MSc Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care online chat session

This online chat session is for students interested in studying our MSc Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care, MSc Nursing (Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care), MSc Adult Mental Health (Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care) and Child and Adolescent Mental Health (Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care). The session will be run by academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by other attendees.

Thank you for joining us for today’s session which will run from 17:00 - 18:00 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding this programme and life at City, University of London. During the session we may also share videos, polls or documents relating to your course.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself!

Your moderators today are Alison Coutts, Programme Director and Susan Giles, Marketing Executive.

Hello, My name is Alison, and I am the director of some of the MSc in nursing programmes. If you have any questions of queries about these, I would be very happy to hear them and will try my best to give you a reply straight away.

Hi, I’m Susan, I work in the marketing team here at City. I’m looking forward to helping Alison answer your questions.

Hi I'm [redacted name], a practice nurse working in barking, just completed my PGDip in general practice and looking to APL towards the ANP course delivered at City.

Hello [redacted name], congratulations on your PGDip! An MSc is at the same academic standard, but it is more involved, particularly research. Can I ask if your present role involves prescribing?

I am [redacted name] would like to ask about programme master nurse for international students.

Hello [redacted name], we welcome international students; you need to have a registration in your own country, but do not need to be registered with the NMC, because there is no clinical work involved in this programme.

Hi there - I was wondering whether the advanced assessment module can be taken separately from the NMP module. I see they're together on the CITY Uni site but not quite ready for the NMP course.

Hello [redacted name], the physical assessment and the NMP are separate modules, and most students take them separately, starting with assessment. However, if you wanted to do the new advanced clinical practice MSc, (which is being prepared for September 2019) you would need to have the arrangements for prescribing in place at the outset. If you do not have this you could do the MSc in nursing - you could even take physical assessment and prescribing as part of that degree, as electives.
Not yet and that’s why the course at City looks appealing.

Yes, that is why nurses choose the Nursing - Adv clinical practice degree. It includes 3 electives, so that you can choose whatever suits your own professional practice.

Thanks so much for all your questions, Alison is busy answering them at the moment.

That’s very helpful thank you.

I apply for MSC Advanced practice in health and I still waiting the offer.

Sorry to keep you waiting, I am not working tomorrow but I could look next week. Please can you email me your full name and approximately when you replied (my email is a.m.couts@city.ac.uk) and I will chase it up for you!

I am registered nurse in my country.

That is great. Do you also have an English Language qualification, and also a bachelors degree or equivalent?

Yes of course because I apply for this course around 20 days or more and I do not receive any reply.

Send me some details, because that does seem rather a long time - sorry!

How does the advanced assessment course differ from the pathophysiological principles for advanced practice? Is the latter more theory based? Thank you.

The pathophysiology module is a science-based module, so we look at disease processes such as inflammation or necrosis. The assessment module is clinical and builds on this by assessing the patients, identifying the presence of inflammation or necrosis within our patients, and assessing how significant it is.

I have 5 in IELTS exam and I have bachelor degree in nurse.

The degree sounds fine. We do require level 7 at IELTS, which can be quite challenging, but we offer help getting there. We offer pre-sessional English tuition, here at City, which will help you gain the required standard, or - of course - you could study locally to you.
Hi I'm [name redacted] am a psychologist and applied for child and Adolescent Mental Health course, do you offer a placement module and what mental health problems this program more focus on.

Hello [name redacted] sorry to say, that these programmes do not offer clinical placements, because they are scholarly programmes for qualified professionals. The programmes would review problems that our patients experience and most of the common pathologies.

Ok great and are the modules taught and assessed at level 6 or 7?

All the modules are assessed at level 7, some of them are also taught at level 6. In other words, we have level 6 and level 7 students learning together, but they follow different assessments.

Ive already completed a module similar to your “Introduction to Research Methods and Applied Data Analysis” (30 credits) But my module was only 20 credits. Will I be able to RPL?

This is tricky, because we do accept RPL, but you do also need 30 credits in research, so you may not be able to use these credits - sorry! Have you any other academic credits that you could bring in?

I have a degree and 120 credits at level 6 and another 60 at level 7 so keen to keep up at level 7 to work towards the masters if I don’t manage to do the whole course. I was also wondering what the timetable is like for the part time option at MSc level. I work 4 days a week in GP so wondering how this would fit in.

Hello [name redacted] this is completely realistic; most of our students are part-time students and are usually required to attend City one day a week for the academic year (up to about 35-40 weeks a year). The only complication is that the day of your module may change, so that one term you may be studying on a Monday but the next term on Tuesday. You will probably be able to bring in your level 7 credits - we normally accept up to 45 credits from elsewhere.

Yes I have 100 credits at lvl 7,
It is very likely that some of these credits will match the outcomes from our modules, and so you will be exempt. You can usually only bring in 45 credits anyway, so the research credits may not matter.

Where can I get a list of all the elective modules for the advanced clinical practice pg dip/MSc programme?

There is no definitive list of electives, because the range keeps changing with the needs of our students, but some of the most popular ones are listed on our website. They cover some clinical topics such as diabetes or chest diseases, and also more scholarly ones such as leadership or public health. We are launching a new advanced clinical practice in October, which has one elective, but the MSc nursing programme has three.

My CCG is offering funding for 2 modules to be taken which is fantastic. Can you tell me if there are options on starting dates? I see some start dates are in May which seems a little soon so do they run regularly and later in the year?

That is good news! You can only register for the MSc in January or September, BUT, if you are very keen to start after Easter, you could do a module on its own, and then bring it into the MSc as credits!

Thanks Alison, regarding tuition costs is it a flat fee part time or is it reduced if you plan to prolong the length of your studies past 2 years.

The fees are payable at the start of each of the first two years; after that you are fully paid up and it does not really matter how long you take!

Are there restrictions on which modules can be chosen?

Not really! There are five modules that are compulsory and three electives. The electives are a free choice of any within City Health Sciences, also, you can take them in any sequence you like.

Ok I see - excellent - does that reduce the cost at all?

I'm afraid not - if you bring in credits from elsewhere, then you will receive a discount, but otherwise the fees are pretty well fixed!
Do you think it's possible to do 2 stand alone modules before January? Time wise that is. I'm very keen to look at the option of 2 modules then join the course in January. Can I join the course if I'm still waiting on results from another module?

Do you mean January 2020? It is possible to take tow modules at the same time, but it is hard work if you are also working clinically!

Thank you for all of your time and effort it's been very helpful and much appreciated!

You are most welcome, thank you for joining us!

The RCN has accredited the Msc part towards the ANP voluntary registration is that correct?

Yes, that is correct. Our MSc in advanced practice fulfills the academic requirements of the RCN accreditation. We are launching a new advanced clinical practice MSc, which will also be RCN accredited.

Thanks Susan and Alison for today, it's been really informative, when can i come visit?

You're welcome, thanks for joining the session. Our student ambassadors lead campus tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays, you can find out more here: https://www.city.ac.uk/study/visit-us/campus-tours

**Campus tours**

A campus tour led by a current student is a great way to see City, University of London. Tours run on Tuesdays at 11:00.
This session has now ended. Thank you for joining us for today's chat. If you have any further questions please email pgenquiries@city.ac.uk