Master of Science in Clinical Research

Postgraduate Diploma in Research Methodologies
Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methodologies

Centre for Research in Primary and Community Care
School of Health and Social Work
Master of Science in Clinical Research (MSc Clinical Research)

This MSc Clinical Research is an exciting and stimulating programme delivered by the internationally renowned Centre for Research in Primary and Community Care (CRIPACC) within the School of Health and Social Work at the University of Hertfordshire.

In 2014, the Research Excellence Framework (REF) rated over 82% of the School’s research quality, 100% of its impact and 100% of its research environment as world-leading or internationally excellent.

The MSc programme aims to:

- Develop a student’s academic research career by advancing their research and leadership skills in a clinical area and provide outstanding preparation for future research training, including progression to doctoral studies.

- Equip the student with a core set of skills and knowledge of relevant theory and research methodologies in clinical research as well as a thorough understanding of the research process from planning, conducting, analysing and disseminating, to develop them into an independent researcher in their clinical setting.

- Enhance skills and knowledge that are transferable across a diversity of healthcare settings at an individual and organisational level, such as critical thinking, project management, use of IT and problem solving skills.

- Provide a supportive and stimulating blended learning environment, including small group teaching, Master classes, and a variety of e-learning teaching methods, and delivered by experienced and dedicated researchers in the internationally renowned research centre.
Awards:
• Master’s degree - 180 credits
• Postgraduate diploma - 120 credits
• Postgraduate certificate - 60 credits

Eligible professionals include:
• Nurses
• Midwives
• Allied Health Care Professionals
• Pharmacists
• Health Science Professionals
• Clinical Psychologists
• Dental Nurses and Hygienists

Entry requirements are:
• A first degree, normally a 2:1 in a subject related to health
• Currently registered with a statutory regulatory body
• At least one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) post registration experience in the NHS
• Currently working in a clinical setting, normally in the NHS

Mode of study:
The MSc Clinical Research is offered as a one year full-time or part-time (over two or up to five years) course. The programme is taught through a combination of innovative lectures, small group teaching and a dissertation project over a series of two day blocks, giving the student the freedom to work and study at the same time.

The course consists of six compulsory modules:
• Evidence Base Practice (30 credits)
• Qualitative Research Methods (30 credits)
• Quantitative Research Methods (30 credits)
• Clinical Trials Design and Management (15 credits)
• Patient and Public Involvement in Research (15 credits)
• Clinical Research Dissertation (60 credits)
Fees and Funding:
In common with other UK universities, the University of Hertfordshire charges tuition fees for postgraduate research study, to UK/EU and international students. The current fee for the programme or individual modules is available from the MSc Staff listed below.

There may be a number of studentships and grants available. Please enquire with the MSc staff listed below.

UH Programme Code: HHMCR

How to apply:
If you would like to apply for this Master’s degree you need to complete a University application form, which can be found on go.herts.ac.uk/cpdapply and send it directly to Kim Haynes k.m.haynes@herts.ac.uk

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