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**NHS**

Cheshire and  
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# MSc Psychiatry

# International Training Fellowship (Clinical)

Child and Adolescent Mental Health

Neurodevelopmental

Neuropsychiatry

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The MSc International Training Fellowship (ITF) Scheme has been designed by senior clinicians at Cheshire and Wirral Partnership and the University of Chester. The scheme offers an opportunity for experienced international psychiatrists, who have already achieved higher postgraduate qualifications, to study an MSc Psychiatry (UK) whilst furthering their clinical training for a period of two to three years.

This programme will provide you with 2 years' experience of paid, full time work in the NHS and a UK Master's degree qualification in your chosen speciality. The ITF scheme programme team seek experienced psychiatric clinicians to learn and work globally in a demanding, progressive and rewarding healthcare system.

The ITF post requires you to work full time in the NHS, undertake on call duties, and complete the MSc Psychiatry at the University of Chester part time. This programme is a unique blend of academic learning and subspecialty clinical training.

**[www.cwp.nhs.uk](http://www.cwp.nhs.uk)**

## About Psychiatry International Training Fellows



Full time salaried NHS post gaining invaluable career enhancing experience



Registration with the General Medical Council



Opportunity to become section 12 approved



Gain a UK MSc in Psychiatry sub speciality

## MSc Psychiatry

Three components to achieve the necessary 180 Masters level credits include:

1. Two clinical research components (60 credits): Critical Appraisal and the Research Proposal module are based on the principles of 'Good Clinical Practice'. You will focus on the critical appraisal of research evidence to enable evidence interrogation and clinical application. In addition, you will be introduced to the principles of critical appraisal, so that knowledge regarding research design can be applied 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 underpins the delivery of care and treatment. The subspecialty pathway will form your final award title.
3. Dissertation (60 credits): All students complete a 12,000 word thesis. This is a significant piece of investigative enquiry from conceptualisation to completion and publishing your assessed work is both encouraged and supported. 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.



## Entry Requirements

Minimum criteria needed to join the programme and be eligible for GMC registration via the sponsorship route includes:

- A primary medical degree recognised by the General Medical Council of the UK, i.e. MBChB or MBBS
- A postgraduate qualification in your chosen specialty equivalent to the level of MRCP (UK) e.g. MS/MD, DNB in Psychiatry or Diplomate of National Board of India (DNB) Medicine, FCPS Pakistan
- Engaged in clinical practice/training for at least three out of the last five years, and the 12 months directly preceding the programme
- Academic UKVI International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with an overall score of 7.5 and a minimum score of 7.0 in all 4 categories
- Be eligible for a Tier 2 (General) visa and meet employment and pre-employment clearances as required by law to work in the UK

# 15,000 STUDENTS



Students from  
over **130** countries  
worldwide



# £140 million

Invested in our campuses and  
sites in the the last ten years.

## Selection and Admissions Process

1. CV and expression of interest via email to [psychiatry@chester.ac.uk](mailto:psychiatry@chester.ac.uk)
2. Interview date in country arranged
3. Interview with employing NHS Trust and University of Chester
4. Application forms and certified copies of documents submitted to the University of Chester and employing NHS Trust Human Resources team, respectively
5. Sponsor arrangements via NHS Trust undertaken
6. Acceptance to MSc and NHS vacancy in the North West region of the UK (presently Cheshire, Wirral, Warrington/Mersey regions). You will be required to sign your contract before entering the UK.

## Fees

The present course fee is £25,000 for the entire programme of 2 years. Doctors will have to make a non-refundable deposit of £6,000 following the conditional offer of a placement on the MSc programme. The remaining balance can be paid in instalments throughout the academic year.

## Pastoral Support

Students will have access to a range of support services from both the University and NHS Trust. This includes accommodation guidance, induction training, designated clinical and academic supervisors throughout the programme and progression and monitoring appraisals.



## Clinical Placements

The clinical training placements are organised by the NHS Trust collaborative partner employer. We work in partnership with several hospital Trusts, enabling us to offer a wide range of placement opportunities based on your individual clinical training needs.

You will be paid a full time salary (with any additional overtime supplements) during your placements. The basic pay scale offered is **£39,000 in Year 1** and **£47,000 in Year 2 ( salary range does vary slightly between NHS Trusts)**. If your job has on call duties, this will typically be in addition to your basic pay.

You will be entitled to the same privileges provided to other doctors in your grade working in the UK.

All placements will start at International Training Fellow year one (which is at a junior level), in order to understand the NHS standards and acquire the necessary skills to supervise other junior doctors, and progress onto (subject to satisfactory performance) International Training fellow year 2. The duration spent at a junior level in your specialty will vary. Post progression will depend on the individual and the experience obtained prior to commencement in the UK. The levels of clinical training and responsibilities increase each year. International Training Fellows will typically start at Core Trainee 3 (CT3) and apply in their second year (after Section 12 approval) for promotion to second tier on call duties.





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## Contact Us

### Admissions

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