

# MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)



## Programme Overview

The MSc Physiotherapy programme equips you with the essential skills and knowledge vital for a thriving career. Whether you are from the UK or an international student, this program is designed to inspire individuals passionate about enhancing mobility, function, and overall quality of life for those with diverse health conditions.

Delivered through a blend of university-based learning, clinical placements, and continuous professional development, our aim is to support you to become competent, professional, and innovative clinicians poised to shape the future of physiotherapy. The field of physiotherapy is dynamic, with practitioners contributing to various settings and environments. Our experienced academics will provide comprehensive support as you master a spectrum of physical and psychological techniques to assist individuals in improving, recovering, and maintaining mobility and independence.

The programme will be delivered through blended-learning which entails a mixture of teaching methods including; online lectures, practical sessions and face-to-face seminars. You will complete a minimum of 1000 clinical hours across different clinical environments, including traditional NHS physiotherapy rotations and emerging placements to represent the extending scope of a Chartered Physiotherapist.

The programme is subject to approval by the university and accreditation from the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) and Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC). Completion of the programme will enable you to apply for membership of both the CSP and HCPC.

## Why choose Liverpool Hope?

We offer small class sizes to ensure that you have the best experience from an academic and student support perspective. The small campus ensures that you feel part of a community and not lost in the crowd!

There are 16 NHS Trusts within the Cheshire & Merseyside regions with specialist Trusts that, through clinical placements, will offer you a unique experience in the role of physiotherapy.

Our blended learning approach means you will have the flexibility to study in your own time and maximise the opportunities when on campus. You will be taught in the Hope Park Sports and Health Sciences buildings which include state-of-the-art facilities such as simulated hospital ward, sport science and biomechanics laboratories, strength & conditioning suite and DEXA scanner.

We have a Physiotherapy & Sport Rehabilitation clinic which provides students an immersive learning experience to observe management of a variety of acute and chronic conditions.

## Key Information

**Award:** MSc Physiotherapy (Pre-Registration)

**Study Mode:** Full-time.

**Duration:** 2 years.

**Intake:** September.

**Entry Criteria:** At least an upper second class honours degree (2.1) in a relevant subject.

Attend a selection event (if application is successfully shortlisted).

Occupational health screening and a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check (if successful at interview).

This course involves working unsupervised with children and/or vulnerable young people and adults and you must gain an Enhanced Disclosure certificate from the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) before starting your studies.

If English isn't your first language, you'll also need IELTS 7.0 with normally no less than 6.5 in any band.

**Fees and Funding:** £9,250 per year for home students. £16,000 per year for international students.

**How to Apply:** How to Apply: For details on the application process visit: [www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply](http://www.hope.ac.uk/postgraduate/howtoapply).

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# Curriculum

## Year One

### Fundamentals of Physiotherapy Practice

In this module you will learn about fundamental skills in assessment and treatment used across all areas of physiotherapy practice. You will have the opportunity to practice skills with your peers, as well as using simulation-based learning to develop professional skills.

This module provides you with the foundations of clinical reasoning, whereby you will be able to explain assessment findings, why certain skills are used, and how to carry out assessment and treatment skills safely and effectively.

### Human Physiology, Anatomy & Function

In this module you will have the opportunity to learn about how the structure of the human body relates to function across the lifespan. It will provide you with the foundational knowledge relating to anatomy and physiology, fundamental to the practice of physiotherapy.

### Research Methods & Quality Improvement

This module will support you to develop a Master's level of understanding of research formulation and analysis. You will develop expert skills in literature searching to identify evidence within your specialist area and comprehensive critical evaluation skills in qualitative and quantitative research. You will consider where there are gaps in the available evidence in order to identify areas to develop their own research.

### Management of the Acute Client

In this module you'll examine physiotherapy assessment and management skills required to effectively treat patients in an acute setting. For this module, acute care encompasses the care of patients requiring an inpatient stay in a hospital setting. You will learn to apply evidence-based skills and knowledge to assess and treat common problems occurring within the cardiorespiratory, neurological and musculoskeletal systems requiring an inpatient stay. You will gain insights into formulating personalised treatment plans that prioritise patient

safety and optimise functional outcomes, including considerations to ensure safe discharge from the inpatient setting.

### Management of the Outpatient Client

This module will provide the opportunity for you to develop your ability to assess and manage patients with a range of neurological, cardiorespiratory and musculoskeletal problems, commonly seen in outpatient and community settings.

You will develop your clinical reasoning, diagnosis and management skills for patients presenting as an outpatient or in the community. You will be able to offer a critical awareness of your role in these settings, and how to work effectively as part of a multidisciplinary team to reflect changing clinical practice. You will develop an understanding of how to recognise the need to escalate care for deteriorating patients or for those presenting with problems outside of the scope of physiotherapy. Through case studies and practical applications, you will refine your clinical reasoning, fostering a holistic approach to health care delivery in outpatient and community-based settings.

## Year Two

### Leadership & Service Delivery in Healthcare

This module will focus on how health and social care is influenced, shaped and provided in the UK and how leadership at all levels of an organisation is key to the quality of care delivered. You will reflect on the transition from student to becoming a Chartered Physiotherapist.

This module will help you to prepare for future employment and your career progression through development of a professional portfolio.

### Dissertation

In this module you will use the skills and knowledge already developed and draw on experience and supporting evidence from specific research articles, to critique, analyse and ultimately influence research in an area of practice by undertaking an extended project of your choice.

### Clinical Placements

You will complete 2 clinical placements during year two, obtaining a minimum of 252 hours. This will be completed across 7 weeks of full-time clinical placement.

## Teaching and Research

We offer a blended learning approach which provides you with the flexibility of completing guided study in your own time, therefore maximising the opportunities when on campus.

You will be taught in the Hope Park Sports and Health Sciences buildings which include state-of-the-art facilities such as simulated environments, sport science and biomechanics laboratories, strength & conditioning suite and fitness suite. We have a Physiotherapy & Sport Rehabilitation clinic which provides students an immersive learning experience to observe management of a variety of acute and chronic conditions.

We will support you as you learn about the structure and function of the human body in the context of health, disease, disorder and dysfunction, across the lifespan. You will explore the theories and physiotherapy approaches that can be applied to enhance movement and minimise loss of function, focusing on the musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory and neurological systems. There will be consideration of emerging areas of physiotherapy such as the principles of management for women's health, amputees and palliative care.

## Future Career Opportunities

On completion of this programme, you will be eligible to join the Health & Care professions Council (HCPC) and the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP). This will grant you Chartered Physiotherapist status and enable you to work in a variety of clinical settings including the NHS, private practice, the Armed Forces and elite sports clubs.

You will be well suited to pursue postgraduate level study or progress onto advanced clinical roles. Chartered Physiotherapists may also gain opportunities in clinical research and Higher Education.



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