

# MSc in Primary Care (Orthopaedic & Musculoskeletal Medicine)

## COURSE FEATURES

This two-year, part-time programme recognises that many GPs and other healthcare professionals have developed a special interest in the management of orthopaedic and musculoskeletal conditions. It offers a Masters level qualification, with options at university Certificate and Diploma level. The programme aims to enhance the healthcare professional's capacity to assess and manage the common musculoskeletal conditions that present to GPs and in primary care more broadly, in particular clinical examination, procedures commonly conducted in general practice (e.g. joint injections).

## WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

This course is primarily targeted towards Doctors working in family practice and Doctors in training in family or general medicine

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This expert-led programme includes a strong emphasis on distance and online learning. This flexible, practitioner-focused approach to course delivery takes account of and caters for time and work pressures experienced by busy clinicians.

Epidemiology of musculoskeletal problems in practice

Biomedical sciences and their application to the management of patients with musculoskeletal problems

Diagnosis and assessment of musculoskeletal problems

Treatment / ongoing management of musculoskeletal problems

Enhanced critical thinking, analysis and problem solving

How to review own practice and improve patient care through clinical audit and quality improvement initiatives

To successfully complete a research project (review literature, plan and enact a project, analyse and interpret findings, disseminate his/her work).

## COURSE DETAILS

Major code X875

Duration 24 months

Schedule Part-time

Next intake September

## TEACHING & LEARNING

The MSc programme is delivered over two years part-time and is designed to include both theoretical and professional practice elements, with significant emphasis on expertise in clinical practice. The course is designed for medical practitioners, but some modules may be open to other disciplines within in primary care

The 90-credit programme will lead to a MSc in Primary Care (Orthopaedics & Musculoskeletal Medicine) with exit options at Graduate Certificate (30-credit) and Diploma (60-credit) level. Prospective students will be awarded up to 30 credits in recognition of prior learning which may have been accrued through the successful completion of diplomas / certificates awarded by bodies other than universities (e.g. professional bodies, industry, HSE, workplace-based training, etc) AND/OR professional and clinical practice (as evidenced by submission of a professional practice portfolio)

An award of Graduate Certificate (30 credits) will be given to students who have completed three core ten-credit modules which will provide them with knowledge / skills / competences that equip them to competently manage common musculoskeletal problems in a primary care setting.

A Graduate Diploma (60 credits) will be awarded to students who have completed six ten-credit modules that will allow them to be a clinical expert in the management of patients with common musculoskeletal problems in a primary care setting.

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