

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

Welcome to the University of Bradford

We very much look forward to meeting and working with you at the University of Bradford however, experience tells us there are lots of decisions to be made when you are considering a return to a formal period of study. We have put together a list of FAQ's to help you decide if now is the right time for you and to ensure you gain maximum benefit from your study with us. In addition, we are very happy to answer individual queries.

When are the next programme dates?

- Block 1 Theory Module Sunday 30th Jan- Tuesday 1st Feb 2022; 1.00pm start
- Block 2 Theory Module Sunday 3rd-Tuesday 5th April 2022; 1.00pm start
- Block 3 Practice Module Sunday 12th to Wed 15th June 2022; 1.00pm start

We are planning for face to face; on-campus delivery and are dependent upon the latest GOV.UK and University guidance to ensure your safety on-campus. We will follow government advice with regards to travel, face to face delivery and social distancing measures, for latest situation please e-mail c.a.carus@bradford.ac.uk

Where will I study?

University of Bradford, Richmond Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 0BD in the faculty of Health Studies Building. UoB is a city centre campus with easy walking access from public transport links and local accommodation.

What will I study?

We offer the two programmes which run concurrently (Women's Health & Continence) as there is some commonality in content and delivery, carefully read the programme details to ensure it meets your needs **prior to applying**.

The **Theory module** (Semester 2, Blocks 1 & 2) focuses on examining the evidence base associated with your current and developing practice. There will be an update on academic skills including critical appraisal, understanding statistics and an update on library support. Module assessments give you the opportunity to evaluate what you are doing in practice and why, explore outcomes and new service developments.

The **Practice module** (Semester 3, Block 3) focuses on developing your clinical skills in terms of assessment and treatment skills, advanced clinical reasoning, selecting evidence-based interventions and ensuring contemporary practice. Case scenarios will be used to focus teaching and discussion. Module assessment gives you the opportunity to develop advanced Clinical skills, Leadership & Management, explore and develop Educational and Research opportunities within your role and work environment

What are the attendance patterns at university?

For the PG Cert you will attend University for 3 Blocks, this is usually Sunday Lunchtime 1.00pm - Tuesday Lunchtime 1.00pm for the first two blocks then Sunday Lunchtime 1.00pm -Wednesday Lunchtime 1.00pm for the third block, that's **10 days attendance in total**. This is a standard pattern of attendance for MSc level programmes across the UK- it's quite different from our undergraduate days so you may need to consider if this works for you.

"I haven't been to Uni for years; what support will I get once I have started my programme?"

As a postgraduate student at the University of Bradford you are welcome and encouraged to take full advantage of all support mechanisms we have on offer from library staff, academic skills, disability support and student counselling. You will have access to a Personal Academic Tutor, dedicated subject specific Library staff, 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.

The academic team will provide formative feedback and guidance as you develop your ideas for assessment.

Please note that at the point of application and admission to study you are identifying yourself as capable of engaging in MSc Level 7 study. Able to develop and deliver MSc level work for your module assessment to achieve the published module learning outcomes. To maximise the benefit of the programme you must have an appropriate caseload and identified support (if required). You are entering a formal period of academic study leading to a recognised advanced level qualification and is therefore different to attending a weekend programme. If in doubt, please ask as sometimes a discussion may help find a way forward.

How do I apply?

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

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

Is there a cut-off date for applications?

Each award needs a minimum of 10 students to make it viable, so the earlier you apply the more likely it is that your programme will be offered. We generally make decisions on applications very quickly once you have applied. A cut-off date for applications for academic year 2021-22 is Friday 17th December, so that all admissions and enrolment processes are complete for you prior to starting. Applying late may mean that enrolment is incomplete prior to the start of the programme and you may not have full access support resources e.g. our virtual learning environment - CANVAS

What are the tuition fees for 2020-21?

Please see UoB external website related to your chosen programme of study

<https://www.bradford.ac.uk/money/fees/pgt-home-eu/> the fees for the PG Cert 2021-22 are £3,684

Who pays the tuition fees?

The programme attracts students from all over the UK and beyond, many of whom are funded by their employers or local Health Education England.

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

In addition, remember there will 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 flexible payment options that may be available to you or your funding body

Can I attend sessions remotely?

Regrettably we are not currently able to record, or live-stream campus delivered sessions. Some content may be delivered as an online asynchronous activity, however, this will be in addition to your timetabled sessions and are not deigned to replace face to face delivery as per module timetable.

What sort of time commitment is involved?

For each programme there are **two 30 credit modules for your PG Cert of 60 credits**, one per semester. These modules are delivered face to face on-campus (see dates above) however, they are predominantly self-directed learning as **each module comprises of 300 hours of study time**.

As each module reflects a commitment of **300 hours**, 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 via e-mail, and by appointment on skype/teams and university support mechanisms.

How am I assessed?

In the **Theory module** there is a written assignment and an oral presentation where you will be expected to identify, access and formally critically appraise information through databases; in the **Practice module** there is an advanced practice, work-based portfolio based upon the 4 pillars of advanced practice. The focus of assessment and alignment with learning outcomes is about your individual roles and current scope of practice. There are opportunities to receive formative feedback from the academic team.

What happens if I can't meet assessment deadlines?

We are here to support you and your successful completion of study to award so tell us sooner rather than later if you are struggling, there are processes in place to help e.g. offer an extension, study suspension. 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!”

Please note any request for extension will have an impact on the timeframes related to the marking of your work, processing marks for your award and graduation.

Do I need a workplace mentor?

You don't need a formal clinical or workplace mentor, however students often value input from someone who has done the programme previously or working at an advanced level. In addition students tend to find there is a lot of support, discussion and experience to be gained from their peers on the same programme.

Is there a reading list available?

Reading lists are updated regularly and are available online and off campus through the library portal. We recommend that you are familiar with formal and informal critical appraisal, including a good grounding in understanding statistics, research methods and models of reflection prior to starting your programme. We recommend *How to Read a Paper: The Basics of Evidence-based Medicine and Healthcare* by Trisha Greenhalgh as a good place to start.

Can I continue to a full Masters?

A full MSc is studied part-time usually takes 3-4 years. You will normally be required to do a Research Methods and Data Analysis and Dissertation module to complete your MSc. **Please note** that after the PG Cert there are no specific Continence or Women's Health modules offered but you will have the opportunity for all subsequent modular assessment to focus on your role and specific professional interests.

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 programme?

The programme 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>

Prior to registration with us we **strongly recommend** that you attend one of the POGP programmes available as attendance may help you decide; if MSc level study is right for you at the moment, it may help you to understand the commitment required for a period of academic study and what it means for you, it may also help prepare for the practical elements of our programmes, and help you gain the most out of the practical aspects of the programme which will be maximised if you already have some experience <https://pogp.csp.org.uk/content/about-pogp>

Who is the External Examiner & what do they do?

Our External Examiner will be new for 2021-22 and has yet tbc in post. External Examiners fulfil a very important role in terms of quality assurance. The incoming EE 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 – we plan for face to face; on-campus but will always operate inline with current GOV.UK and University guidance to ensure your safety on-campus.

Where can I get more information?

Look at our external website, there is plenty of information available for prospective students on [Postgraduate - Study at Bradford - University of Bradford](#). We are now offering on-campus open days but if you are travelling from a distance you may wish to contact us directly as we may be able to answer your queries without the need for travel

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Follow on Twitter @physioschool where I regularly re-post about Women's Health and Continence subject matter and opportunities to access webinars, conferences & programmes many of which are online and free to access.

It is with regret that we are not currently able to accommodate International students.

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