

## **FAQ's for all Post-graduate PGCert Continence and Women's Health Enquiries**

### **When are the next course dates?**

Block 1 Theory module Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2021 (on-line delivery)

Block 2 Theory module Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (on-campus delivery)

Block 3 Practice module Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (on-campus delivery)

A decision was made in November with our POGP tutors and External Examiner Dr Samantha Gillard to deliver Block 1 online, we continue to plan for Block 2 & Block 3 delivery to be delivered on-campus.

Please note published dates are dependent upon the latest government advice, travel restrictions and social distancing measures, for latest situation please e-mail [c.a.carus@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:c.a.carus@bradford.ac.uk) and see <https://portal.bradford.ac.uk/news/coronavirus-advice-and-information> for the latest university advice

### **How do I apply?**

For Continence for Physiotherapists see <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/courses/pg/rehabilitation-studies-continence-for-physiotherapists/>

For Physiotherapy in Women's Health see <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/courses/pg/physiotherapy-womens-health/>

### **Is there a cut-off date for applications?**

We make a decision around December to see if we will definitively be running one or both of the Certificates. The Continence and Women's Health courses are run alongside each other as there is some common delivery e.g. academic support and some specialist specific content. Each award needs a minimum of 10 students to make it viable, so the earlier you apply the more likely it is that your course will be offered. We generally make decisions on applications very quickly once you have applied.

### **What are the tuition fees for 2020-21?**

PG Certificate £3,594

PG Diploma £6,920

MSc £9,320

### **Who pays the tuition fees?**

Health Education England may fund some health courses/modules at the University of Bradford for healthcare staff providing NHS services working within West Yorkshire and Harrogate area. Through training needs analysis local Trusts have identified their organisational training priorities. You are advised to contact the SSPRD Signatory within your organisation to see if your chosen course has been identified as a priority.

The course attracts students from all over the UK and beyond, many students are funded by their employers or local HEE.

There may be some funding available from [CSP Charitable Trust](#) or POGP Education and Research Grants (members only)

In addition there may be travel, accommodation & subsistence costs which are not included in the tuition fees.

### **Can I pay flexibly?**

Yes, please see <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/money/fees/paying-fees/> for the different options

### **What will I study?**

There are two 30 credit modules that combine for a PG Cert 60 credits. These modules are predominantly distance-learning, each comprising of 300 hours of study time.

The Theory module (Semester 1, Blocks 1 & 2) focuses on examining the evidence base associated with our current and developing practice. Module assessments give you the opportunity to evaluate what we are doing and why, explore outcomes and new service developments.

The Practice module (Semester 2 Block 3) focuses on developing our clinical skills in terms of assessment and treatment skills, clinical reasoning, selecting evidence based interventions and ensuring contemporary practice. Module assessment gives you the opportunity to develop advanced Clinical skills, Leadership & Management, explore and develop Educational and Research opportunities in your work-based setting. What are the attendance patterns at university?

For the PG Cert you will attend University for 3 Blocks, this is usually Sunday Lunchtime-Tuesday Lunchtime for the first two blocks then Sunday Lunchtime-Wednesday Lunchtime for the third block, that's 10 days in total. As a distance learner ongoing support for you and the development of your work is via Skype tutorials and e-mail.

### **How will I study during COVID-19?**

Block 1 will be delivered online will a blend of synchronous and asynchronous learning experiences. As such you will need a device with internet access, a camera and a microphone. It is really important that you are fully registered prior to the start of the programme so that you can access the resources and join the sessions virtually. Every effort will be made to record the sessions for you but this is not always possible, especially if we have an external speaker.

### **“I haven't been to Uni for years; what support will I get once I have started my course?”**

As a postgraduate student at the University of Bradford you are welcome and encouraged to take full advantage of everything we have to offer. You will have access to a Personal Academic Tutor, dedicated Library staff to support you as a distance learner, online academic support and development, assessment and support from the Disability Office and Employability and Careers. You can access and be involved in the Student Union, use the gym, classes and pool at the on-site Unique Fitness and Life-style Centre. For more information see <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/student-life/support/>

One change you may see upon returning to study is the use of the Virtual Learning Environment, here in Bradford we use CANVAS, you will have an introduction on how to use this and our library in Block 1. We offer formative opportunities and feedback to support and guide your work, this starts in Block 1

### **What sort of time commitment is involved?**

We generally suggest that you need to find 12-15 hours per week. This may not sound so much but it equates to two full days at work per week on top of your existing commitments. Much of your studies are undertaken as a distance learner but support is available.

### **What are the assessments?**

In the Theory module there is written work and a presentation where you will be expected to access information through databases; in the Practice module there is a work-based portfolio. We try to focus the assessment around the roles which you are doing. There are many opportunities to receive formative feedback from the university and subject tutors which will help and guide your work

### **What happens if I can't meet assessment deadlines?**

We are here to support you and your successful studies so tell us sooner rather than later if you are struggling, there are processes in place to help e.g. offer an extension. A student on the Continence programme recently e-mailed and said – “wow, when you said you were here to support us, you really meant it!”

### **Do I need a workplace mentor?**

You don't need a formal mentor, however students often value input from someone who has done the course previously, in addition students tend to find there is a lot of support, discussion and experience to be gained from their peers on the same course.

### **Is there a reading list available?**

Reading lists are updated regularly and are available online and off campus through the library portal.

### **Can I continue to a full Masters?**

Yes, many students do, although you don't have to register straight away, students tend to wait and see how they get on first. A full MSc studied part-time usually takes 3-4 years. You will normally need to do a Research Module and a Final Stage/ Dissertation module.

The awards are (depending upon which route you take).

- MSc Rehabilitation Studies: Continence for Physiotherapists
- MSc Rehabilitation Studies: Physiotherapy for Women's Health

### **Will I get full POGP membership if I complete this course?**

The course is endorsed by the Pelvic, Obstetric and Gynaecological Physiotherapy (POGP). Physiotherapists who successfully complete their PG Certificate are eligible for full membership of POGP <https://pogp.csp.org.uk/content/about-pogp>

If you are wondering whether to apply for a PG Cert you may want to attend one of the many POGP courses available as they may help you decide if MSc level study is right for you at the moment <https://pogp.csp.org.uk/content/about-pogp>

### **Who is the External Examiner & what do they do?**

[Samantha Gillard](#) is our External Examiner and as such she fulfils a very important role in terms of quality assurance. Samantha may attend assessment sessions to ensure they are fair, equitable and assessed at MSc standard which is equivalent to other institutions.

### **Where will I stay?**

There is a wide range of accommodation available, to suit all budgets and tastes. [Bradford](#) is an exciting, vibrant city with plenty to do in the evening. Please do not book accommodation until we are able to formally confirm mode of delivery e.g. on-campus/ online

### **Where can I get more information?**

Take a look at our external website, there is plenty of information available for prospective students, perhaps book on an Open day event <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/study/open-days/> or ask to speak to a member of the academic team, the admissions team can help organise this through this link <https://www.bradford.ac.uk/postgraduate/>

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