

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2016-17

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 each course in accordance with the descriptions 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

Modular fees for entry in 2016-17

The fees for this course are charged on a modular basis. Students enrolled on this course pay a programme or registration fee and an additional fee for each module studied. The fees shown below include college fees, where applicable.

A minimum of two annual course fees are payable for courses leading to an MSc. For courses with a dissertation, three module fees will be charged for the dissertation.

This course requires six modules and a dissertation.

Fee Status	Annual course fee	Fee per module
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Home/EU (including islands)	£5,735	£1,740
Overseas	£5,735	£1,740

Tuition and college fees are payable each year for the duration of your fee liability (your fee liability is the length of time for which you are required to pay tuition and college fees).

Additional cost information

This course has residential sessions in Oxford so you will need to meet any travel and accommodation costs you may incur in attending these sessions.

Living costs

The likely living costs for 2016-17 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.

The fees shown above are the annual fees for this course for entry in the 2016-17 academic year; for courses lasting longer than one year, please be aware that these fees will increase annually.

Information about how much fees and other costs may increase is set out in the University's Terms and Conditions.

	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	£265	£298	£2,384	£2,673	£3,177	£3,565
Accommodation	£469	£667	£4,221	£6,002	£5,627	£8,006
Personal items	£119	£244	£1,073	£2,187	£1,429	£2,915
Social activities	£60	£107	£539	£960	£718	£1,280
Study costs	£36	£73	£314	£661	£418	£880
Other	£19	£44	£197	£410	£265	£547
Total	£970	£1,433	£8,727	£12,894	£11,636	£17,191

When planning your finances for any future years of study in Oxford beyond 2016-17, you should allow for an estimated increase in living expenses of 2% each year.

More information about how these figures have been calculated is available at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs.

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