



# MSc Psychiatry

## (home student applicants)

Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Neurodevelopmental Disorder

Neuropsychiatry

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This MSc has been designed by senior clinicians at Cheshire and Wirral Partnership and the University of Chester. The programme has two entry routes: one for home students working in mental health settings, and an international route for experienced postgraduate psychiatrists who are attached to a full-time NHS post.

This programme will provide you with a speciality Master's qualification while studying alongside interdisciplinary professionals. Home student applicants must be registered health/allied to health professionals, and work in settings with individuals who have mental health issues.

This part time programme is a unique blend of academic learning and subspecialty, clinically applicable training. Think of the MSc in three distinct parts to gain 180 Master's-level credits for your MSc in Psychiatry:

1. The two clinical research components (60 credits) are *Critical Appraisal* and the *Research Proposal* module, both of which are based on the principles of 'Good Clinical Practice'. You will focus on the critical appraisal of research evidence to develop advanced evidence-based practice skills. The second module will guide you through the crucial stages of developing a research proposal to enable a rigorous plan of enquiry.
2. Clinical modules (60 credits): The three clinical modules focus on mental health law and ethics, subspecialty module, and therapeutic interventions that underpin the delivery of care and treatment in your chosen speciality.
3. A dissertation (60 credits): A 12,000-word thesis. This is a significant piece of investigative enquiry from conceptualisation through to completion. Within this final module, 'research' is interpreted as including empirical research involving qualitative and/or quantitative methods, service evaluation, clinical audit, systematic review or a negotiated investigative enquiry unique to your specialism. You will be supervised by a clinician and an academic to complete this work.

## The University of Chester

The University of Chester has academic roots dating back to 1839 and is one of the oldest providers of higher education in the country. We work hard to offer a life-transforming experience to our students in a creative, caring and encouraging environment.

Situated close to three major mental health Trust providers in the North West of England, we are ideally placed to pursue both your professional career and further academic study.



## Support in Practice and in Education

- The Programme Team provides a high level of academic support.
- All students will have a designated Academic Supervisor throughout their programme.
- Honorary Professors and Senior Lecturers are senior NHS clinical staff and integral to the Programme Team.
- The Team are confident that this clinical programme will develop evidence-based clinicians of the future.

## Home Student Applicants

Must be a registered health, social care or allied health professional.

Must be working in a mental health environment/setting.

We strongly encourage informal discussions with the Programme Leader before you apply to the programme.

We expect that you will commit to:

- Academic and clinical skills development
- Complete an agreed period of study and training of between two and three years



## Selection Process

CV and expression of interest email to the programme leader. We welcome informal discussion to explore your academic and clinical career plans before full application.

## What Are My Career Prospects?

Health and social care professionals need to continually seek ways to improve their career prospects in an increasingly competitive job market where a postgraduate qualification is often now deemed essential.

Our MSc in Psychiatry provides a highly relevant qualification for those working in a specialist mental health setting, and will add to your portfolio of qualifications whilst providing you with opportunities for professional development supported by expert clinicians and academics.



## Pastoral Support

MSc Psychiatry students will have two main support structures:

Firstly, all students at the University of Chester can access our student services team for a wide range of practical assistance.

Secondly, in your employment you should have a clinical supervisor for professional development. In addition, Module Leaders will provide academic support at every stage, with oversight from the Programme leader. The support of your fellow students can be invaluable, and we will encourage this from the outset of the programme.

## Fees

For 2022/23 course fee please visit: [www.chester.ac.uk/pg/psychiatry-home](http://www.chester.ac.uk/pg/psychiatry-home)





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For any informal enquires or further questions, please contact  
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**Initial application or expression of interest is by CV to Professor Steven Jones.**