

Advanced Paediatric and Neonatal Practice



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MSc Advanced Paediatric Nurse Practitioner (APNP) in Ambulatory Care (180 credits Level M)

PG Dip in Paediatric Ambulatory Care (120 credits Level M)

PG Cert in Paediatric Ambulatory Care (60 credits Level M)

MSc Advanced Paediatric Nurse Practitioner (APNP) in Critical Care (180 credits Level M)

PG Dip in Paediatric Critical Care (120 credits Level M)

PG Cert in Paediatric Critical Care (60 credits Level M)

MSc Advanced Neonatal Practitioner in Neonatal Critical Care (180 credits Level M)

PG Dip in Neonatal Critical Care (120 credits Level M)

PG Cert in Neonatal Critical Care (60 credits Level M)

The introduction of Advanced Practitioners is a concept driven by the NHS modernisation agenda and represents a convergence of three national policy streams (i.e. modernisation, advanced nursing and care for neonates, infants, children and young people).

The objective of this clinical Master's programme is the development of Advanced Practitioners in Paediatric Ambulatory Care, Paediatric Critical Care and Neonatal Critical Care. The programme will prepare you to assess, diagnose and manage the plethora of conditions that present in your respective clinical setting while incorporating relevant health protection and promotion issues. Modules in the last year of the programme focus on advanced skills in evidenced-based practice, case management of infants, children and adolescents with complex health needs and issues in advanced practice (with a special emphasis on the development and implementation of new roles).

The programme places tremendous emphasis on clinical acumen and requires over 500 hours of precepted practice in a variety of relevant settings. In addition, the programme is unique in its integration of research and evidence-based practice in each module (rather than consolidating the research into a large dissertation project). This shift from a traditional MSc educational structure operationalises the concepts of modernisation and evidenced-based practice as you will research, evaluate and apply the evidence base to advanced clinical paediatrics from the very first module.

Options within the programme include qualifying as an Extended Independent and Supplementary Prescriber (NMCV300 award) or completing a module in advanced paediatric and neonatal ventilatory support. The prescribing module is the only one in the country that applies the NMCV300 content to neonatal and paediatric prescribing practice.

Delivery of the specific programme will be conducted through a modified distance learning (or blended learning) approach. The current part-time option and blended learning strategy was developed in order to improve access to this innovative and highly regarded programme so that the early successes of the full time APNP pilot (2005-2007) could be built upon. There will be shared learning across the 3 routes with the breakout of specific routes for their specialty clinical management modules.



Course Programme

Please note: use of the term 'Paediatric' implies content across the full developmental spectrum (i.e. antenatally, infancy, childhood and through to adolescence).

Year 1 (Part-time delivery)

- Advanced Paediatric Pathophysiology (20 credits Level M)
- Advanced Paediatric Health Assessment (20 credits Level M + 75 clinical hours)
- *Option (20 credits Level M)

Year 2 (Part-time delivery)

- Specialty Clinical Management 1 (20 credits Level M + 120 clinical hours)
- Specialty Clinical Management 2 (20 credits Level M + 120 clinical hours)
- Specialty Clinical Management 3 (20 credits Level M + 120 clinical hours)

Year 3 (Part-time delivery)

- **Chronic Disease Management in Paediatrics (20 credits Level M)
- **Research for the Advanced Practitioner (20 credits Level M)
- **Advanced Professional Role Development (20 credits Level M)

* **Optional modules for Year 1 include (each one is 20 credits Level M and requires 90 clinical hours)**

- Advanced Paediatric Pharmacology and Prescribing
- Extended Independent and Supplementary Prescribing (Advanced Paediatric Prescribing and Pharmacology)
- Advanced Paediatric and Neonatal Ventilatory Support

** **These 3 sections collapse to create the larger module: Advanced Management and Research in Paediatrics which forms the basis for the non-traditional MSc structure. Note that these sections are also available as stand alone options for Year 1. In addition, Advanced Paediatric Pathophysiology and Advanced Paediatric Health Assessment are also available as stand alone options.**

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