



Course Information Sheet for entry in 2018-19

MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care

About the course

The MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care is designed to help health professionals base your clinical and health management decisions on valid, reliable and relevant evidence, determined by sound scientific research and evaluation. It can be taken part-time alongside work commitments, normally over two to four years.

The MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care will position you to integrate the best available research evidence with your clinical expertise and patient values to make better informed decisions in your field of health care.

This is a joint programme between the Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences and the Department for Continuing Education's Continuing Professional Development Centre. The programme works in collaboration with the renowned Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine in Oxford.

This programme has teachers and contributors who are internationally recognised leaders in the field of evidence-based practice and teaching. The flexible structure of the course has been devised to fit with the structure of specialist training and to accommodate student choice.

The MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care is a part-time course. There are two compulsory modules, four option modules and a dissertation. Further details about the course modules can be found on the Department for Continuing Education website.

Assessment for each module will be based on a written assignment of not more than 4,000 words. The dissertation will be on a topic chosen in consultation with your supervisor and the course director and should not normally exceed 15,000 words.

The aims of the course are for you to:

- find and appraise quantitative and qualitative research evidence critically and efficiently and understand what the results mean in different contexts and for different healthcare decisions
- integrate and synthesise different sorts of information, from diverse sources, when making both individual patient and health policy decisions in a wide range of situations
- be familiar with key issues for evidence-based practice in your own professional area or specialty
- work comfortably in situations of uncertainty and make sound judgements in the absence of definitive evidence
- work comfortably in unpredictable situations and deal with complex issues systematically and creatively
- have an understanding of ethical frameworks in health care and be able to apply ethical principles to practical issues
- understand health care organisations, management process and the changing context in which organisations operate
- be pro-active in recognising the need for change and have the ability to manage change;
- understand how to work with colleagues to make informed decisions based on evidence and operate effectively in a variety of team roles
- provide leadership for evidence-based practice and research
- manage projects, time, people, and change effectively and efficiently
- present and communicate information about research evidence and evidence-based practice clearly in written, electronic and oral forms to a range of audiences
- be able to produce a robust research protocol, for a variety of different types of research question, in a format that can be submitted as an application for research funding
- be able to play a lead role in the conduct and presentation of research
- have an understanding of the ethical issues in health research and research governance
- routinely use the principles of reflective practice.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.

Expected length of course

2 to 4 years

Costs

Modular course fees

The fees for this course are charged on a modular basis. You will pay an annual course fee and an additional fee for each module studied. A minimum of two annual course fees are payable for this course. If this course includes a dissertation, three module fees will be charged for the dissertation.

Fees for the 2018-19 academic year

Fee status	Annual course fee	Fee per module	Total estimated fees
Home/EU (including Islands)	£6,085	£1,850	Please see the department's website for further details
Overseas	£6,085	£1,850	

The fees shown above include college fees. For courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that fees will usually increase annually. For details, please see our guidance on likely increases to fees and charges.

Additional cost information

This course has residential sessions in Oxford. You will need to meet your travel and accommodation costs in attending these sessions. Further, as part of your course requirements, you may need to choose a dissertation, a project or a thesis topic. Depending on your choice of topic and the research required to complete it, you may incur additional expenses, such as travel expenses, research expenses, and field trips. You will need to meet these additional costs, although you may be able to apply for small grants from your department and/or college to help you cover some of these expenses.

Living costs

In addition to your fees, you will need to ensure that you have adequate funds to support your living costs for the duration of your course.

The likely living costs for 2018-19 are published below. These costs are based on a single, full-time graduate student, with no dependants, living in Oxford. We provide the cost per month so you can multiply up by the number of months you expect to live in Oxford.

	Likely living costs for 1 month		Likely living costs for 9 months		Likely living costs for 12 months	
	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range	Lower range	Upper range
Food	£258	£361	£2,318	£3,245	£3,090	£4,326
Accommodation	£536	£677	£4,824	£6,093	£6,432	£8,124
Personal items	£118	£263	£1,066	£2,364	£1,421	£3,152
Social activities	£41	£123	£369	£1,105	£492	£1,474
Study costs	£39	£85	£348	£765	£464	£1,020
Other	£22	£47	£202	£419	£269	£559
Total	£1,014	£1,556	£9,127	£13,991	£12,168	£18,655

When planning your finances for any future years of study at Oxford beyond 2018-19, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 3% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.graduate.ox.ac.uk/livingcosts.