

Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy MSc/Postgraduate Diploma



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Course fact file

Type of Course: Continuing professional development, taught

Study Options: Full time, part time

Duration: MSc – 13 months to 3 years 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 and any scheduled tutorials (organised by each module leader depending on the module).

Start date: September/October

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Details

This programme enables exploration of the theoretical basis of manipulative physiotherapy and its application to the development of your clinical reasoning. Using the process of clinical reasoning as its framework, this programme integrates the many approaches to practice in this specialist area. It facilitates an evaluation of existing evidence through the exploration of the assessment and management of neuromusculoskeletal dysfunction.

The programme offers part-time and full-time modes of study, providing you with the opportunity to tailor your learning experience to meet your personal and professional needs.

Information for
International
Students



Why study this course

Successful completion of the programme qualifies you for membership of the [Musculoskeletal Association of Chartered Physiotherapists \(MACP\)](#) and recognition by the [International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists \(IFOMPT\)](#).

The Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy Masters programme offers you:

- a route to membership with the MACP and IFOMPT
- the support of a personal tutor and dissertation supervisor
- easy travel access with a dedicated University train station
- the opportunity to gain advanced level competences in your clinical specialty
- flexible study which can be organised around your other commitments

On completion of the Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy Masters programme you will have the ability to :

- critically evaluate approaches and methodologies for researching theoretical and practical issues relating to clinical practice
- critically evaluate previous professional development and plan future development within the framework of contemporary healthcare practice
- critically analyse the theoretical and conceptual issues underpinning manipulative physiotherapy and the different approaches
- use clinical reasoning skills to enable the effective management of complex clinical presentations
- formulate a justifiable research design and conduct analytically an investigation to address a given problem

- produce a written report worthy of scrutiny in both academic and clinical settings

Modules

You will take the following six mandatory modules:

- **Developing Evidence Based Practice (20 credits)**
- **Advancing Practice through Personal and Professional Development (20 credits)**
- **Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy 1: Lower Quadrant (20 credits)**
- **Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy 2: Upper Quadrant (20 credits)**
- **Evidence Based Clinical Practice (20 credits)**
- **Research Dissertation – MSc only (60 credits)**

In addition, you will choose one option module to the value of 20 credits (subject to availability and viability).

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.

For this programme, it is also possible to take relevant M Level modules from within the College. These would form part of the optional modules you are to choose as part of the MSc Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy programme. Our optional modules are each worth 20 credits, therefore, if you wish to take modules on offer within the College, these will also need to equate to 20 credits.

Fees and funding

2013/14 programme fees

UK/EU students

Full-Time minimum programme fee – MSc £7630/ PG Dip £5920

Part-Time students are billed by the modules they opt to take each year.

Non UK/EU students

Full-time minimum programme fee - MSc £15700/PGDip £10885

Students choose one option module as part of the MSc Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy 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.

Self funding students can choose to **pay in instalments by direct debit**

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**

For further information contact the School directly or email **sfo@contacts.bham.ac.uk**

Entry requirements

Admission to the programme is on the basis that you will have:

- Current registration with the Health Professions Council and the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (includes professional indemnity)
- 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**). The degree should normally be a first or upper second class Honours degree.
- You must provide documented evidence of a minimum of 1500 hours experience post qualification of using manipulative physiotherapy within a neuromusculoskeletal context.
- Supporting evidence of appropriate continuing professional development during this experience will also be required.

Additional criteria for clinical placement component in the UK. Please note that if these criteria are not met within four months of starting the programme, you may be required to transfer to a non-clinical programme or to undertake your placement in your home country.

- Evidence of satisfactory current Criminal Record check
- Evidence of satisfactory health declaration and immunisation record

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).
- Evidence of your clinical placements and experiences to date;
- Evidence of a minimum of 1500 hours experience post qualification of using manipulative physiotherapy within a neuromusculoskeletal context. Supporting evidence of appropriate continuing professional development during this experience will also be required.
- Evidence of HPC and CSP registration.

Learn more about **entry requirements** including Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL)

International students:

If applying from overseas, you should also bear in mind that the process of applying for a visa can be a long and complicated one and you are therefore advised to submit your application for study as early as possible, enabling us to provide you with the offer letter that will be necessary for your visa application well ahead of the programme start date.

Academic requirements

We accept a range of qualifications, our [country pages](#) 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](#)
- by taking and successfully completing one of our [English courses for international students](#)

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

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.

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](#)

[Apply now](#)

Related links

[MSc Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy programme flyer](#)

[Podcast - Interview with Nicola Heneghan, Programme Director of the MSc Advanced Manipulative Physiotherapy course](#)

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 programme is delivered via week long or two/three day blocks of teaching. If you decide to only take one module per semester, you will only need to be at the University for the duration of that module and any scheduled tutorials (organised by each module leader depending on the 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 will be assessed in a variety of ways, and these may be different with each module that you take. See individual modules for further information.

Employability

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](#) 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.

