ability to critically appraise research in neuropsychiatry
- knowledge of philosophical, legal, ethical and policy related issues in neuropsychiatry

**[Study here and find out why the University of Birmingham was awarded The Times and The Sunday Times University of the Year 2013-14 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/news/latest/2013/09/20-sep-Birmingham-announced-as-University-of-the-Year.aspx\)](#)**

## Course fact file

**Type of Course:** Continuing professional development, taught

**Study Options:** Full time, part time

**Duration:** MSc – 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time, PGDip - 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time, PGCert - normally completed in 1 year full time. Full-time – 2 afternoons per week and/or and some 3 day blocks. Part-time – 1 afternoon per week and/or some 3 day blocks.

**Start date:** September; Application deadline is 31 August - applications will be considered until 30 September if there are places available

## Related courses

**[Good Brain, Bad Brain – Basics of the Brain \(/postgraduate/courses/moocs/gbbb-basics-of-the-brain.aspx\)](#)**

**[Good Brain, Bad Brain – Parkinson's Disease \(/postgraduate/courses/moocs/gbbb-parkinsons-disease.aspx\)](#)**

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**[School of Clinical and Experimental Medicine \(/schools/cem/index.aspx\)](#)**

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## Details

This interdisciplinary programme is for experienced professionals working with people with neuropsychiatric disorders associated with neurodegeneration, brain injury, and other neurological illness (principally doctors, neurologists, psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, clinical psychologists and psychologists intending to become clinical psychologists). It is also open to psychology and other neuroscience graduates who want to develop their academic and clinical skills.

## Why study this course

The MSc Clinical Neuropsychiatry will provide you with:

- the ability to investigate and treat neuropsychiatric disorders
- the ability to appraise research in neuropsychiatry critically
- knowledge of philosophical, legal, ethical and policy related issues in neuropsychiatry

As part of the course you will be offered the chance to attend a research day/seminar which is open to 1st and 2nd year students. It includes:

- the opportunity for you to have your research proposals reviewed
- a session on submitting proposals to the ethics committee
- further advice on qualitative and quantitative research

## Modules

- **[Brain and Mind \(20 credits\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/brain-and-mind.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/brain-and-mind.aspx)**
- **[Brain Injury \(20 credits\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/brain-injury.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/brain-injury.aspx)**
- **[Common Neuropsychiatric Disorders \(10 credits\) \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/common-neuropsychiatric-disorders.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/common-neuropsychiatric-disorders.aspx)**

- **Dissertation (60 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/dissertation.aspx>)
- **Epilepsy - An Introduction (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/epilepsy-an-introduction.aspx>)
- **Huntingtons Disease (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/huntingtons-disease.aspx>)
- **Neurodegenerative Disorders (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/neurodegenerative-disorders.aspx>)
- **Research Methods (Distance Learning) (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/research-methods-distance-learning.aspx>)
- **Somatoform Disorders (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/somatoform-disorders.aspx>)
- **Tourettes Syndrome (10 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/tourettes-syndrome.aspx>)

Please note: programmes evolve continually to keep them up to date so please check the website regularly for any changes

## Fees and funding

### 2015/16 course fees

#### UK/EU students

MSc £6210/PGDip £4140/PGCert £2070

#### Non UK/EU students

Full-time - £17,960 (plus living expenses)

**Standard fees** (</postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx>) apply

Self funding students can choose to pay in instalments by **direct debit** (</postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx>).

Learn more about **fees and funding** (</postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx>)

#### Scholarships and studentships

Scholarships may be available. International students can often gain funding through overseas research scholarships, Commonwealth scholarships or their home government. Visit our website for information about **scholarships for international students** (</International/students/finance/scholarships/index.aspx>)

For further information contact the School directly or email [sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk) (<mailto:sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk>)

## Entry requirements

A good relevant degree (at 2:1 or equivalent) and experience of working with the client group, or an appropriate professional qualification at sub-degree level and five years experience of working with the client group. The University accepts Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL). For further details see **here** (<http://www.admissions.bham.ac.uk/apl/>).

Learn more about **entry requirements** (</postgraduate/requirements-pgt/index.aspx>)

Non UK/EU applicants are advised to apply as early as they can so that all necessary paperwork can be completed prior to starting the programme.

#### International students:

#### Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications, our **country pages** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx>) show you what qualifications we accept from your country.

#### English language requirements

You can satisfy our English language requirements in two ways:

- by holding an **English language qualification to the right level** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/index.aspx>)
- by taking and successfully completing one of our **English courses for international students** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx>)

English to IELTS 7.0 (with a minimum of 6.5 in each component).

## How to apply

When clicking on the Apply Now button you will be directed to an application specifically designed for the programme you wish to apply for where you will create an account with the University application system and submit your application and supporting documents online. Further information regarding how to apply online can be found on the **How to apply pages** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx>)

**Apply now** (<https://pga.bham.ac.uk/lpages/MDS003.htm>)

## Related links

**Clinical Neuropsychiatry** (</Documents/college-mds/courses/postgraduate/flyers/ClinicalNeuropsychiatry.pdf>)

**Podcast - Interview with Dr Hugh Rickards, Programme Director MSc Clinical Neuropsychiatry** (</Audio/college-mds/courses/postgraduate/clinical-neuropsychiatry-rickards-hugh-0310.mp3>)

## Related news and events

**Birmingham excels in world rankings** (</news/latest/2014/08/birmingham-excels-in-world-rankings.aspx>)

**Raising awareness of the brain** (</research/impact/our/news/items/brain-awareness-week.aspx>)

## Learning and teaching

As a Birmingham student, you will be joining the academic elite and will have the privilege of learning from world-leading experts, as well as from your peers. From the outset you will be encouraged to become an independent and self-motivated learner. We want you to be challenged and will encourage you to think for yourself.

In the first year, part-time you attend for one afternoon per week for the first ten weeks and then two three-day blocks followed by one afternoon per week in the last ten weeks. In the second year there are four three-day blocks and one afternoon per week in the final ten weeks. Full-time students attend all of the sessions in one year.

Lectures are by subject specialists, NHS clinicians, service users and carers. Many of the lectures are from visiting experts who practice and/or research in their specific field. The course is academic in nature and you are expected to use the basic content as a springboard for further self-study. All programme presentations and materials are available on Canvas (the University's on-line learning platform) for follow up after lectures.

You will also have access to a comprehensive support system that will assist and encourage you, including personal tutors and welfare tutors who can help with both academic and welfare issues.

## Our facilities

The College of Medical and Dental Sciences houses state-of-the art facilities to support a range of teaching, learning and research activity.

Our facilities ensure that students receive the best possible learning experience by working in a modern environment. Among our most recent developments include a refurbishment of the Medical School foyer, Barnes library and Wolfson Centre for Medical Education.

Explore our facilities and take a tour by moving around our 360-degree panoramas:

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Adobe Flashplayer 10.1 (or higher) or a  
HTML5 Browser with CSS 3D Transforms or WebGL support are required!

## Assessment methods

Assessment on the MSc Clinical Neuropsychiatry is via a variety of short answer exams, 1500-3000 word essays, case histories, analysing research papers and a dissertation.

### Related staff

[Dr Hugh Rickards \(/staff/profiles/cem/neubio/Rickards-Hugh.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/cem/neubio/Rickards-Hugh.aspx)

[Dr Andrea Eugenio Cavanna \(/staff/profiles/cem/neubio/cavanna-andrea.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/cem/neubio/cavanna-andrea.aspx)

## Employability

### What have our students gone on to do?

Please have a look at the profile below to get an idea of what our students think about the MSc Clinical Neuropsychiatry programme.

Students completing the MSc Clinical Neuropsychiatry have enhanced their employability in a number of ways.

- Students have used the MSc as a springboard to other courses including D.Clin.Psychol, graduate entry medical training and PhD qualifications
- Students in settled career paths have used to course to enhance their career prospects within their existing profession by becoming expert practitioners in the area of neuropsychiatry.

[Find out more about where our postgraduate students go \(/Documents/college-mds/courses/postgraduate/employability-info/employabilityinfo-cem-jan2014.pdf\)](#)

## Careers Support for Postgraduate Students

### Careers Network – We can help you get ahead in the job market and develop your career

We recognise that as a postgraduate student you are likely to have specific requirements when it comes to planning for your next career step. Employers expect postgraduates to have a range of skills that exceed their subject knowledge. Careers Network offers a range of events and support services that are designed for all students, including postgraduates looking to find their niche in the job market.

Here are just a few ways in which we can help postgraduates to get ahead:

- Careers Networking opportunities
- Effective careers strategy toolkit
- Year planner for all postgraduate students
- Masters Career Coaching Workshops
- One to one careers guidance

The Careers Network also have subject specific careers consultants and advisers for each College so you can be assured the information you receive will be relevant to your subject area. They also have a dedicated careers website for [international students \(http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers/international/index.shtml\)](http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/careers/international/index.shtml) where you can find useful resources and information.

For more information visit the [Careers Network website \(http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers\)](http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers).

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