

Clinical Primary and Community Care MSc/PG Diploma/PG Certificate



This programme is suitable for doctors, nurses and any other health care professionals aiming to acquire specialised skills and qualifications in primary and community care; for example covering all dimensions required in line with the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework.

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: 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time, 5 years flexible. Tuition will mostly be in blocks of one week.

Start date: October. The application deadline is the end of July however late applications may be considered if places are still available.

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Details

Aimed at providing all primary health care professionals with skills and academic requirements for specialist clinical practice within the community, as well as research skills and health service evaluation, this course is suitable for those aiming to acquire specialised skills and qualifications in primary and community care, including:

- experienced doctors
- doctors in training
- community and practice based nurses
- pharmacists
- any other health care professionals

Why study this course

The programme is unique, combining both academic and clinical aspects of community and primary care and, as such, would provide a clinically applicable higher level of academic achievement. The clinical modules will offer academic and professional accreditation through recognised professional bodies.

Modules

Compulsory Modules

- **Dissertation (60 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/dissertation.aspx>)
- **Epidemiology Statistics and Research Methods (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/epidemiology-statistics-and-research-methods.aspx>)

- **Qualitative Research Methods (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/qualitative-research-methods.aspx>)

All of the modules listed below can be taken as stand alone short courses if required. To apply in this way, please contact Amy Parleton, Programme Administrator, on +44 (0) 121 414 2677 or at cpcc@contacts.bham.ac.uk (<mailto:cpcc@contacts.bham.ac.uk>).

Optional Modules (up to a total of 80 credits)

Clinical Modules - select up to 3 modules from this list

- **Anticoagulation Management (10/20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/anticoagulation-management.aspx>)
- **Atrial Fibrillation Management and Stroke Prevention** ([/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/atrial-fibrillation-management.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/atrial-fibrillation-management.aspx)) (10/20 credits)
- **Heart Failure Management (10/20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/management-of-heart-failure-in-primary-care.aspx>)
- **Hypertension management (10/20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/management-of-hypertension-in-primary-care.aspx>)
- **Management of Gynaecology in the Community (10/20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/management-of-gynaecology-in-the-community.aspx>)
- **Mental Health Care in the Community (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/mental-health-care-in-the-community.aspx>)

Non-clinical modules - select up to 2 modules from this list

- **Current Issues in Health (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/current-issues-in-health.aspx>)
- **Developing Evidence Based Practice (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/developing-evidence-based-practice.aspx>)
- **Introduction to Health Economics (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/introduction-to-health-economics.aspx>)
- **Teaching and Learning for Health Professionals (20 credits)** (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/teaching-and-learning-for-health-professionals.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 fees

UK/EU students

MSc £6210/PGDip £4140/PGCert £2070

Overseas

Full-time £17960

Learn more about **fees and funding**

([/postgraduate/pgt-fees/fees.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/fees-and-funding/index.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](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/scholarships/index.aspx))

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

Entry requirements

A relevant first degree or equivalent professional qualification

Learn more about **entry requirements** ([/postgraduate/requirements-pgt/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/taught/med/pg-modules/entry-requirements/index.aspx))

International students:

Please note that to be eligible to gain the full MSc/PGDip/PGCert in Clinical Primary Community Care you must be working in the UK NHS.

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>)

Related links

[Clinical Primary Community Care brochure \(/Documents/college-mds/courses/postgraduate/flyers/ClinicalPrimaryCommunityCare.pdf\)](#)

[Podcast - Interview with Dr Ellen Murray, Programme Director of the MSc Clinical Primary and Community Care programme \(/Audio/college-mds/courses/postgraduate/cpsc-murray-ellen-0310.mp3\)](#)

Related news and events

[Birmingham excels in world rankings \(/news/latest/2014/08/birmingham-excels-in-world-rankings.aspx\)](#)

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 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.

This is a modular programme with teaching methods including formal lectures, group work, case studies and practical workshops. Please note that modules will only be run if a viable number of students enrol.

You will 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:

ERROR:

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

Assessment methods

Assessment on the Clinical Primary and Community Care Masters programme include: MCQ exams, case studies and assessment in practice.

Employability

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

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>) where you can find useful resources and information.

For more information visit the **Careers Network website** (<http://www.intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/careers>).

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