

Cardiff School of Medicine

Postgraduate Taught Programmes



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Introduction



Student profile

Nicola Waters, Assistant Professor, Bachelor of Nursing Programme, Mount Royal University, Calgary, Canada, graduated from the MSc in Wound Healing & Tissue Repair in 2008. 'The extensive knowledge I gained through this experience has enabled me to approach wound care from an entirely new perspective. International recognition of the high calibre of this course has opened many doors for me in education, research and professional areas'.

Cardiff University is one of the UK's leading universities, with an international reputation for research and teaching. Cardiff is a member of the Russell Group, the UK's top 20 research intensive universities. Cardiff University has celebrated a number of notable achievements during the past few years. Foremost among these was the award of the Nobel Prize for Medicine. The University was also awarded a Queen's Anniversary Prize in recognition of excellence at the Institute of Medical Genetics. Cardiff University has over 26,000 students of whom some 7,000 form part of the University's postgraduate community.

Based at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff and at other sites across Wales, the School of Medicine is the largest provider of medically related postgraduate taught courses in the UK with over 1500 Taught Postgraduate students.

Many of the postgraduate taught programmes are delivered by Distance Learning via the internet, allowing health professionals to gain a qualification and experience a full university education while continuing employment or other daytime responsibilities. The programmes are highly vocational, focused on enhancing the careers and knowledge base of existing healthcare professionals. The programmes are developed with awareness of the differing continuing professional development requirements of different medical professions and their respective specialities.

Excellence in Teaching

All our programmes are characterised by the highest standards of intellectual quality and rigour. Our students also benefit from access to excellent teaching and research facilities, high quality resources and recreation facilities on our self-contained site at Heath Park.

Entry Requirements

Most programmes require an Honours degree, or equivalent professional qualification, in a relevant subject - further information can be found at <http://medicine.cardiff.ac.uk/graduate-studies>

Funding

The majority of postgraduate students are self funded, or sponsored by their employer or a combination of self funding and partial funding from their employer. Some students seek funding from their professional bodies. Tuition fees vary depending on the programme of study. Details can be found at www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgraduate/pgfees

How to Apply

Our Online Application Service provides an easy way for you to submit your application directly www.cardiff.ac.uk/regis/general/applyonline/medicpgt.html

Equal Opportunities

The University conducts its student recruitment, selection and assessment procedures on an equal opportunities basis. It is committed to ensuring that all applicants, students and employees are treated equally, regardless of their age, colour, race, ethnic or national origins, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family responsibilities, physical or sensory disabilities, or their political or religious beliefs.

Further information

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Taught Programmes

Advanced Surgical Practice (MSc with PgDip/PgCert exit points) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: healthcare professionals with an interest or practice base in surgery, anaesthetics, recovery and/or theatres.

Course description: An e-learning inter-professional course. The taught component introduces the student to the multifaceted nature of caring for surgical patients from admission through to discharge. Some of the modules are core; others allow student choice. The e-learning assessments are structured to allow students to evaluate the topic in relation to their practice areas of interest and professional base.

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Ageing, Health and Disease (MSc with PgDip/PgCert exit points) (FT/PT)

Suitable for: healthcare professionals with an interest or practice base with elderly people, those concerned with policy and management issues and the development of services for older people, as well as those with academic and research interests.

Course description: This course offers broad based knowledge and skills through integrated inter-professional education in many aspects of the health and ill health and gerontological issues in the ageing population. The programme can be studied full-time over one year or part time over two years and students are assessed through eight modular assignments and for the MSc submission of a dissertation.

For further information please contact:

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Applied Behaviour Analysis and Challenging Behaviour (PgCert) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: anyone working with people with learning disabilities and/or autism wishing to effectively design, carry out and supervise the implementation of procedures derived from the field of Applied Behaviour Analysis, in interventions for people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour. All candidates must currently be working in, or be responsible for, services supporting people with learning disabilities and challenging behaviour.

Course description: One year part-time modular distance learning online.

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Bioinformatics (MSc with PgDip/PgCert exit points) (FT/PT)

Genetic Epidemiology & Bioinformatics (MSc with PgDip/PgCert exit points) (FT/PT)

Suitable for: graduates with a good initial degree in mathematics, statistics, computer science, medicine, psychology or a bioscience such as

biology, molecular biology, microbiology etc., who have an interest and basic ability in computers or statistics.

Course description: One year full time or part-time over two to four years. Students opting for the MSc or Diploma study four core and three optional modules. Assessment of modules is by a combination of examination and project assessments; the MSc also requires successful completion of a written dissertation.

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Critical Care (MSc with PgDip/PgCert exit points) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: healthcare professionals with an interest or practice base in critical care.

Course description: The course takes two years in total (nine months stage 1a, nine months stage 1b and a further six months for the dissertation stage 2). Students are assessed through six taught modules (three leading to a Certificate and six leading to the Diploma). In addition to completing these modules, MSc students must undertake a dissertation.

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Dermatology (Clinical) (MSc/PgDip) (FT)

Suitable for: medical practitioners who have completed at least two years general medical experience and who wish to specialise in dermatology.

Course description: One year full-time: nine months full-time study (PgDip) followed by a further three months of full-time study to obtain the MSc. Assessment is by examination (clinical, written and oral examinations) and in course assessment, with an additional assessment of a 20,000 word dissertation for the MSc.

For further information please contact:

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Dermatology (Practical) (MSc/PgDip) (PT Distance e-Learning)

The Diploma Stage - suitable for: doctors currently working as GPs who wish to gain expertise in the practical management of patients with skin disease.

Course description: The course is divided into three main semesters. There are two intensive study meetings held in the UK for UK-based students and one intensive study meeting held in Hong Kong for international students. Assessment is via weekly online multiple choice questions, written work, online tutorials, case histories and online group assignments with examinations in June.

The MSc Stage - suitable for: graduates of the Diploma who achieve a minimum of 70% in all written assignments.

Course description: An eighteen month course comprising of a ten-week block of online study followed by the completion of a 20,000 word dissertation.

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Diabetes (PgDip with PgCert exit point) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: medical practitioners who have clinical responsibility for people with diabetes, in particular it is aimed at those doctors who will be future leaders in the management of diabetes in both primary and secondary care.

Course description: This is a 2 year part-time course consisting of 6 modules. Each academic year starts in January with students attending initial introductory lectures, with the course then continuing online. Students are assessed on their contribution to online course discussions, group activity participation and case problem assessments.

For further information please contact:

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Genetic Counselling (MSc with PgDip exit point) (FT/PT)

Suitable for: graduates in relevant disciplines with caring experience and for genetic counsellors/nurses.

Course description: This course is a 2 year full-time programme, which is a combination of academic study and placements in relevant clinical and non-clinical areas.

For further information please contact:

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Medical Toxicology (MSc/PgDip/PgCert) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: clinical pharmacologists in training, specialist registrars in other disciplines, those working in the pharmaceutical industry, those working in the National Poisons Information Services, pharmacists, nurses and other life science graduates.

PgCert in Medical Toxicology
(PT Distance Learning)

Course description: Five three week study units and assessment is by weekly written assessments and final written examinations. Successful candidates may progress to the Diploma in the second year.

PgDip in Medical Toxicology
(PT Distance Learning)

Course description: Six five week study units and assessment is by weekly written assessment and written examinations.

MSc in Medical Toxicology
(PT Distance Learning)

Course description: Candidates must successfully complete the PgDip in Medical Toxicology. If subsequently accepted for the MSc students submit four 2,500 word assignments and a 15,000 word dissertation.

For further information please contact:

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Medical Ultrasound (MSc/PgDip/PgCert) (FT/PT)

Suitable for: health professionals who are either already working or intend to work in the fields of obstetric, gynaecological or general medical ultrasound.

Course description: A PgCert is awarded upon completion of modules totalling 60 credits or more. A PgDip will be awarded following successful completion of modules totalling 120 credits or more. The student may then progress to the MSc which will involve undertaking a supervised project which will be submitted as a dissertation.

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Obstetric and/or Gynaecological Ultrasound (MSc/PgDip/PgCert) (FT/PT)

Suitable for: obstetricians and gynaecologists, radiologists, nurses, midwives and sonographers, with an interest in obstetric and/or gynaecological ultrasound.

Course description: A PgCert is awarded upon completion of modules totalling 60 credits or more. A PgDip will be awarded following successful completion of modules totalling 120 credits or more. The student may then progress to the MSc which will involve undertaking a supervised project which will be submitted as a dissertation.

For further information please contact:
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Occupational Health: Policy and Practice (MSc with PgDip exit point) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: all those who work in the general area of employee health, those concerned with policy and management issues, those involved in the development and delivery of services to employee and organisations, as well as those with academic and research interests. Applications are welcome from graduates in a relevant subject e.g. medicine, nursing or other healthcare professions, with an interest in and experience of occupational health services. Applicants without a degree but with appropriate vocational qualifications will also be considered.

Course description: Apart from attendance at the three-day introductory course in Cardiff, the distance learning programme is delivered entirely on-line. Those who complete the two-year taught stage of the course may exit with a Postgraduate Diploma in Occupational Health or may proceed to the Master's degree.

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Pain Management (MSc with PgDip/PgCert exit points) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: healthcare professionals with an interest or practice base in acute, chronic and palliative pain management.

Course description: An e-Learning modular inter-professional course. Some of the modules are core, others allow student choice. The course takes eighteen months for stage one and a further six months for the

dissertation. Students are assessed through six modular assessments (three leading to a certificate and six for a diploma), as well as a dissertation for MSc students.

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Palliative Care (MSc/PgDip with PgCert exit point) Palliative Medicine (MSc/PgDip with PgCert exit point) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: the programmes have been specifically designed for the varying needs of busy practitioners working in differing clinical settings across the globe.

Course description: There are two pathways available: the PgDip/MSc in Palliative Medicine (open to doctors) and the PgDip/MSc in Palliative Care (open to non-medical healthcare professionals). The programme will give students an in-depth knowledge and skills in difficult symptom control, medical ethics, advanced communication skills and understanding evidence presented within research literature. The diploma assessment consists of a mixture of formative and summative assessments which include extended matching questions, written assignments and a communication skills video/DVD based assessment. The MSc is assessed through a dissertation.

For further information please contact:
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Positive Approaches to Challenging Behaviour (MSc/PgDip) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: managers and professional staff of specialist services for people with intellectual disabilities and/or autism, and severe challenging behaviour - personnel who provide direct assessment and treatment to individuals or who advise others how to do so. In addition, it can also be useful to managers or staff of staffed housing services, community nurses, psychology graduates, social workers, teachers and speech and language therapists who are seeking a better understanding of challenging behaviour and positive treatment approaches.

Course description: The course is modular with additional modules for the MSc and an individual research project of the student's choice. Assessment is via marked coursework and a dissertation for the MSc.

For further information please contact:
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Psychiatry (face to face route) (MSc with PgDip/PgCert exit points) (FT/PT) Psychiatry (e-Learning route) (MSc/PgDip with PgCert exit point) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: graduates in medicine particularly trainee Psychiatrists and non-medical graduates who wish to gain specialist knowledge in the field of psychiatry. Applications are welcomed from graduates in medicine, other health sciences, biological sciences or psychology and experienced staff in a health profession or nursing.

Course descriptions: The face to face MSc in Psychiatry is a one year full-time programme or three years part-time. The e-Learning MSc in Psychiatry is three years part-time, assessed through coursework (30%) and end of year examinations (70%) which can be taken in Cardiff or in student's home country.

Both courses cover the MRCPsych curriculum. The MSc is assessed via submission of a research dissertation.

For further information please contact:
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Public Health (MPH with PgDip exit point) (FT/PT)

Suitable for: those from a wide range of health backgrounds including dentistry, environmental health, health information, health planning, health promotion, health service evaluation, health service management, social work, medicine, nutrition and nursing.

Course description: The programme can be taken full-time over one year or part-time over two years (for UK based students). The dissertation project requires three months work full-time. Assessment is by examination, course work and dissertation.

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Therapeutics (MSc/PgDip) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: medical practitioners, pharmacists, specialist nurses and other practitioners who wish to gain further expertise in the practical management of common therapeutic problems.

Course description: Six study modules, each of five weeks duration. Assessment is by weekly multiple choice assessment, one written assignment per study module, and final MCQ and OSCE examinations. MSc students submit four 2,500 word assignments and a 15,000 word dissertation.

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Wound Healing and Tissue Repair (MSc with PgDip/PgCert exit points) (PT Distance e-Learning)

Suitable for: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, podiatrists and other health professionals.

Course description: A multi-disciplinary, international, distance learning web-based course. The taught part of the course (Part 1) is completed within two years. The programme of study has three points at which students may exit - after year 1 with a postgraduate certificate or progress to year 2 (Part 1) and exit with a postgraduate diploma. Students who successfully complete Part 1 are eligible to proceed to Part 2 and complete a 20,000 word dissertation in order to achieve the MSc. Assessment of Part 1 is by eight module assignments and seven Moderated Forums and Part 2 by submission of a dissertation based upon a research project.

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