

Programme Specification Pro-forma (PSP)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

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| 1. Programme Title: | MSc Advanced Practice |
| 2. Final Award: | MSc Advanced Practice MSc Advanced Practice (Musculoskeletal Health) MSc Advanced Practice (Diabetes Care) MSc Advanced Practice (Travel Medicine) MSc Advanced Practice (Expedition & Wilderness Medicine) |
| 3. Exit Awards: | PgD Advanced Practice PgC Advanced Practice PgD Advanced Practice (Musculoskeletal Health) PgC Advanced Practice (Musculoskeletal Health) PgD Advanced Practice (Diabetes Care) PgC Advanced Practice (Diabetes Care) Post Experience Certificate |
| 4. Awarding Body: | Glasgow Caledonian University |
| 5. Period of Approval: | September 2021 to August 2026 |
| 6. School: | Health & Life Sciences |
| 7. Host Department: | Physiotherapy & Paramedicine |
| 8. UCAS Code: | N/A |
| 9. PSB Involvement: | N/A |
| 10. Place of Delivery: | Glasgow City Campus and online |
| 11. Subject Benchmark Statement: | N/A |
| 12. Dates of PSP Preparation/Revision: | January 2023 |

2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The overall aim of MSc Advanced Practice is to provide educational experiences, which promote reflective, analytical and critical thinking, enabling students to meet political, workplace and practice demands. It is anticipated that a flexible approach to practice experience coupled with advanced knowledge and skills can facilitate positive change within workplaces and communities. The programme focuses on four pillars of advanced practice namely Clinical Practice, Facilitation of Learning, Leadership, and Evidence/Research & Development (NES 2021a).

Specific aims of MSc Advanced Practice are:

- (i) to provide innovative and relevant learning and teaching opportunities based on applied research and scholarship
- (ii) to meet the diverse needs of a range of learners and employing organisations, within

- a knowledge economy, taking account of the value of social enterprise
- (iii) to promote an understanding of service users' and carers' perspectives, and to enable students to integrate these within the development of policy, practice and educational initiatives
 - (iv) to facilitate and engender independent lifelong learning, in line with University, Government and Professional Body objectives
 - (v) to expose students to worldwide perspectives on health and social care, thus enabling them to participate as global citizens influencing local, national and international health and social care agendas

to equip students with the knowledge and skills to embrace and promote professional leadership, allowing them to contribute meaningfully to the development and modernisation of integrated health and social care delivery

4. PROGRAMME STRUCTURES AND REQUIREMENTS, LEVELS, MODULES, CREDITS AND AWARDS

SCQF Level 11

| Module Code | Module Title | Credit |
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| Core Modules (90 credits) | | |
| MMB724491 | Advanced Research Methods | 30 |
| MMB726664 | Dissertation | 60 |
| Optional Modules* (90 credits to be taken) | | |
| MMB726826 | Advanced Leadership for Health and Social Care Practitioners | 30 |
| MMB824475 | Principles of Practice in Medical Ultrasound | 30 |
| MMB723192 / MMB723194 | Work-Based Advanced Skills & Innovative Practices | 15 / 30 |
| MMB726669 | Developing Advanced Practice | 30 |
| MMB126657 | Advanced Assessment and Management of Illness and Injury | 30 |
| MMB726148 | Prescribing for Healthcare Professionals | 30 |
| MMB725021 | Social Action Approaches in Public Health | 15 |
| MMB725785 | Applied Pathophysiology for Advancing Professional Practice | 15 |
| MMB826391 | Foundations of Radiographic Image Interpretation | 30 |
| MMB723443 | Challenges in Contemporary Global Healthcare | 15 |
| MMB725030 | Infection Prevention and Control in a Global Context | 15 |
| MMB726807 | Advancing Musculoskeletal Practice | 30 |
| MMB726813 | Psychologically Informed Practice | 30 |
| MMB125973 | Neurorehabilitation | 30 |
| MMB726815 | Advancing Professional Practice | 30 |
| MMB824473 | General Medical Ultrasound | 30 |
| MMB726315 | Recognition and Management of the Acutely Unwell Adult | 30 |
| MMB726314 | Advanced Clinical Assessment and Decision Making in Acute and Primary Care | 15 |
| MMB826611 | Clinical Investigations | 30 |
| MMB826610 | Surgical Management of the Foot | 15 |
| MMB126817 | Human Movement and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation | 30 |

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| MMB722903 | Supporting Anticipatory Care for Long Term Conditions Management | 15 |
| MMC126416 | Diabetes Care- A Multi-professional Approach | 20 |
| MMB730171 | Pathophysiology and Chronic Complications of Diabetes | 15 |
| MMB312643 | The Lower Limb and Foot in Diabetes- Evaluation of Risk | 15 |
| MMC122348 | Nutrition and Lifestyle Management of Diabetes | 15 |
| MMC924988 | Topics in Diabetes Care and Management | 15 |
| Exit Award – Master of Science in Advanced Practice | | 180/185 |

**optional modules are subject to availability*

Possible Exit Awards:*

MSc Advanced Practice – 180 credits

180 credits gained from agreed modules within the masters' suite of postgraduate programmes, MUST include Advanced Research Methods (30 credits), and Dissertation (60 credits)

PgD Advanced Practice – 120 credits

120 credits gained from agreed modules within the masters' suite of postgraduate programmes, MUST include Advanced Research Methods (30 credits)

PgC Advanced Practice – 60 credits

60 credits from agreed modules within the masters' suite of postgraduate programmes,

MSc Advanced Practice (Musculoskeletal Health) 180 credits

180 credits gained from agreed modules within the masters' suite of postgraduate programmes, MUST include Advanced Research Methods (30 credits), Human Movement & Musculoskeletal Health (30 credits) and Dissertation (60 credits)

PgD Advanced Practice (Musculoskeletal Health) 120 credits

120 credits gained from agreed modules within the masters' suite of postgraduate programmes, MUST include Advanced Research Methods (30 credits) and Human Movement & Musculoskeletal Health (30 credits)

PgC Advanced Practice (Musculoskeletal Health) 60 credits

60 credits gained from agreed modules within the masters' suite of postgraduate programmes, MUST include Human Movement & Musculoskeletal Health (30 credits)

MSc Advanced Practice (Diabetes Care) - 185 credits

180 credits gained from agreed modules within the masters' suite of postgraduate programmes, MUST include Advanced Research Methods (30 credits), Diabetes Care: A Multi-professional Approach (20 credits), Pathophysiology and Therapeutics of Diabetes (15 credits), Lower Limb and Foot in Diabetes- Evaluation of Risk (15 credits), Nutrition and Lifestyle Management of Diabetes (15 credits) and Dissertation (60 credits)

PgD Advanced Practice (Diabetes Care) – 125 credits

120 credits gained from agreed modules within the masters' suite of postgraduate programmes, MUST include Advanced Research Methods (30 credits), Diabetes Care: A Multi-professional Approach (20 credits), Pathophysiology and Therapeutics of Diabetes (15 credits), Lower Limb

and Foot in Diabetes- Evaluation of Risk (15 credits), Nutrition and Lifestyle Management of Diabetes (15 credits)

PgC Advanced Practice (Diabetes Care) - 65 credits

Students must undertake the following modules: Diabetes Care: A Multi-professional Approach (20 credits), Pathophysiology and Therapeutics of Diabetes (15 credits), Lower Limb and Foot in Diabetes- Evaluation of Risk (15 credits), Nutrition and Lifestyle Management of Diabetes (15 credits)

PEC Advanced Practice (Diabetes Care) - 20 credits

Diabetes Care: A Multi-professional Approach (20 credits) can be taken as a standalone CPD module

MSc Advanced Practice (Travel Medicine)- 180 credits

Students must have successfully completed the Diploma in Travel Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow (RCPSG), or equivalent, and must complete the Dissertation module at GCU to obtain the MSc Advanced Practice (Travel Medicine) exit award.

MSc Advanced Practice (Expedition & Wilderness Medicine)- 180 credits

Students must have successfully completed the International Diploma in Expedition and Wilderness Medicine at the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow (RCPSG), or equivalent, and must complete the Dissertation module at GCU to obtain the MSc Advanced Practice (Expedition & Wilderness Medicine) exit award

**Normally, opportunity will also be available for students to study individual or selected postgraduate modules on a Continuing Professional Development basis.*

| Pillar/Theme (NES 2021a) | Module title | SCQF Credits |
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| Clinical Practice | Advancing Professional Practice | 30 |
| | Diabetes Care: a Multi-professional Approach | 15 |
| | Pathophysiology and Therapeutics of Diabetes | 15 |
| | Nutrition and Lifestyle Management of Diabetes | 15 |
| | Lower Limb and Foot in Diabetes – Evaluation of Risk | 15 |
| | Topics in Diabetes Care and Management | 15 |
| | Advanced Research Methods (physiotherapy focus) | 30 |
| | Advanced Leadership for Health and Social Care Practitioners | 30 |
| | Advancing Musculoskeletal Practice | 30 |
| | Work-Based Advanced Skills & Innovative Practices (clinical practice focus) | 15/30 |
| | Psychologically Informed Practice | 30 |
| | Neurorehabilitation | 30 |
| | Surgical Management of the Foot | 30 |
| | Clinical Investigations | 15 |
| | Developing Advanced Practice | 30 |
| | Advanced Assessment & Management of Illness and Injury | 30 |
| | Recognition and Management of the Acutely Unwell Adult | 30 |
| Dissertation | 60 | |

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| Facilitation of Learning | Advancing Professional Practice | 30 |
| | Advanced Research Methods | 30 |
| | Advanced Leadership for Health and Social Care Practitioners | 30 |
| | Work-Based Advanced Skills & Innovative Practices (learning and teaching focus) | 15/30 |
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| | Developing Advanced Practice | 30 |
| | Diabetes Care: a Multi-professional Approach | 20 |
| Leadership | Advancing Professional Practice | 30 |
| | Advanced Research Methods | 30 |
| | Advanced Leadership for Health and Social Care Practitioners | 30 |
| | Supporting Anticipatory Care for Long Term Conditions Management | 15 |
| | Work-Based Advanced Skills & Innovative Practices (leadership focus) | 15/30 |
| | Advanced Assessment & Management of Illness & Injury | 30 |
| | Developing Advanced Practice | 30 |
| | General Medical Ultrasound | 30 |
| | Applied Pathophysiology for Advancing Professional Practice | 15 |
| | Social Action Approaches in Public Health | 15 |
| | Foundations of Radiographic Image Interpretation | 30 |
| | Prescribing for Healthcare Practitioners | 30 |
| | Advancing Practices in Imaging | 30 |
| | Recognition and Management of the Acutely Unwell Adult | 30 |
| Dissertation | 60 | |
| Evidence, research and development | Advancing Professional Practice | 30 |
| | Advanced Research Methods | 30 |
| | Work-Based Advanced Skills & Innovative Practices (service development/research focus) | 15/30 |
| | Applied Pathophysiology for Advancing Professional Practice | 15 |
| | Supporting Anticipatory Care for Long Term Conditions Management | 15 |
| | Human Movement & MSK Rehabilitation | 30 |
| | Developing Advanced Practice | 30 |
| | Dissertation | 60 |

The time frame in which the student chooses to complete their award will reflect; workload commitments, personal work life balance, initial confidence in studying at Masters level, and for self-funding students the impact of module fees. For these reasons the programme has been designed to be flexible so that it will meet the needs and aspirations of a wide range of students. However, students on a full-time programme should normally complete the programme within a one-year period (over three trimesters) with the option of extending this by a maximum of one year. Students on a part time programme should normally complete the programme within three years with the option of extending this by a maximum of two years.

8. ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

Students should expect to complete their programme of study under the Regulations that were in place at the commencement of their studies on that programme, unless proposed changes to University Regulations are advantageous to students.

The Glasgow Caledonian University Assessment Regulations which apply to this programme, dependent on year of entry, can be found [here](#), subject to the following approved exceptions:

Exceptions Case 122 & 177

- (i) MMB724475 Principles of Practice in Medical Ultrasound
Minimum threshold pass marks for each item of assessment
- (ii) MMB726148 Prescribing for Healthcare Practitioners
Minimum threshold pass marks for each item of assessment
- (iii) MMB826610 Surgical Management of the Foot
Minimum threshold pass marks for each item of assessment
- (iv) MMB826611 Clinical Investigations
Minimum threshold pass marks for each item of assessment

<https://www.gcu.ac.uk/academicquality/regulationsandpolicies/>