



## Postgraduate

# MSc Psychology of Health & Illness

### Introduction

Health Psychology is relevant to us all. It is concerned with how to help people who want to change their behaviour by eating more healthily, taking up physical activity or stopping smoking as well as dealing with chronic illnesses, e.g. diabetes and acute episodes, e.g. heart attack. Health psychology raises awareness of risky behaviour, e.g. unprotected sex and demonstrates the benefits of screening programmes for conditions, such as cervical cancer. This course will train you to conduct rigorous research to understand patients' and health professionals' experiences to ensure health services meet patients' needs and to carry out systematic reviews of the literature to promote evidence based practice.

### Programme outline

Modules cover advanced training in quantitative and qualitative research methods, health behaviours, health inequalities and developmental processes, and illness processes and behaviour. All students are required to carry out an original research project worth 60 credits.

This full-time programme runs from October to August and includes two teaching days a week as well as self-directed learning.

### Assessment

Assessment methods include a qualitative mini-project, a systematic review, essays, presentations, posters, an exam and the research project.

### Entry requirements

Entry requires a Bachelors Degree in a Psychology-related discipline of 2.1 or above. Applicants with a 2.2 classification may be invited for interview. Overseas applicants will need to demonstrate their English Language ability (IELTS score of 6.5 or higher overall, but with no score below a 6.0).

### Career opportunities

Graduates from this programme may be employed by the NHS to offer health psychology services such as smoking cessation or rehabilitation for patients with brain injuries. Or they may be employed by international agencies running drug and behavioural trials. Others may choose to carry out applied research or gain PhDs.

This course is not suitable for Psychology graduates who wish to become Chartered Health Psychologists. Please see information on our MSc Health Psychology for this purpose.

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