

## Your path to Physiotherapy

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You're studying for a degree but would like to study Physiotherapy in 2020.

### How do I become a Physiotherapist?

To become a Physiotherapist you first need a recognised degree - i.e. recognised by the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists [ISCP]. The recognised Irish qualifications are from TCD, UCD, UL and Royal College of Surgeons and application is through the CAO. There is one postgraduate entry course in Ireland:

[ProfMasters in Physiotherapy](#) (previously called MSc Physiotherapy Pre-registration Programme) 2 years. Minimum 2.1 first degree See weblink for list of pre-requisite subjects in degree. Application and closing dates on website.. " Professional accreditation of the programme is on-going *so that upon completion of the programme, graduates will be eligible to apply for membership of the Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists*". – check with UCD for updates on membership.

### What other options are there?

To practice physiotherapy in the UK, you must register with the [Chartered Society of Physiotherapists](#) (CSP) and [Health Professionals Council](#) (HPC). Successful registrants must have taken a pre-registration course accepted by the CSP. Apply for 3 year BSc degrees through [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com). However, there are some universities with **2-year accelerated courses for graduates** recognised by the CSP - application is directly to the university (this list may not be exhaustive, please check with CSP and HPC websites).

If you study abroad, then to be considered for employment in the Irish public health system, you must be eligible for membership to the ISCP. To be eligible for membership, you need to have your physiotherapy qualifications recognised by the ISCP <https://www.iscp.ie/>  
[Robert Gordon University](#), Aberdeen. MSc in Physiotherapy. Interview / selection visit. Applicants should have a 2:1 degree (should contain human anatomy and physiology) such as biological or sports science. Experience of the research process is essential. Application dates and procedure to be found on their site.

[University of Birmingham](#). (pre registration) MSc in Physiotherapy. Begins September and finishing in July I. 1st or 2:1 honours degree in a cognate discipline (e.g. Physiology, Psychology. Visit their website for application and closing dates.

[University of Brighton](#). MSc Rehabilitation Science. Undergraduate degree 2.1 or above (or equivalent for international students to have been completed in the last five years in biological sciences, behavioural sciences or other health professional education. Applicants invited to attend a selection event comprising a group discussion and an individual interview. Minimum of one week of work experience in Physiotherapy setting, preferably in the NHS. Visit website for application and closing dates.

[University of East Anglia](#). MSc Physiotherapy. Applicants should normally have a good first degree (2.1 or higher) from a recognised higher education institution. The University will also take into account the employment experience of applicants where relevant. Require: a clear understanding of physiotherapy and the role of physiotherapists within various clinical settings; a broad range of relevant work shadowing, an interest in people and a strong academic attainment. Visit website for application and closing dates.

[Queen Margaret University College](#), Edinburgh. BSc Physiotherapy or equivalent. Diploma holders are considered (contact the admissions tutor for advice). Ideally candidates should have up to one year of fulltime postgraduate clinical experience (although this is not mandatory) and ideally an academic score of 60%, or over, for the last two years of their undergraduate degree. Visit website for application and closing dates.

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[University of Essex](#): MSc Physiotherapy (pre registration). A relevant honours degree, minimum classification lower second e.g in psychology, sociology, biological science or equivalent or sports science degree. Visit website for application and closing dates.

[Glasgow Caledonian University](#). MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration) UK first class or upper second class Honours degree (or equivalent) in a science discipline related to physiotherapy, such as physiology, human biology, biochemistry, sports science or medicine. The Honours degree must have contained a substantial element of human physiology within its programme of study. Experience of the process of research is essential. A thorough background knowledge of physiotherapy. Relevant visits to hospitals, voluntary work or part-time employment in an area where the impact of disability is experience is desirable. Visit website for application and closing dates.

[Kings College London](#). BSc in Physiotherapy, 3 years undergraduate. Standard Entry; From a combination of acceptable Level 3 qualifications which may include: A level, BTEC Diplomas/Extended Diplomas, Scottish and Irish Highers, Access to HE Diplomas or the International Baccalaureate  
Find out how many points your qualifications are worth using the UCAS Tariff calculator: [www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator](http://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator)

**Additional requirements:**

You will be required to attend an interview. Admission is subject to a suitable DBS Enhanced Certificate and a satisfactory health check. You must meet the Health and Care Professions Council's suitability for registration requirements.

**[Physiotherapy \(Pre-registration\) MSc](#)**

**Duration: 2 years full-time | Level: Postgraduate**

**This course is for people who want to help others to improve their movement – despite physical difficulties caused by illness, injury, disability or ageing.**

In the UK all physiotherapists must be registered with the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC). Our course has been approved by HCPC and enables you to fulfil HCPC requirements. Employability rates following the course are excellent.

The course lasts for two years so that there is sufficient time for you to undertake six placements. In total you will accrue 1,000 hours of experience in a range of settings and contexts.

The advantages of this course include the breadth of our healthcare expertise, the variety of our placement opportunities, and the strong commitment to our values-based philosophy. Student satisfaction rates are exceptionally high.

Visit website for application and closing dates.

[University of Southampton](#) MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration). You will have a sound educational background with either a UK 2.1 honours degree or a 2.2 honours degree plus a Masters at Merit level of University approved equivalence. Your most recent degree will have been awarded within the four years prior to the start date of the programme. In a human biological or behavioural science, sports science or a health related profession where you were ideally using and/or developing foundation science throughout your degree. Your first degree must also have had a research training component and you will have completed an empirical undergraduate research study from inception to completion or a systematic review including meta analysis. Visit website for application and closing date.

[University of Teeside, Middlesborough](#). MSc Physiotherapy (pre-registration). Honours degree (at least 2.1) in an appropriate related discipline. Applicants must be eligible for a Department of Health bursary – NHS Student Bursaries. Starts January. Visit website for application and closing date.

[Leeds Beckett University](#) MSc Physiotherapy. (pre registration) Applicants should normally have at least an upper second class honours degree completed in the last five years in the cognate subjects of Biological Science, Sports Science or a Health related profession. Your first degree must also have had a research training component and you should have completed and undergraduate research study.

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Applicants should include the following in their applications;

A high level of interest and research into the profession, including an awareness of the breadth of the profession and the core specialities. Appropriate work experience/shadowing, excellent communication skills, ability to work both independently and as part of a team. Visit website for application and closing date.

**Manchester Metropolitan University:** MSc Physiotherapy: (pre registration) An undergraduate honours degree (upper second class or above) in a relevant subject or the equivalent qualification. Relevant subject area include; biological sciences, sports science, sports therapy or rehabilitation, chemistry, nursing and psychology. All applicants are expected to have undertaken a research project and produced a research dissertation as part of their first degree. Work exp/ shadowing essential. Interview. The programme currently offers a number of places that are funded by NHS where tuition fees for UK/EU students are fully funded.

Having had some work experience with a physiotherapist (either paid or voluntary) is necessary for most courses. The personal statement is extremely important when applying. Showing an interest and knowledge of the career will help your application immensely.

### Useful Contacts

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| The Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists  | <a href="http://www.iscp.ie">www.iscp.ie</a>                                      |
| Chartered Society of Physiotherapists<br><a href="http://www.csp.org.uk/professional-union/careers-development">http://www.csp.org.uk/professional-union/careers-development</a> | <a href="http://www.csp.org.uk">http://www.csp.org.uk</a>                         |
| Health Professions Council (accreditation body for UK)   | <a href="http://www.hpc-uk.org/">www.hpc-uk.org/</a>                              |
| UCAS – undergraduate applications system UK  | <a href="http://www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a>                                    |
| NHS - Education and training pages   | <a href="http://www.nhscareers.nhs.uk">www.nhscareers.nhs.uk</a>                  |
| NHS Bursaries website  | <a href="http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/816.aspx">http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/816.aspx</a> |

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