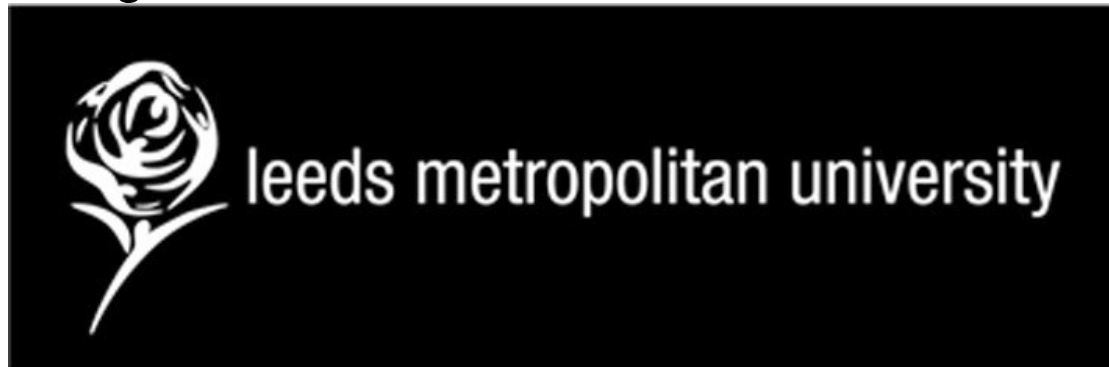


Information for applicants

Postgraduate Courses in Stroke Practice



How to apply

An on-line application form is available at:

<http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/health/cns/form/ccnscourseform.htm>

Alternatively, please contact the Centre Administrator at the address below for a hard copy form:

The Centre Administrator
Centre for Community Neurological Studies
Leeds Metropolitan University
Calverley Street
Leeds
LS1 3HE

Telephone 0113 8125918

Email: CCNSenquiries@leedsmet.ac.uk

Eligibility

Please check the companion documents *MSc Stroke Practice*

<http://www.leedsmet.ac.uk/health/cns/courses.htm> for entry requirements to the courses. If you remain uncertain about your eligibility please contact Mick Young, telephone 0113 8125918.

Registration

A total of nine 20-credit modules are required to complete the Masters programme, most students register for one module per semester. Each year does not necessarily have to follow continuously from the previous year i.e. it may be possible to take a 6-month or longer break between each year of study within the overall 5-year maximum registration period.

Postgraduate Certificate

It is not possible to directly register onto the MSc. Initially you will be registered for the award of Postgraduate Certificate, comprising two specialist subject modules *Diagnosis and Assessment of Stroke* and *Management of Stroke* and one core module *Understanding and Evaluating the Evidence*.

Postgraduate Diploma

The Postgraduate Diploma requires the addition of the core module *Applying the Evidence* and two subject specific modules *Psychosocial Implications of Stroke* and *Open Learning (Negotiated Learning)*.

MSc

In addition to the Certificate and Diploma modules detailed above, the MSc is obtained by successfully completing the 60-credit extended study module *Contributing to Practice Development*.

Course structure Postgraduate Certificate/ Postgraduate Diploma/MSc / Stroke

Subject specific example 20 credits <i>Diagnosis and assessment of Stroke</i>	Subject specific example 20 credits <i>Management of Stroke</i>	Evidence core 20 credits <i>Understanding and evaluating the evidence</i>	Postgraduate Certificate 60 credits
Subject specific example 20 credits <i>Psychosocial implications of Stroke</i>	Subject specific example 20 credits <i>Open learning</i>	Core 20 credits <i>Applying the evidence</i>	Postgraduate Diploma 120 credits total
Extended study: <i>Contributing to Practice Development</i> Systematic review Work based review Research project Synthesis 60 credits			MSc 180 credits total

Registration for single modules

If you have no wish to obtain the award of Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or MSc, you may register for one or two modules to study in their own right for CPD purposes. Further details may be obtained from the Centre Administrator at the address above.

Costs and commitment

Please see enclosed letter for current course costs.

You should be thinking of a time equivalent of about a day a week to devote to your studies. Because of the online learning nature of the course delivery there is flexibility in allowing you to study at any time of the day, evenings or weekends.

Your course will be supported by an induction workshop at the beginning of your studies. This will be run on a full day basis, on a weekday. Attendance at the induction workshop is obligatory. The workshops will be held in Leeds.

Overseas

The courses are available to non-EU students. If English is not your first language you will be required to provide certificated evidence of English to IELTS (<http://www.ielts-test.com/guide.htm>) level 6.5. Please apply to the centre administrator at the address above for overseas fee rates and further details.

Online delivery

The mode of delivery is by X-stream, which is the name given to Leeds Metropolitan university's Virtual Learning Environment (VLE). This replicates many of the features of learning in the built environment, allowing you to access teaching resources, interact with your peers and tutors through the use of discussion boards and live and recorded chat rooms, and undertake online assessments with instant marking that allows you to assess your learning needs.

Computer requirements

In common with most applications that run on computers, the higher the specification of your computer the more efficiently a programme can run. The essentials are to have an internet connection, preferably broadband, a CDROM player and a soundcard. You will therefore need to have installed an appropriate Web browser and media player, as well as Adobe Reader. All of these are available free to download. You can check your browser compatibility with X-stream using the Browser tune-up facility at <http://www.webct.com/tuneup/>

You must have an Internet connection in order to navigate the X-stream learning environment, participate in online tutor and peer discussions, and use the online tests. For people with sight impairment the use of a large glare-free monitor will be helpful; most of the text can be resized to large format and files delivered in Adobe pdf format can be listened to as computer-generated speech. The Disability support unit offers information, support and advice if required (<http://disability.leedsmet.ac.uk/main/>).

Course start dates

The courses will start with the modules *Diagnosis and Assessment of Stroke*. A one day workshop, covering course induction and assignment preparation will be held in Leeds twice a year in September and in January. The remaining two modules needed to complete the Postgraduate Certificate will be delivered in subsequent semesters.

Commencement of the course depends on sufficient student enrolments being achieved. Please contact the Course Administrator for definitive details.

These arrangements may be subject to alteration.