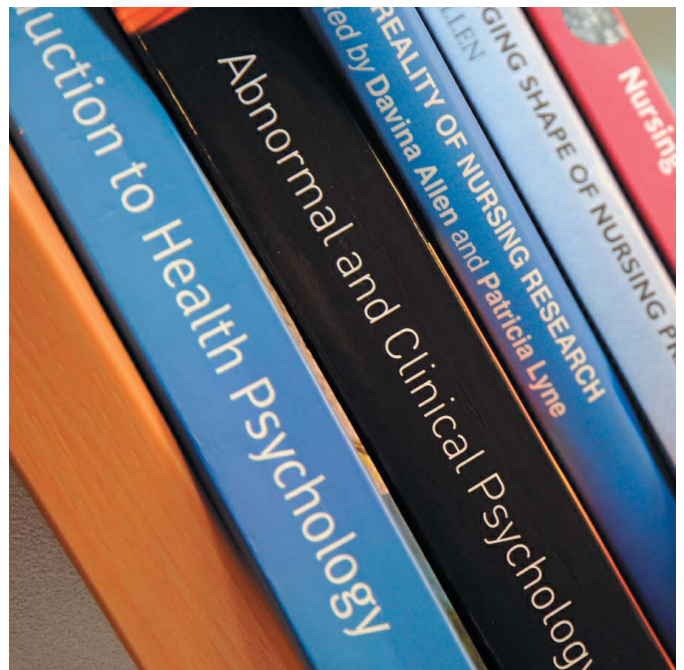


Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies

Postgraduate Taught Programmes



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Said Al Harthy, MSc in Advanced Practice

“I liked all courses and the structure, as they have built and expanded my knowledge systematically.”



Shirley Willis, MSc in Advanced Practice

“The MSc has been a challenging but rewarding experience, encouraging me to really explore and question my day-to-day practice. The modular nature of the programme has allowed me to tailor my learning to support my professional development within my clinical role as a District Nurse, which will provide real benefits to the patients in my care.”

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 some 26,000 students - of whom 7,600 form part of the University's postgraduate community.

Cardiff University plays a vital role in promoting health and welfare with special reference to the needs of Wales, via a strong inter-disciplinary and multi-partnership approach. Central amongst its partners is the National Health Service in Wales, with which the University is linked at all levels.

The **Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies** offers post-registration and postgraduate education at a variety of levels for nursing, midwifery and healthcare professionals. Taught postgraduate Level 7/M Level accredited programmes all have exit levels at Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and MSc awards.

Excellence in Teaching

The Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies is a leading provider of postgraduate education. Many of the MSc programmes are well established and have developed both a national and international reputation.

Most of our programmes combine a mix of contact sessions and self directed learning. Programme tutors are all experienced staff and we also utilise external speakers who are leaders in their field.

Reputation for Research

The Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies produces high quality research relevant to clinical practice and disseminates its research evidence to inform best practice. Staff at the School regularly publish their research findings in various highly respected journals and books in the field. The Nursing, Health & Social Care Research Centre and the Wales Centre for Evidence Based Care, a collaborating centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute, are located within the School.

A Stimulating and Flexible Environment

Postgraduate students from many parts of the world study at the School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies, alongside UK students. Most programmes can be taken on a full time or a part time basis depending on your situation and learning preferences.

Cardiff University is one of a few universities in the UK to have a dedicated facility for postgraduate students. The Graduate Centre offers additional space, study and social facilities as well as additional skills workshops for postgraduate students during their time in Cardiff. It is situated within Cardiff University Students Union Building, which is one of the biggest and best Students' unions in the UK.

Accommodation and Living Costs

There is a wealth of accommodation available for rental in the city within walking distance of the university and city centre. Supply exceeds demand, keeping rents low and ensuring that good quality accommodation is available. Cardiff has a lower cost of living than most other UK cities. For further details on accommodation and affordable living in Cardiff, please visit:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/postgraduate/pgaccommodation

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/pgfees

There are many charities, foundations and trusts that may contribute to your study costs. Our online Funding and Scholarship Search brings these funding sources together in one easy-to-search database. To use the Funding and Scholarship Search, please visit:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/searchforfunding

Developing your career

The programmes aim to increase students' practical and theoretical knowledge. They develop evaluative, critical thinking and problem solving skills, as well as the skills to evaluate practice. All of these attributes contribute toward our graduates having the skills to become leaders in their fields.

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.

Taught Programmes

All of the postgraduate programmes offered at the Cardiff School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies are structured on a modular format. The majority of these modules are free standing and can also be applied for on a sessional basis.

MSc in Advanced Practice - Generic

MSc/PgDip/PgCert

The MSc in Advanced Practice is designed to offer a flexible, innovative and individualised education opportunity for personal and professional development ultimately to meet the requirements of health and social care. It is open to all health care professionals across the primary, secondary and tertiary care spectrum facilitating the development of advanced clinical decision making and leadership skills to professionally deliver evidence based care. The MSc in Advanced Practice follows a module pattern based on three semesters of taught modules per annum. To achieve an MSc in Advanced Practice you will need a total of 180 credits. Typically, each taught module offers 30 credits, with a final dissertation module of 60 credits. Students must complete four modules in the taught component of the programme; one of these is a compulsory research module and the remaining three modules are of the students' choice dependant on the pathway chosen; the MSc in Advanced Practice is available as a part-time route (maximum of three years) or one year full-time route (50 weeks). The programme offers a generic and five specialist pathways providing students with the opportunity to explore their specialist areas of practice and obtain a relevant named degree within the MSc in Advanced Practice scheme.

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It is possible to study the following modules under the MSc in Advanced Practice programme:

MSc in Advanced Practice

Research (choose 1 option)	Option Modules (choose 3 options)				Dissertation (choose 1 option)
Clinical Research Skills Approaches, Designs and Methods	Foundations in Colposcopy	Non-Medical Prescribing 1	PGCE Facilitating Learning & Teaching	Complexities of Care Management	Empirical Research
	Advances in Colposcopy	Non-Medical Prescribing 2	PGCE Assessment & Evaluation	Transforming Care Systems and Services through Leadership	Work Based Project
	Collaborative Working in Eating Disorders	Partnership Working in Safeguarding Children	Patient Safety and Clinical Risk	Evidencing Learning in Professional Practice	Systematic Review of the Literature
	Health Policy and Funding	Therapeutic Practice in Safeguarding Children & Young People	Cardio-respiratory Physiology & Patho-physiology	Exploring Advanced Practice	
		Contemporary Issues in Adolescent Health & Wellbeing	Neuroscience of Human Movement & Dysfunction	Advancing Assessment and Decision Making	

Please Note: From September 2012 the MSc in Advanced Practice (Generic) may include two compulsory modules: Research Skills and a revised Exploring Advanced Practice module

Specialist Pathways Five specialist pathways are available:

Colposcopy

MSc/PgDip/PgCert

The programme is inter professional and open to health professionals who wish to become BSCCP accredited colposcopists and those that are already BSCCP accredited colposcopists. The programme aims to develop knowledge, skills and competence in colposcopy to ensure safe and effective colposcopy practice. This programme meets the standards and requirements for colposcopy training set by the BSCCP/RCOG for colposcopy training and service provision.

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Community Health Studies

MSc/PgDip/PgCert

Students can chose from a selection of modules at masters level including non-medical prescribing, complexities of care management and advancing assessment and decision making.

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Education for Healthcare Professionals

MSc/PgDip/PgCert

Primarily for nursing and midwifery practitioners but could be accessed by other health care practitioners also.

The programme focuses on evidence based approaches to facilitating learning, teaching, inter professional learning and quality assurance in higher education and clinical practice. Students will be required to plan and implement assessment and evaluation strategies and lead practice and curriculum development activities. Additionally, for those nurses and midwives wishing to record this qualification with the NMC this module will provide 180 hours associated practise which, when combined with Facilitating Learning and Teaching, will provide the required 360 hours of practise. All other students must evidence 100 hours or associated practise.

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Non-medical Prescribing

MSc/PgDip/PgCert

Non-medical Prescribing is a taught postgraduate programme that has been developed by the School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies and the Welsh School of Pharmacy. The programme aims to provide patients with quicker and more efficient access to medicines and to make the best use of the skills of pharmacists, nurses, midwives and allied health professionals.

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Safeguarding Children

MSc/PgDip

The programme aims to develop an understanding of the issues of, and effective practices for, safeguarding children and young people; to develop student awareness and understanding of key considerations, all within the context of partnership working. It is particularly suited to those who work regularly with children, and young people.

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Specialist Community Public Health Nursing

MSc/PgDip
FT/PT

This programme has been developed to meet the demands of this rapidly changing field, providing you with a professional qualification in recognition of your expertise. It prepares Specialist Community Public Health Nurses (SCPHNs) - health visitors or school nurses to work in complex and varied settings and have the knowledge, interpersonal skills and managerial capabilities to practice effectively in today's health service.

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Professional Doctorate in Nursing (PT)

The Professional Doctorate in Nursing seeks to equip nurses with the practical research skills and the critical thinking ability demanded of those practitioners working at the forefront of their profession. The award is geared to nurses working in a range of fields and aims to aid the dissemination, development and management of a range of professional practices and policy developments.

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Details of all these programmes can be found on the School of Nursing and Midwifery Studies web pages at the following address: www.cardiff.ac.uk/nursing

Student profile



Lyn Middleton, Professional Doctorate in Nursing

“My Doctorate was achieved after five years’ research into chronic pain relief and patients’ tolerance to opioid drugs over time. I developed a question-based system aimed at helping pain experts establish which patients might be becoming tolerant to their medication. It is exciting to think that patients could start to benefit from the work I’ve done”

Visits

Prospective applicants would be very welcome to visit the School. Please contact the appropriate Programme Manager beforehand who will be available to answer any queries at the time of the visit.

The School holds a number of postgraduate information events throughout the year and also participates in the University’s annual Postgraduate Open Day held in November each year. Please see the Schools postgraduate web pages and: www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/pg/pgopenday/index.html

How to Find Us

Cardiff is easily reached by road or rail from other parts of Britain, Cardiff International Airport, just outside the city, has frequent connections to Europe and destinations outside the EU. See: www.cardiff.ac.uk/locations/index.html

Entry Requirements

These programmes are normally open to registered practitioners who possess an initial or higher degree of an approved institution.

Where applicants do not hold a first degree, applications will be considered on an individual basis. For such applicants, evidence of relevant experience and continued professional development will be requested. Overseas students need to demonstrate a minimum IELTS score of 6.5.

Academic Study Advice

To assist you with making the right choice of study, Jacqui Rattray, Academic Study and AP(E)L Advisor is available to offer advice and guidance to current and potential students who may be contemplating further or new study.

Students are welcome to discuss or meet with the Academic Study and AP(E)L Advisor to identify learning goals and discuss the possibility of crediting prior learning in future study. This will assist in making an informed decision with regards to the best choice of programme or combination of modules to meet personal and professional needs.

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