

Employer Authorisation Form**MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Not for Degree Apprenticeship Route)
Information for applicants and sponsoring health organisations****Introduction**

This programme has been designed for registered healthcare professionals who wish to develop their competence in advanced clinical practice, leadership, education and research as outlined in the Multi-professional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in England (2018).

By the end of the course, students are expected to

- Demonstrate a high level of autonomy in making required clinical decisions and act appropriately in complex and unpredictable situations
- Undertake an advanced level of assessments, and through selection and interpretation of appropriate clinical investigations and results, formulate a diagnosis and a plan of care using person-centred approaches
- Evaluate and initiate a range of evidence-based interventions, which may include for example prescribing of medicines, therapies and person-centred care
- Lead service improvements, educate and develop others and provide consultancy services related to advanced practice within an individual's scope of practice
- Critically evaluate the findings of research and audit to enhance advanced practice and service delivery, whilst developing a high level of expertise within one's own practice and that of others

Entry criteria

Students enrolling on the programme will need to demonstrate that they are able to meet the specified entry criteria:

- Normally a first degree in a health-related discipline. Applicants with evidence of equivalent professional development or academic proficiency will be considered.
- Current registration with one of the statutory regulators of health and care professions in the UK
- Employment as a patient facing health care professional in an appropriate setting
- Evidence of their employer's recommendation for their application for a programme of study leading to an Advanced Clinical Practice role including a formal reference from the employer confirming;
 - The applicant demonstrates professional values and behaviours, respecting people's diversity, beliefs, culture, needs, values and preferences and shows respect and empathy acting as a role model for others
 - The applicants 'clinical readiness' to undertake the programme
 - Evidence of employer support to undertake the programme including the provision of a mentor with 'occupational competence' and the availability of appropriate clinical supervision
- Normally a minimum of 3 years post-qualification experience.

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Support for learning and development in clinical practice

Students enrolling on the programme require a wide range of supervised learning and development opportunities within clinical practice environments. The clinical time undertaken for these activities is evidenced as part of the coursework for most of the modules on the programme as illustrated in the table below.

It is therefore imperative that health organisations sponsoring students to undertake the programme can commit to providing supervisors, assessors and learning opportunities that will enable the student to be successful in

demonstrating the applied knowledge, understanding and skills that make up the aims of the programme.

Students will require a lead supervisor who is a qualified Advanced Clinical Practitioner or medical practitioner within the clinical field of practice in which the student will be developing as an advanced practitioner. This supervisor will provide ongoing guidance, mentoring and support throughout the programme. There are likely to be occasions when the lead supervisor is assessing the student in practice, but this will not be for all aspects of work-based learning. Students will be given clear information regarding supervision and assessors for each of the modules.

Programme pathway

	Semester	Module	Credits
Post Graduate Certificate in Clinical Practice			
Year 1	A	Advanced Clinical Practice (Core)	15
	A	Integrated Research with Professional Practice (Core)	15
	B	Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Indicators (Core)	15
	C	Advanced Work Based Skills – Diagnostic Interpretation (Core)	15
Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Practice			
Year 2	A	Optional module(s)	15 or 30
	AB	<u>Or alternatively</u> choose Non-Medical Prescribing	30
	B	Leadership, Education and Developing Others (Core)	30
	C	Advanced Work Based Skills – Therapeutic Interventions (Core)	15
Master of Science in Advanced Clinical Practice			
Year 3	AB	Practice Development Project (Core)	30
	A, B or C	Optional Module(s)	15 or 30

Optional Modules

To complete the programme, you must accrue a minimum of 45 credits from optional modules. A complete list of optional modules can be found at www.applycpd.com/herts

**MSc Advanced Clinical Practice
Applicant Information and Planning Form**
(To be completed by the applicant)

To assist the administration and programme team in ensuring a positive learning experience, we would be grateful if you could complete the following questions.

Applicants Name:	
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Non-Medical Prescribing	
Have you completed the Non-Medical Prescribing Module at this or any other University?	No / Yes at Level 6 (Degree) / Yes at Level 7 (Masters)
If yes, when did you complete the module and at what university?	
If no, do you intend to undertake the optional 30 credit level 7, Non-Medical Prescribing module as part of this programme in Year 2, Semester A and B (runs over 2 semesters)?	Yes / No / Unsure

Optional Modules			
As part of the MSc pathway you will need to complete optional modules up to the value of 45 credits at level 7. You can search for optional modules here https://www.applycpd.com/herts It would be useful if you could give an indication of which optional modules you may wish to study. Remember that if you plan to undertake Non-Medical Prescribing, that accounts for 30 credits. If you are unsure or yet undecided do not worry as you can decide towards the end of the first year. Please contact the interim programme lead, Vijaya Rajoo Naidu at V.Rajoo-Naidu@herts.ac.uk if you would like to discuss your options further.			
Module Name	Module Code	Credits	Preferred year & semester. (Please note the programme structure on page 2) (Delete as appropriate)
			Year 2 / Year 3 Semester A / B / C
			Year 2 / Year 3 Semester A / B / C
			Year 2 / Year 3 Semester A / B / C

Previous Individual Modules & Accreditation of Prior Learning

If you have previously completed certificated academic study/ modules with the University of Hertfordshire or another UK University, please mention this in your application personal statement. You may be eligible to use of the credits within the programme.

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Management agreement to support learning and development
 (To be completed by the supporting manager)

All applicants must gain sponsorship from a health or social care organisation in which they are employed. This form must be completed and submitted as part of the formal application process.

Applicants Name:	
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I, the undersigned, confirm that:

1. The above-named applicant demonstrates professional values and behaviours, respects people’s diversity, beliefs, culture, needs, values and preferences and shows respect and empathy acting as a role model for others and demonstrates the expected level of ‘clinical readiness’ to undertake the MSc Advanced Clinical Practice programme.
2. The above-named applicant and I have read and understand the programme pathway information that details the modules of study students will undertake and requirements of the programme.
3. I understand that the student will require, and I agree to provide/ facilitate:
 - A mentor with ‘occupational competence’ in the clinical environment.
 - Appropriate clinical supervision throughout the duration of the programme.
 - Learning opportunities and skills development that reflect the modules of study to be undertaken.
 - Assessment, detailed within the modules undertaken, by a suitably qualified and prepared health professional
 - Specialist guidance and support reflective of the advanced practice role the student is working towards

I hereby declare that I have read and agree to the above conditions and authorise the above-named student to apply for the MSc Advanced Clinical Practice programme at the University of Hertfordshire.

Signature			
Managers Name			
Position		Organisation	
Email Address			
Telephone Number		Date	

**MSc Advanced Clinical Practice
Practice Supervisor Form**

(To be completed by the nominated practice supervisor)

Applicants Name:	
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The above-named student is about to embark upon an MSc in advanced Clinical Practice at the University of Hertfordshire and as such requires a dedicated practice supervisor to support them for the duration of the programme. To ensure that the student has a designated practice supervisor in place at the beginning of the programme, we require a completed Practice Supervisor form to be submitted as part of the student’s application process.

Please note, the information provided will be held on an internal secure database that is both Data Protection and GDPR compliant. We may contact you from time to time to discuss supervision and progress of the named student. If you have any questions about this programme or concerns about the student, please contact the interim programme lead, Vijaya Rajoo Naidu at V.Rajoo-Naidu@herts.ac.uk. Thank you in advance for agreeing to support this student.

Supervisors Name			
Title			
Professional Group			
Band / Grade			
Clinical Speciality & Role			
Qualifications			
Contact Address			
Email Address			
Telephone Number			
I sign to confirm that I am committed to facilitating the above-named student for the duration of the MSc Advanced Clinical Practice Programme			
Signed		Date	

A supervisors guide will be sent to all supervisors upon receipt of this form. If you require a copy in advance of this, please contact the interim programme lead, Vijaya Rajoo Naidu at V.Rajoo-Naidu@herts.ac.uk.