

GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Flexible professional development



University of Brighton

INTRODUCTION

What is the Graduate Programme in Health and Social Sciences?

The Graduate Programme in Health and Social Sciences (GPHSS) is designed to meet the needs of professionals working within areas of the health service, social services, and also in other parts of the public and independent sectors.

The programme offers a wide range of postgraduate courses and modules including postgraduate certificates, diplomas and masters degrees. These courses centre on health and social science disciplines and draw on the professional and research expertise of our academics.

How does it work?

All courses are taught within one of the three schools that make up the Faculty of Health and Social Science or within the Division of Medical Education, and are located at the university's Falmer and Eastbourne campuses.

Most of our masters courses can be taken in combination with either a management or education option. The majority of courses also allow you to choose optional modules from across the Graduate Programme in subjects from a wider variety of health and social science disciplines.

Modules within the Graduate Programme may also be studied on their own. Studying single modules can be useful for students who only want to acquire knowledge in a specialist area or who can only commit to a short course. Single modules carry credits so can be accredited towards future studies.

How will I study?

Modules are normally taught over a 13-week semester or during an intensive study period of five days. There is a choice of full-time study over a year or part-time study over a period to suit individual needs. Part-time students from the local region can study for an award by day release, while those from further away can complete certain awards during intensive periods of study.

Teaching and learning strategies

The Graduate Programme focuses on student-centred learning. The modular framework is flexible, allowing us to offer a wide variety of teaching and learning strategies for students. Most teaching takes place in small groups which vary in size. Opportunities to take advantage of e-learning are offered wherever possible.

Students will receive guidance on their choice of modules and progress through courses from course leaders and/or their personal tutors. Learning contracts and personal development plans may also be adopted as they give students who already have experience in their field of study a valuable opportunity to assess their prior learning and prioritise their learning needs.

Our staff are experienced at meeting the specific needs of postgraduates, and helping them to overcome the unique problems they face. To help with this, we offer a series of general workshops to all students on the Graduate Programme which address time management, study skills, study problems and motivation.

The programme's induction days in September lay out the ethos of the programme, offer sessions in learning and study skills appropriate to postgraduate study.

Inter-professional Learning (IPL) opportunities

The Graduate Programme allows students to choose from modules in a wide range of healthcare and social science related disciplines. This gives professionals from different disciplines an opportunity to learn from and about each other in order to improve collaborative practice in the workplace.

International students

The Graduate Programme attracts international full-time students from around the world and a diverse range of backgrounds. In particular they are attracted by the quality of research carried out within the Faculty of Health and Social Science and the programme's reputation for providing education that is centred on the needs of professional practitioners.

The flexible structure of the programme is also particularly attractive to international students. As well as offering full-time postgraduate courses it allows students to take individual masters-level modules in an intensive format suited to those who prefer to travel over to the UK for short periods of study.

SCHOOLS AND RESEARCH CENTRES

The Graduate Programme includes three schools and three research centres from the Faculty of Health and Social Science and the Division of Medical Education (part of the Brighton and Sussex Medical School):

School of Nursing and Midwifery

The School of Nursing and Midwifery is one of the largest in the university. An important provider of nursing and midwifery education at all academic levels, we provide a wide range of post-registration postgraduate courses and modules.

Our strengths lie in providing high-quality teaching and research with a strong professional and applied focus. We pride ourselves on creating a school environment that is supportive and enjoyable for all students and teachers. www.brighton.ac.uk/snm

School of Health Professions

The School of Health Professions is a UK centre of excellence for allied health professions education and research. The school has over 70 staff and a vibrant research culture.

Our key strengths in professional education and the applied social and natural sciences provide a framework for a genuinely multi-disciplinary approach to health professions. All of our postgraduate courses are delivered in a well-equipped and modern environment. www.brighton.ac.uk/sohp

School of Applied Social Science

The School of Applied Social Science offers a comprehensive range of taught masters degree and PhD programmes in subjects including criminology, community psychology, psychosocial studies, social research and public administration.

Our thriving research culture, with internationally recognised staff who regularly contribute to local and global debates, ensure that these courses are up-to-date and relevant. We have demonstrated excellence in teaching and learning to external examiners and bodies, and are proud of our reputation for producing highly employable and adaptable postgraduates. www.brighton.ac.uk/sass

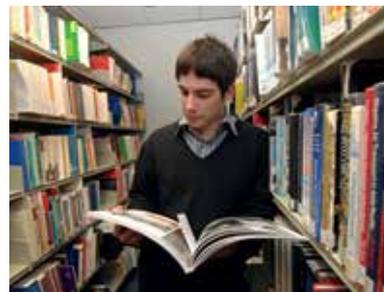
Division of Medical Education

The Division of Medical Education provides teaching and learning in a wide range of subjects relevant to health care. We have established an extensive systematic programme of formal postgraduate academic awards relevant to the needs of doctors at all levels, in primary care, secondary care, mental health and public health. Our areas of expertise include cardiology, psychiatry, public health, health informatics and general practice. We also support doctors and other health professionals in practice by responding to their continuing educational and development needs through our programme of non award-bearing courses, conferences and seminars. www.bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate

Research

Research is at the heart of the faculty's activities. We have a growing reputation for internationally excellent interdisciplinary research in health, wellbeing and welfare and play a leading role in developing research capacity for professionals in these sectors and the wider community.

Our research centres produce high quality research that is theoretically and methodologically robust in a vibrant and supportive environment. Research students have access to excellent facilities, resources and supervisors with a wide range of expertise.



There is a strong focus on working collaboratively with external agencies, groups and individuals from the UK and around the world.

The faculty hosts four research centres, each based within one of the faculty's schools:

- The Centre for Health Research www.brighton.ac.uk/snm/research
- Clinical Research Centre for Health Professions www.brighton.ac.uk/sohp/research
- Social Science Policy and Research Centre www.brighton.ac.uk/sass/research

COURSES

These pages list all of the courses that are offered as part of the Graduate Programme in Health and Social Sciences.

The programme offers courses at a range of levels including:

- MA / MSc
- PGDip
- PGCert

As well as the courses listed here you can also choose to study individual modules.

For more detailed course information such as course structure, areas of study and course syllabus, please visit www.brighton.ac.uk/gphss.

From there you can search for postgraduate courses in your chosen area of study by clicking on the relevant school link and then online for a particular course. You can also call us on 01273 642070/642060 or email gphss@brighton.ac.uk.

School of Health Professions

- Clinical Research (MRes)
- Neuromusculoskeletal Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Occupational Therapy and Education
- Occupational Therapy and Management
- Physiotherapy
- Physiotherapy and Education
- Physiotherapy and Management
- Podiatry
- Podiatry and Education
- Podiatry and Management
- Podiatry with Clinical Biomechanics
- Podiatry with Diabetes
- Podiatry with Rheumatology
- Practice-Based Education (PG Cert)
- Principles of Podiatric Surgery
- Professional Health and Social Care Practice (online)
- Sports Injury Management

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School of Nursing and Midwifery

- Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- Clinical Studies
- Clinical Studies and Education
- Clinical Studies and Management
- Community Health
- Community Health and Education
- Community Health and Management
- Community Specialist Practice
- Health
- Health and Education
- Health and Management
- Health Promotion
- Health Promotion and Education
- Health Promotion and Management
- Health and Social Care Education (PGCert)
- International Health Promotion
- Specialist Community Public Health Nursing

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Division of Medical Education

- Anaesthesia and Perioperative Medicine
- Cardiology
- Commissioning and Leadership
- Dementia Studies
- Education in Clinical Settings
- Geriatric Medicine
- Managing Medical Careers
- Medical Education (PG Cert)
- Medical Leadership in Clinical Settings
- Medical Toxicology (PG Cert)
(Please note this runs in the academic year 2014 – 2015)
- Medical Research (MRes)
- Psychiatry
- Public Health
- Public Health and Management

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www.bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate

School of Applied Social Science

- Applied Social and Community Research
- Community Psychology
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- MPA (Masters in Public Administration)
- Psychosocial Studies
- Social Research (PG Cert)

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Professional Doctorates

- Doctor of Biomedical Science (DBMS)
- Doctor of Counselling and Psychotherapy (DCP)
- Doctor of Health Care (DHC)
- Doctor of Health Promotion (DHP)
- Doctor of Midwifery (DMid)
- Doctor of Nursing (DNursing)
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DOccT)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (DPharm)
- Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT)
- Doctor of Podiatry (DPod)
- Doctor of Social Work (DSW)

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Research degrees

A research degree will offer you the opportunity to study a topic relevant to your personal/professional development in depth, which contributes new knowledge to the scientific base and theoretical framework of the subject area. Visit the websites of our individual research centres (see page 3) to find out about the specialist areas each of them offers.

Management and Education Options

Courses including management

These courses aim to meet the needs of health professionals who wish to study professional and management issues at an advanced level. You may currently hold a management role or wish to move into management in the future. You can choose management modules from the Graduate Programme or from certain modules within the Brighton Business School.

Courses including education

You can take most masters courses in combination with the PGCert Health and Social Care and Education, PGCert Practice-Based Education, PGCert Education in Clinical Settings, PGCert Medical Education or other education modules from within the GPHSS. This option is for those who wish to continue their professional studies to masters level but who require a qualification in education.

It will be of particular interest if your professional role includes training responsibilities or you intend moving to a training role in the future. A number of postgraduate certificates include accreditation with professional bodies as well as an academic award.

Masters degrees

Students must complete a dissertation for a masters degree. The degree will be either an MA or an MSc depending on the balance of modules taken and the nature of the dissertation. The dissertation will normally carry 60 level 7 credits.



Tiffany White
Physiotherapy MSc

After 15 years of physiotherapy practice in the clinical field, I decided to undertake a full-time masters course. I was able to choose from a wide variety of module subjects, which enabled me to meet and learn from many different professionals.

The majority of assignments allow individuals to choose their own research areas, so I expanded my knowledge in orthopaedics. I found the module lecturers and personal tutor were encouraging and supportive throughout my year.

This course re-inspired my commitment to the physiotherapy profession and I have now returned to clinical and academic work with improved knowledge and confidence to develop my career.



Negin Hakkaki
Criminology MA

I studied for my undergraduate degree at the University of Brighton and found it was both a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

For this reason, I chose to continue my studies here with a Criminology MA. The course offers the opportunity to specialise in topics that you are particularly interested in as well as learning contemporary criminological theory.

When first arriving at Brighton I was immediately comfortable in my surroundings, both at the campus and the city as a whole. The tutors are very friendly and supportive and always make time to assist you on the course. The facilities on campus are fantastic, with plenty of computer poolrooms available in the library.

MODULES

Each of the courses within the Graduate Programme is made up of core modules and a range of optional modules. All core modules are mandatory. The optional modules allow you to choose from modules in a wider variety of health and social science disciplines. Some degrees are highly specified; others offer more choice. Choices are subject to the limitations of the programme's organisation.

If you prefer, you have the option to create a bespoke course containing your own choice of modules from within the Graduate Programme.

This leads to an award of an MSc in Health (see www.brighton.ac.uk/snm/courses/post-reg for more information). This is intended to enable you to put together a course to meet your own specific needs and to reflect the wide and individual nature of these needs. Your module choice will be negotiated with the course leader.

You can also choose to study individual modules. This can be useful if you only want to acquire knowledge in a specific area or can only commit to a short course. Single modules carry credits so can be accredited towards future studies.

Module duration and ratings

Each module has its own method of presentation and assessment and requires approximately 200 hours of student study. The module description may detail specific entry requirements.

All modules are part of the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme. Modules are normally rated at 20 M CATS points (all modules can be credit rated under the European Credit Rating System or ECTS, where a 20-credit module is equivalent to 10 ECTS credits).

Developing Professional Learning module

This module is intended for students who have had a gap in study and need preparation for Continuing Professional Development or masters-level study. It concentrates on the development of transferable study skills in information technology, literature searches, essay writing and referencing, presentation, time management and reflection which will enhance the student's management of their own learning.

Study skills online module

This module is delivered online and aims to assist students in developing the confidence and skills to meet the challenges of higher academic study. To study in the context of their profession requires the student to demonstrate the link between theory and practice. The learning process therefore centres on the students personal professional focus to enable the student to draw on known experience and integrate this with a theoretical perspective, using study skills to achieve this.

For more details on these and our other modules please visit www.brighton.ac.uk/gphss. Here you can search the module database by module code, title or key words of interest and download module timetables.



Nicole Vann
International Health
Promotion MA

I manage the Hangleton and Knoll Project, a vibrant community development and youth-work project based in East Sussex. Studying on the International Health Promotion masters programme has been really helpful to my work. Health promotion has a vital role to play in community development and youth work, and the course has enabled me to apply research into my everyday work.

My working practice has definitely improved as a result of my experiences on the course. In particular, and from both personal and professional perspectives, I benefited from my three-month placement in Canada, which I undertook as part of the International Dimension of Health Promotion module.

HOW TO APPLY

Applying for a course

To apply for a course visit www.brighton.ac.uk/gphss, search for the course in your chosen area of study by clicking on the relevant school link and then follow the online application instructions. Once you have submitted your online application it will be forwarded to the relevant school.

The school will then contact you to inform you whether you will be invited for an interview. If you are successful at the interview stage you will be given a conditional or unconditional offer and further instructions regarding enrolment.

Applying for a single module

To apply for a single module visit www.brighton.ac.uk/gphss and complete the 'single enrolment application form'.

Once complete, return it to the following address:

The Graduate Programme in Health and Social Sciences
Faculty of Health and Social Science
University of Brighton
Room 336
Mayfield House
Falmer
Brighton, BN1 9PH
Or email gphss@brighton.ac.uk

Careers advice service

To discuss your options contact the relevant course leader, and for further advice contact:

Helen Stanley, Director of Graduate Programme in Health and Social Sciences
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Fees and funding

Tuition fees and the kind of funding available depend on a number of factors, including which course you take and your chosen mode of study. Many organisations support their professionals; if for example you work for an NHS trust, your module costs may be covered via the Health Education Contract (H.E.C).

Other students fund themselves and for this reason we keep module and course fees as low as possible and we phase payment arrangements for individuals.

A discount is available for students who have studied at the university before. Please see the fees and funding section at www.brighton.ac.uk/money for details on eligibility and further information.

You may also email fees@brighton.ac.uk if you have a specific fee enquiry.

Further Information

The GPHSS Student Handbook providing essential information about the Graduate Programme and frequently asked questions can also be found at: www.brighton.ac.uk/gphss.



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