

Part-Time Postgraduate Opportunities

MSc in Primary Care Ophthalmology

MSc / PgDip / PgCert by online distance learning

For optometrists, dispensing opticians, ophthalmic nurses, orthoptists and other ophthalmic Allied Health Professionals, medical and surgical trainees and GPs with a Special Interest in ophthalmology.



This three year, part-time, interprofessional programme, taught entirely online, is offered by the University of Edinburgh in partnership with the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, leading to the degree of Master of Science (MSc), with exit points at Pg Diploma level (after two years of study) and Pg Certificate level (after one year of study). Designed to be completed alongside an ophthalmic clinical post.

Programme Structure

Year 1

Semester 1

- Basic Ophthalmic Science
- Basic Examination & Investigation Techniques
- Basic Glaucoma
- Basic Macular Disease

Semester 2

- Basic Ophthalmic Science
- Basic Examination & Investigation Techniques
- Basic Acute Eye Disease & Vision Loss
- eTriage & Refinement of Referral Criteria

Year 2

Semester 1

- Advanced Ophthalmic Science
- Advanced Examination & Investigation Techniques
- Advanced Glaucoma
- Advanced Macular Disease

Semester 2

- Advanced Ophthalmic Science
- Advanced Examination & Investigation Techniques
- Advanced Acute Eye Disease & Vision Loss
- Advanced eTriage & Refinement of Referral Criteria

Year 3

- Masters Research Project

- Part-time, online, designed to be completed alongside an ophthalmic post so no need to take time out of practice or training.
- Upskills hospital and community optometrists, ophthalmic nurses, orthoptists, dispensing opticians, other ophthalmic AHPs, junior doctors, ophthalmology specialist trainees and GPs with a Special Interest in ophthalmology, allowing you to deliver services at a higher standard.
- Aligned with The Royal College of Ophthalmologists Ophthalmic Practitioner Training (OPT) and Ophthalmic Specialist Training (OST) curricula. Facilitation of clinical competency testing for OPT registrants within NHS premises with patients may be possible in collaboration with key NHS partners (subject to confirmation and prevailing COVID-19 situation).
- Covers the major OPT subspecialties of macula, glaucoma, cataract and emergency care and all other ophthalmic subspecialties.
- Scholarship funding available (subject to eligibility).
- Accredited by The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) and The British and Irish Orthoptic Society (BIOS). [Application pending with The Association of British Dispensing Opticians (ABDO).]
- Access to an extensive electronic library, ophthalmic journals and interactive anatomy and physiology resources.
- Research and audit opportunities.
- Study with us from the comfort of your own home or workplace. All you need is a computer, internet service and 10-15 hours per week.
- Developed in partnership with The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh (RCSEd), NHS Education for Scotland (NES) and key NHS partners. Core learning content formulated from live electronic ophthalmic referrals with images to the NHS in South East Scotland making the programme contemporaneous and highly practical.

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