

Health Studies MSc/PG Diploma/PG Certificate



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Course fact file

Type of Course: Continuing professional development, taught

Study Options: Full time, part time

Duration: MSc:13 months full-time, up to 6 years part-time. The masters modules are scheduled to run in week or two/three day blocks. If you decide to do only one module per semester, you only need to be at the University for the duration of that module.

Start date: 17 Sep 2014 Although we do not set application deadlines, we do encourage all applicants to submit a completed application as soon as they can so that we can begin the admissions process, allowing us time to invite you for an interview. Overseas - Bear in mind visa applications can take some time

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[School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences \(/schools/sport-exercise/index.aspx\)](/schools/sport-exercise/index.aspx)

Details

This programme is designed to enable you to further develop your knowledge of current health care at the depth and breadth appropriate to Masters level work. In planning the programme and its delivery, we have sought to create a student-centred, flexible programme that enables you to select modules that meet your individual learning needs, career aspirations and interests.

The scope and flexibility of the programme will appeal to individuals with a theoretical interest in health-related issues, and is particularly suited to those who are seeking a non-clinical programme of study. The programme is open to health care professionals or individuals with an interest in health.

Why study this course

The Health Studies Masters programme offers you:

- Flexible study which can be organised around your other commitments
- The support of a personal tutor and dissertation supervisor
- The chance to tailor the programme to your own individual learning needs
- A research led environment with opportunities for diverse dissertation projects

On completion of the Health Studies Masters programme you will be able to:

- Analyse critically a range of health related issues.
- Critically evaluate approaches and methodologies appropriate for researching theoretical and practical issues relating to practice
- Take responsibility for your own continuing professional development and demonstrate enhanced skills of self-appraisal, self-assessment and independence in your approach to learning
- Evaluate critically the dimensions of practice and organisation that characterise contemporary health care
- Examine critically the nature of multidisciplinary and interprofessional working in health care
- Formulate a justifiable research design, conduct an investigation and to produce a written report, worthy of academic scrutiny

Modules

You will take the following three mandatory modules.

- Research Methodology in Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation (20 credits)
- [Advancing Practice through Personal and Professional Development \(20 credits\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/advancing-practice-through-personal-and-professional-development.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/advancing-practice-through-personal-and-professional-development.aspx>)
- [Research Dissertation – MSc only \(60 credits\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/research-dissertation.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/research-dissertation.aspx>)

In addition, you will choose four option modules to the value of 80 credits (subject to availability and viability).

For this programme, it is also possible to take relevant M Level modules from within the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences. These would form part of the optional modules you are to choose as part of the MSc Health Studies programme. Our optional modules are each worth 20 credits, therefore, if you wish to take modules on offer within the School, these will also need to equate to 20 credits. We advise applicants to discuss this with academic staff either as part of the application process or during interview.

Optional Modules within Nursing and Physiotherapy (no pre-requisites)- please select 80 credits from the following 2 sets of options

- [Current Issues in Health \(20 credits\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/current-issues-in-health.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/current-issues-in-health.aspx>)
- [Project Management and Research Governance \(20 credits\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/project-management-and-research-governance.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/project-management-and-research-governance.aspx>)
- [Work Based Continuous Professional Development \(20 credits\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/work-based-continuous-professional-development.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/work-based-continuous-professional-development.aspx>)

Optional Modules within Nursing and Physiotherapy (there may be pre-requisites you need to fulfil to choose these options)

- [From Neurons to Society \(20 credits\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/from-neurons-to-society.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/from-neurons-to-society.aspx>)
- [Specialist Neurological Rehabilitation 1: Cognitive Neuropsychological Basis of Practice \(10 credits\)](/postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/specialist-neurological-rehabilitation-1-cognitive-neuropsychological-basis-of-practice.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/med/pg-modules/specialist-neurological-rehabilitation-1-cognitive-neuropsychological-basis-of-practice.aspx>)
- [Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy 1](/postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/advanced-manipulative-physiotherapy-1-lowerquadrant.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/advanced-manipulative-physiotherapy-1-lowerquadrant.aspx>)
- [Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy 2](/postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/advanced-manipulative-physiotherapy-2-upper-quadrant.aspx) (</postgraduate/courses/taught/sport-exercise/pg-modules/advanced-manipulative-physiotherapy-2-upper-quadrant.aspx>)

This is the module list for 2012, but the programme continues to evolve and you should check the website regularly for any changes for next year.

Fees and funding

2014/15 programme fees

	Home/EU		International	
	Min	Max	Min	Max
(MSc) Health Studies	£5,940	£8,340	£13,665	£16,065
(PGDip) Health Studies	£3,960	£6,360	£9,110	£11,510

Students choose four option modules as part of the MSc Health Studies programme and some of the modules available carry an extra cost. Therefore, the total fee for the MSc programme will be contingent on the option modules selected as part of your studies.

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

Entry requirements

Admission to the programme is on the basis that applicants will have a BSc/BA Honours degree or equivalent. (Evidence of equivalence of your qualification(s) to the UK educational system of awards can be found at www.naric.org.uk (<http://www.naric.org.uk>)). The degree should normally be a first- or upper second-class Honours degree.

You will also need to submit the following documentation in support of your application:

- two academic/employer references in support of your application and professional and practical capabilities;
- transcripts of your degrees so far (certified and translated in to English if appropriate).

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

International students:

Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications, our [country pages](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/international/students/country/index.aspx) (<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) (<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 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/international/english-courses.aspx)

English to IELTS 6.5 (with a minimum of 6.0 in each component) or TOEFL Internet based 88 overall with no less than 21 in Reading, 20 in Listening, 22 in Speaking, 21 in Writing.

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 \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/courses/postgraduate/apply-pg/index.aspx)

[Apply now \(https://pqa.bham.ac.uk/1pages/MDS025.htm\)](https://pqa.bham.ac.uk/1pages/MDS025.htm)

Related links

[Health Studies courses leaflet \(PDF184kb\) \(/Documents/college-les/sportex/Health-Studies-leaflet.pdf\)](#)

[Interview with Former Programme Director \(/Audio/college-mds/courses/postgraduate/health-studies-farrell-derek-0110.mp3\)](#)

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.

The masters modules are scheduled to run in week or two/three day blocks. If you decide to do only one module per semester, you only need to be at the University for the duration of that module. You will participate in a range of teaching styles such as lectures, small group tutorials, presentations, peer group learning, self-study etc.

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.



Assessment methods

You'll be assessed in a variety of ways, and these may be different with each modules that you take. See the individual modules for more information.

Employability

As the programme is designed around an individual student's personal, academic and professional development, it is a platform for students to enhance their knowledge and skills with their capacity for applying this new knowledge across new settings. Outcomes are evaluated through academic success and attainment, subsequent graduate development, future career choice and professional enhancement destinies reported when learners have completed their course of study. Typically, students graduating with the MSc Health Studies seek the following opportunities.

1. Graduate entry medicine
2. Higher degrees / PhD programmes
3. Undertake new and enhanced professional roles within the workplace within the wide field of health and social welfare. This may include roles within leadership, management, research and teaching)
4. International students return to their home nations with new skills to work within the indigenous context of health and welfare, health protection / health promotion.

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.

Quotes

"We have hired some fantastic Birmingham graduates and postgraduates in the past, and believe that they have the experience and intelligence to understand the challenges of working with Procter and Gamble."

In an independent survey, over 75% of employers regarded a postgraduate Masters-level qualification as 'essential' or 'preferred' when recruiting. 'Talent Fishing: What Businesses want from Postgraduates' A CIHE Report for Department of Business Innovation and Skills, March 2011.

