ADVANCED AND SPECIALIST HEALTHCARE
PCert, MSc

Part-time, flexible, multi-professional Master’s-level qualification for all healthcare professionals with opportunities for Accreditation of Prior Experiential and/or Certificated Learning or Credit Transfer

Medway
The Advanced and Specialist Healthcare PCert and MSc is a flexible, part-time multi-professional programme designed specifically for qualified, registered healthcare professionals working across a wide range of healthcare settings.

The programme is ideal for those in primary, secondary and community care, including doctors, nurses, dentists, dental care professionals, physiotherapists and therapists, who wish to develop their academic skills alongside their professional role.

The programme is delivered by the University of Kent’s Centre for Professional Practice (CPP), based in Medway. A postgraduate qualification from the University of Kent opens up a wealth of career opportunities by providing an impressive portfolio of skills and specialist knowledge.

Programme overview
Taught by expert academics and clinicians, this multidisciplinary programme allows you to broaden your expertise, deepen your knowledge and hone your research skills, while gaining a recognised qualification to help progress your career.

Teaching is structured around a series of extended taught weekends (on average six weekends a year at our Medway campus), consisting of formal lectures, seminars, guest speakers and action-learning sessions.

During the sessions, you explore your existing work practice through modules designed to help you review and analyse current debates and professional challenges relevant to your specific area. You also have the opportunity to develop the academic and professional skills necessary to meet evolving needs of patient care in healthcare services.

Programme structure, content and delivery
You study the programme on a part-time basis over three years, one year per stage – a total of three years for PCert, PDip and MSc. Typically, you complete the PCert in the first year, PDip in the second year and MSc in the third year. You must pass each stage to progress onto the following one.

The programme is delivered through a variety of teaching methods, including taught sessions and work-based learning, self-study, case-study analysis, individual and group tutorials, projects and presentations. Online learning resources, including lectures, are available via Moodle, our virtual learning environment.

Course content
Stage 1 (PCert), 60 credits
Core content
- Induction days: Wed 25 and Thu 26 September 2019
- Evidence Based Practice (Health) (WL830) 15 credits: Fri 27 – Sun 29 September 2019
- Inter-professional working (WL814) 15 credits: Fri 27 – Sun 29 March 2020
- Plus optional module(s) equalling 30 credits from across CPP or University catalogue*

Stage 2 (PDip), 60 credits
Core content
- Research Skills (WL882) 30 credits or (WL817) 15 credits
- Plus optional module(s) equalling 30 or 45 credits from across CPP or University catalogue*

Stage 3 (MSc), 60 credits
- Work-related Project and Dissertation (WL816) 60 credits
- Special Area of Study (WL874) 15 credits or (WL825) 30 credits

*Optional modules may include:
- Professional Standard Setting for Professional Practice (WL838) 30 credits (Audit and Quality Improvement)
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- Special Area of Study (WL874) 15 credits or (WL825) 30 credits

All optional modules are subject to availability.

Teaching and assessment
Teaching methods are designed to support learning with emphasis on the application of theory to professional practice. Participation is encouraged throughout with lecturers, seminars, tutorials, discussions, case studies and work-related activity. Assessment is a combination of written assignments and/or portfolio of evidence to address the
intended learning outcomes and a final-stage dissertation.

Flexible study
At CPP, we recognise the individual needs and working circumstances of professional people, the diverse nature of the workplace and the obstacles professionals may face in taking up learning opportunities.

Our programmes provide inclusive, coherent, educational and work-related opportunities. We specialise in flexible, part-time programmes that acknowledge the competing priorities experienced by professionals during the course of their working lives.

Expert staff
Taught sessions are delivered in a welcoming, supportive and flexible academic environment, by an academic team with extensive professional practitioner experience.

Entry requirements
Entry onto the programme is via professional qualification in a relevant field (healthcare) with a minimum of two years’ post-qualification experience within the relevant area of practice. Alternatively, the successful completion of a University of Kent PCert or PDip in a health-related subject area. You must be able to demonstrate personal suitability and be within a suitable workplace setting.

Entry with prior credit
To find out more about flexible entry points that recognise your previous qualifications, please contact the Programme Coordinators.
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Accreditation of Prior Experiential and/or Certificated Learning (APECL)
You are encouraged to convert prior leaning achievements into University of Kent academic credit via Accreditation of Prior Experiential and/or Certificated Learning. To be eligible for accreditation, prior learning must be at the appropriate level and relevant to the programme’s learning outcomes. For further information, see www.kent.ac.uk/cpp/programmes/ap ecl.html

Fee
For the 2019/20 academic year, the fees are £2,780 per stage. In subsequent years, annual increments to fees will apply.

Government loans for postgraduate degrees are available (subject to eligibility criteria).

How to apply
www.kent.ac.uk/pg/apply

Why choose Kent?
Kent is one of the UK’s leading universities. Our outstanding teaching is rated gold in the Teaching Excellence Framework**. Based on the most recent Research Excellence Framework, the University is ranked in the top 20 for research intensity by the Times Higher Education, outperforming 11 of the 24 Russell Group universities.

Kent has an excellent postgraduate employment record: over 97% of graduates who responded to the most recent national survey of graduate destinations were in work or further study within six months (DLHE 2017).

Location
Kent’s Medway campus is part of Chatham Maritime, where the Historic Dockyard has been redeveloped to provide a great environment in which to study. The campus is close to central London: trains from Ebbsfleet International take approximately 17 minutes and trains to Chatham take 45 minutes. If you want to explore further afield, the Eurostar train from Ebbsfleet can get you to Paris or Brussels in about two hours.

Further information
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Full details of our terms and conditions can be found at: www.kent.ac.uk/termsandconditions
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