

# Postgraduate Certificate Pain Management leading to Postgraduate Diploma / MSc Pain Management



## Faculty of Health



### COURSE FACTS

Faculty	Faculty of Health
Apply	Please contact the Admissions Office T: 0121 331 5500 E: <a href="mailto:health.admissions@bcu.ac.uk">health.admissions@bcu.ac.uk</a>
Duration	Part-time: One - three years (maximum five years to complete) Full-time: One year (available from September 2014)
Location	City South Campus, Edgbaston
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Deadline for applications	Applications MUST be received by 30 June

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- You must have a professional qualification and / or be registered with the appropriate professional body
- You must possess either a degree or equivalent, or provide evidence of relevant experience to undertake the programme
- International students must demonstrate an IELTS score of 6.5 or have an English language qualification as specified by the International Office ([www.bcu.ac.uk/international](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/international))

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The aim of the course is to increase your depth of knowledge in the management of pain, promoting a high level of clinical skill through the exploration of a wide evidence base which would underpin and develop practice. Thus improving care delivery, patient outcome and furthermore strengthening career opportunities for those working in the pain management field.

You should study this course if you care about making a difference to those in your care and your career - our pain management course will benefit both. It will hone your skills providing you with the knowledge and understanding of how to manage the complex needs of patients in pain and improve the quality of pain management, while giving your career a boost.

As a multi-professional course it is suitable and relevant to all professionals working in pain management. Offering flexibility to meet individual needs, modules can be accessed as stand alone should you require specific aspects of pain management, such as clinical modules for example, in order to enhance clinical practice.

The Master's (MSc) programme has been designed specifically to develop expertise, leadership and interprofessional working within pain management. After studying at MSc level, senior experienced professionals will be better able to understand the broader issues involved in devising policies that improve pain management for individuals or groups within a variety of clinical settings.

## COURSE CONTENT

Depending on your entry criteria and the amount of study you undertake, the following range of named awards may be gained:

- Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert)

You will study four single modules (each with a credit rating of 15 MSc level credits).

- Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip)

You will study a total of eight modules (all with a rating of 15 MSc level credits) or an additional four single modules if you have already gained the PgCert.

- MSc

You will have studied a total of eight single modules (or equivalent), each with a rating of 15 MSc level credits for the PgDip award. You will undertake a dissertation project, which has a rating of 60 Master's level credits. The dissertation project will be supported with student support groups and the opportunity to attend lunchtime seminars.

There will be a combination of lead lectures, group/individual tutorial sessions and seminar presentations. There will also be individual student support from both clinical and academic staff.

The programme also allows you to examine the wider debates within health care provision that will enable you to direct the delivery of pain management in an holistic and informed manner.

There is a mixture of teaching with an increasing emphasis on student centred learning and the use of e-technology and self directed study.

Modules can also be studied as standalone options.

**The programme aims to:**

- Develop you as a practitioner, to be able to respond to, and be proactive in, managing the complex needs of the patient in pain, in a variety of settings.
- Develop, enhance and improve the quality of pain management within the health care arena in order to provide improved care provision through the development of appropriate knowledge and skills.
- Promote the development of expert practitioners in pain management through the ability to think critically.
- Promote a multidisciplinary team approach to pain management in relation to recent guidelines.

**Contact time**

This consists of three days per module. Tutorial time is available on a weekly basis upon request.

**How much study is involved?**

30 hours contact time per module with an additional 120 hours of student centred study.

## ASSESSMENT

A variety of assessments is used throughout the course including reflective essays, seminar presentations, poster presentations and case studies. The various assessments will allow you to explore, develop and progress your ideas related to pain management. There will be a dissertation for the MSc.

## FURTHER STUDY

Following completion of the MSc you can progress your studies to doctoral level by PhD or Professional Doctorate.

## EMPLOYABILITY

Our courses are mapped against the Knowledge and Skills Framework (KSF). You can therefore see how each of the modules contributes to your achievement of the relevant dimensions of the KSF. This provides evidence of your professional achievement in relation to your current and potential future roles.

## HOW TO APPLY

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