STUDYING WITH HSMC
The Health Services Management Centre (HSMC) is one of the UK’s leading centres for research, teaching, professional development and consultancy to health and social care agencies.

For more than forty years, the Centre’s mission has been to strengthen leadership and management in health care, and to promote improved health and wellbeing.

HSMC has pioneered innovative approaches to personal and professional education. We deliver multi award-winning national leadership programmes that have made a real difference to the working lives of staff and have improved patient care and experience across all healthcare settings.

HSMC is underpinned by a number of distinct principles developed by academic, policy and practice partners:
- Recognition of the interdependence between applied research, teaching, evaluation and policy analysis
- Emphasis on providing research-based analysis, development and teaching
- A focus on developing sustainable national and international collaborations and networks to benefit policy makers, managers, staff, patients and service users

A course at HSMC bridges the traditional divide between academic study and the worlds of policy and practice.
HSMC teaching programmes offer a range of options to support and develop a range of learning needs:

**Masters** (180 credits) incorporates taught modules with an additional piece of independent research in the form of a dissertation.

**Postgraduate Certificate** (60 credits) or **Postgraduate Diploma** (120 credits) are earned with ‘taught’ modules of 20 credits each.

These translate into our following programme pathways:
- MSc Health Care Policy and Management
- MSc in Health Care Policy and Management specialising in Quality

A postgraduate certificate or diploma can be awarded within any of these options. Students can study full-time (one year) or part-time (over two years). Often students select the part time option while they are working in health services or a related field.
Health Services Management (HSM): Drawing on theory, research, and comparative analysis of international health systems, HSMC provides a module for understanding and achieving the ‘building blocks’ of high quality care: well-trained and motivated staff, efficient use of resources, a culture of improvement, and an ability to integrate care.

International Public Management (IPM): HSMC works in collaboration with the University of Melbourne’s School of Government to offer a joint module, inviting students from both institutions to explore ideas and approaches to public service reform. The module offers a range of site visits and opportunities to meet people working across public policy. The module also provides opportunities to share experiences about managing and delivery public service reform across different contexts.

Integration: HSMC provide a module focussing on integrated care. This module takes participants through a development process to equip them with the theoretical knowledge and personal skills to understand the health and care environment, improve integrated working on the frontline, and assess ways to achieve more efficient and person centred services.

People, Patients and Communities: HSMC provide a module that examines a range of concepts, debates, approaches and challenges in public and service user involvement. The module builds on the experience of participants to provide illustrative examples of relationships between providers and users of services.
Health Policy: HSMC provide a module that looks to make sense of current health and care challenges by drawing on ideas, theories and frameworks from the tradition of public policy. We encourage participants to connect theory and practice in understanding the role and influence of different actors, interests, organisations and institutions within the health policy process.

Quality: HSMC deliver two modules reflecting on different ways quality and safety of care can be measured and improved. We look to introduce participants to improvement tools and techniques, engage with different quality and safety perspectives, and explore different ways to support the spread of improvement ideas and activities.

Strategic Planning and Decision Making: This module looks to examine the socio-economic, political and policy context of strategic planning and decision making in healthcare. Different perspectives are covered in relation to assessing need and demand for services; setting priorities; ensuring quality; and involving the public in planning, commissioning, and purchasing activities. Participants will be introduced to key national and international research on the impact of strategic planning and decision making, including consideration of lessons from other sectors.
WHAT DOES HSMC EXPECT OF OUR STUDENTS?

Courses are delivered over two, three or five day ‘blocks’ which you will be required to attend in full.

AN MSC IS DEMANDING AND WILL REQUIRE INDEPENDENT STUDY IN ADDITION TO THE TIME SPENT IN CLASS.

HSMC ASSESS PERFORMANCE THROUGH THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF WRITTEN TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS. BE PREPARED TO WRITE!

Successful students are able to demonstrate originality, critical thinking, and the ability to connect theory and perspectives to ‘case study’ health and social care examples.
OUR POSTGRADUATE TEACHING HISTORY

In 2012, HSMC won the privilege to deliver the prestigious NHS Leadership Academy Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and Nye Bevan programmes. These national courses represent the largest investment in leadership development in the history of the NHS.

In the past, HSMC has been involved with delivering and developing the NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme (MTS) and its forerunners, the Graduate Management Training Scheme and the Administrative Training Scheme. In 2014–15, the MTS was voted the UK’s most popular graduate training scheme by over 27,000 students in the Guardian’s UK 300 annual survey, the largest student-voted award in the world.

Other eminent leadership programmes developed and delivered by the Centre include a national leadership programme, Leaders UK, commissioned by the Cabinet Office; the first national accredited programme in Leading Public Service Change commissioned by the National School of Government; and the first accredited national Social Care Leadership Development Programme commissioned by the Social Care Institute for Excellence.
OUR CITY

Birmingham is an exciting destination with a long cultural and intellectual heritage. Choose Birmingham for a warm welcome in one of the most diverse cities in the UK.

As England’s second city, Birmingham is a thriving, vibrant place to live. Multicultural, commercial and contemporary, it also boasts a rich history and heritage.

When you study here, you'll find it’s not just the perfect base for your work – it’s also the perfect place to begin your career and set down the foundations for a successful future.

Easily accessible from and to the rest of the UK, Birmingham is just two hours from London by train, and Birmingham Airport is around half an hour away from the city centre.
OUR CAMPUS

The University campus offers a peaceful and tranquil haven, yet is right on the doorstep of the bustling city. So whether you’re looking for some quiet downtime to study or fancy a big night out, you’re never far from where you want to be.

Striking architecture and 250 acres of parkland make for the stunning setting of our campus, which also boasts a whole range of amenities. You’ll find bars, shops, travel agents, opticians and major banks, as well as an art gallery, museum and concert hall all on site. Plus there is the added benefit of a full-time security team.

In the past year, we have opened a new student hub in our Aston Webb Building, a brand new hall of residence, Chamberlain, in the vale village and an Institute of Translational Medicine, to ensure pioneering research is transformed into medicines and treatments for patients.

The University is investing £300 million over five years in new facilities for students and researchers.
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