

## Programme Specification

**Programme title: MSc (specialism) for Practitioners with a Special Interest**

Academic Year:	2019-20
Degree Awarding Body:	University of Bradford
Partner(s), delivery organisation or support provider (if appropriate):	
Final and interim award(s):	[Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ) level 7] MSc Cardiology for Practitioners with a Special Interest MSc Gynaecology for Practitioners with a Special Interest MSc Diabetes for Practitioners with a Special Interest MSc Musculoskeletal Medicine with Rheumatology for Practitioners with a Special Interest
Programme accredited by (if appropriate):	n/a
Programme duration:	Normally 1 year part time P/T
QAA Subject benchmark statement(s):	n/a
Date last confirmed and/or minor modification approved by Faculty Board	April 2019

**Please note:** This programme specification has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Any change which impacts the terms and conditions of an applicant's offer will be communicated to them. Upon commencement of the programme, students will receive further detail about their course and any minor changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.

### Introduction

The part-time MSc programme is available to students who have successfully completed one of the four Postgraduate Diplomas in a clinical specialism delivered by The Ridge Education Ltd, validated by the University of Bradford. Each individual Postgraduate Diploma has its own programme specification which states the details for each specialism. Each Postgraduate Diploma is undertaken as an independent target award. As both the Diploma and the MSc use work-based learning, students do not need to be based in Bradford to undertake the programme. The Diploma programme enables General Practitioners (GPs), specialist nurses or relevantly qualified practitioners such as

cardiac physiologists, to gain a formally recognised standard of competence in the area of their special interest and, upon successful completion of the Diploma, to undertake a small scale project as it applies to their local clinical setting.

The programme structure is specifically designed to encourage the development of the specialist practitioner role by encouraging collaborative clinical work-based training between the practitioner and a registered advanced clinician in a relevant specialism for mentorship. Additionally, the programme links your training with your employer in order to attempt to ensure that newly acquired skills are put to appropriate use within the health care setting post-qualification.

Learning will be co-ordinated and delivered through The Ridge Education Ltd for students of the Postgraduate Diploma. Thereafter, students are offered a progression route to a named Masters and learning and supervision will be provided by academics at the University of Bradford.

### Programme Aims

The Masters programme is intended to:

- A1 Enable GPs and other Practitioners to work effectively at a 'special interest' level.
- A2 Contribute to the extension of the role of the PwSI within the specialist area.
- A3 Provide a nationally recognised award in the training of PwSIs.
- A4 Establish and/or extend professional collaboration within the chosen specialism, in order to develop the most appropriate care pathways for the patient.
- A5 Embed a culture of enquiry and critical awareness for PwSIs.

### Master's Programme Outcomes

When you have completed the programme you will be able to:

- LO1 Critically evaluate and select appropriately methods for a proposed project in the local healthcare environment;
- LO2 Critically analyse the current body of knowledge in your specialist subject;
- LO3 Demonstrate independent study and the application of research skills as evidenced by the planning, execution and evaluation of a project related to your area of practice;
- LO4 Demonstrate problem solving skills;
- LO5 Apply information technology as a medium for communication and presentation of data;
- LO6 Reflect on the process of undertaking the project and identify what has been learned.

Programme aims, programme learning outcomes and curriculum structure of the Postgraduate Diplomas/Certificates can be found in the individual Postgraduate Diploma programme specifications:

Programme	Link
PGD/C in Cardiology for PwSI	 PGD-PGC-Cardiology -for-Practitioners-wit

PGD/C in Diabetes for PwSI	 PGD-PGC-Diabetes-f or-Practitioners-with-
PGD/C in Musculoskeletal Medicine with Rheumatology for PwSI	 PGD-PGC-Musculoske letal-Medicine-with-Rh
PGD in Gynaecology for PwSI	 PGD-PGC-Gynaecolo gy-for-Practitioners-v

## Curriculum

The curriculum for each of the Postgraduate Diploma programmes and Postgraduate Certificates for Practitioners with a Special Interest is described in the individual programme specifications.

Each Postgraduate Diploma is made up of four 30 credits modules, amounting to a total of 120 credits. The Masters stage comprises one 60 credit module as shown below.

The MSc programme for Practitioners with a Special Interest programme builds upon learning from a Postgraduate Diploma and may be completed in one year on a part time basis.

Students will be eligible for the award of Degree of Master if they have successfully completed at least 180 credits and achieved the award learning outcomes.

Module	Module Title	Credits	Level	MSc <specialism> for PwSI
HH-67932Z	Clinical Project	60	7	Core

## Learning and Teaching Strategy

All students will have undertaken a Postgraduate Diploma for Practitioners with a Special Interest offered by The Ridge Education Ltd. Students who have not undertaken one of the four Postgraduate Diplomas may be able to join the programme if they can demonstrate that they have met the Postgraduate Diploma learning outcomes.

The modules leading to each Postgraduate Diploma are detailed in the curriculum section of this document. You cannot substitute modules from other specialisms. Alternatively you may have undertaken a similar award from another institution.

The Clinical Project module will begin with a three day project preparation workshop which will give you the knowledge and skills needed (MSc LO1-2, 4) to undertake your project which will be undertaken within your work area (MSc LO 1-6). The subject of the project undertaken must relate to your specialism and be agreed with you academic supervisor who will be a member of staff from the University of Bradford. In addition you will have a clinical supervisor whose expertise lies in the chosen specialism. Your academic supervisor will ensure that the project is presented with academic integrity, while your clinical supervisor ensures that here is an appropriate clinical content. Whilst the academic supervisor will be appointed by the University, you should approach a clinical supervisor.

It is anticipated that you will continue to work in your normal practice setting during the period of study, and it is expected that ongoing learning will be applied in this context.

### **Assessment Strategy**

The project will be marked in accordance with the Level 7 marking criteria of the University of Bradford, Faculty of Health Studies, which will be made available to you in order to meet the required standard (MSc LO1-6). Both the first and second marker will be allocated by the University as per their standard procedure.

### **Assessment Regulations**

This Programme conforms to the standard University Regulations which are available at the following link:

<http://www.bradford.ac.uk/agpo/ordinances-and-regulations/>

### **Admission Requirements**

Admission requirements for the MSc requires applicants to have completed one of the four Postgraduate Diplomas for Practitioners with Special Interest, or another qualification of similar content, as approved by the University of Bradford. If applicants present qualifications other than a Postgraduate Diploma for PwSI, or if prior knowledge comes from experiential learning, a Recognition or Prior Learning (RPL) panel will be convened, consisting of a specialist in the relevant subject area and a University representative. Applicants without a University of Bradford Postgraduate Diploma are encouraged to contact the Faculty Admission Officer to discuss their suitability for the programme. Applicants are also required to obtain the agreement of a suitable clinical supervisor and of the Foundation Trust to undertake this programme.

The MSc part of the programme has two entry points per year, in September and January.

The University of Bradford has always welcomed applications from disabled students, and these will be considered on the same academic grounds as are applied to all applicants. If you have some form of disability you may wish to contact the programme leader before you apply.

### **Minor Modification Schedule**

<b>Version Number</b>	<b>Brief description of Modification</b>	<b>Date of Approval (Faculty Board)</b>
1	Removal of PGD/ PGC Programme Aims and Programme Learning Outcomes and clarification of admissions requirements. Minor typographic corrections.	April 2019