

Clinical Dermatology

Clinical Dermatology is designed specifically for health professionals with at least two years of general clinical experience who have a special interest in managing people with skin conditions.

The course is suitable for clinicians wishing to develop expertise and gain experience in dermatology, skin integrity and associated skin conditions including hospital doctors, family practitioners, specialist nurses/ therapists, podiatrists and pharmacists.

Clinical Dermatology has been developed to prepare clinicians for their role as health care professionals working with people with skin conditions. It provides inter-professional working opportunities for the study of key aspects of dermatology practice. There are a range of specialist modules covering key areas of dermatology practice including, management of skin lesions and skin cancers, and chronic skin conditions to enable clinicians to develop knowledge and skills relating to common dermatological conditions.

The programme has been developed to meet the needs of practitioners with a special interest in skin disease whilst benefiting from shared, inter-professional learning. This dermatology programme is unique in that it recruits both UK/EU and International doctors and allied health professionals to this specialist master's degree and provides a range of taught postgraduate dermatology modules.

The MSc Clinical Dermatology is aimed at practitioners wanting to undertake further specialist training and develop career aspirations in dermatology and skin integrity. Dermatology is the branch of medicine dealing with the skin, hair, nails, and associated disorders. This postgraduate course offers a structured educational programme in dermatology but does not focus on cosmetic dermatology. Aesthetic practitioners with clinical experience in dermatology who want to learn more about skin disease are welcome.

This programme has an emphasis on developing practical competencies; good diagnostic skills, appropriate and timely management of common skin conditions and allows flexibility to study related specialist content to broaden student's clinical expertise which is invaluable in today's competitive workplace.

Course Details

Teaching focuses on the principles of managing skin conditions in patients of all ages. Topics covered include: the burden of skin disease, diagnostic techniques, skin

histopathology, disorders of skin and mucous membranes, environmental and lifestyle factors, immunology and biology, cutaneous manifestations of systemic disease, inflammatory skin conditions, microbiology of the skin, pigmented skin diseases, skin cancer, surgical intervention, psychological impact of skin disease, patient education and optimal service delivery.

Core skills for specialist practice will be developed including decision making and problem solving skills, leadership and communication skills, information retrieval, critical analysis and application of evidence based practice, audit and research methods and an ability to support and influence service improvement amongst others.

A practical skills theme runs throughout the programme. This is supported by significant clinical teaching and assessment. Overseas students are offered the opportunity to visit a local Dermatology Unit to observe clinical practice in a NHS setting and experience a series of specialist clinic observations.

Modular Structure

Specialist modules (30 credits each)

- Therapeutics Skin Conditions
- Chronic Skin Conditions
- Mind And Skin
- Recognition and Management of Skin Lesions
- Skin Surgery skills (requires GMC registration)

Optional specialist modules (30 credits each)

- Clinical Practice in Action
- Enhancing Skin Integrity Skills

Optional modules common interest (30 credits each)

- Leadership in Practice
- Core Competencies Medical Practice
- Work Based Learning

Compulsory core modules (30 credits each)

- Evidence Based Practice

- Health Disciplines Practice

Entry requirements

Current clinical experience of a minimum of 1 year full time or equivalent in a clinical setting with access to patients with chronic skin conditions or skin integrity related conditions

References will be required to confirm specialist experience.

Additionally:

All students from non-majority English speaking countries require proof of English language proficiency. A minimum IELTS 6.5 is required with no less than 6.0 in each band or GCSE in English with minimum grade C.

Fees & funding

International Students

Full time: £12,100 for the 2017 academic year