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FACULTY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCIENCES



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This interprofessional course is to enable midwives, nurses and other professionals nationally and internationally to explore issues surrounding the health and social care of women, children and young people, whilst considering their own unique role in service improvements. It also provides participants with the opportunity to research, in depth, a specific area of maternal and child health related provision/ care through the masters level dissertation. Key aspects of study include:

- Determinants of maternal and child health
- Ethical and legal issues relating to maternal and child healthcare
- Specialist and generic knowledge required for collaborative working in maternity and children's services
- Research methods and critical enquiry

The MSC offers core and option modules and many of these courses were relevant to my career development as a midwife. In the first year of the course I attended research lectures conducted for students at St George's University undertaking masters degrees. I found this an excellent introduction to research which was further developed in our group seminars. I believe that having completed a masters degree will provide me with an excellent opportunity to advance my career opportunities.

Lucy Jenkins

Course content and structure

CORE MODULES

- Determinants of maternal and child health
- Power, risk and organisational culture
- Research methods
- Research project planning and management
- Research project (dissertation)

OPTION MODULES

- Bio-social perspectives: Conception to spontaneous weaning

- Ethics and law
- Leading and managing people in healthcare
- Managing information in healthcare
- Managing pain in children
- Perinatal mental health
- Professional development and excellence in clinical practice
- Professional responses to domestic violence and abuse
- Sexual health and wellbeing across the lifespan
- Supervision of midwives (counts as two modules)
- Understanding childhood experience for safeguarding health and promoting wellbeing

Assessment

Essays, reflective essays and portfolio development, presentations, research dissertation.

Fees

www.sgul.ac.uk/courses/postgraduate/taught/maternal-and-child-health-msc/fees

Duration and attendance

Full-time: one year, two days per week;
part-time: two years, one day per week.

Location

St George's Campus and Kingston Hill University.

Entry requirements

An honours degree and a relevant professional qualification, plus a minimum of two years experience in health and social care. For those who do not hold a first degree, evidence of appropriate other study and/or experience will be considered.

Further information

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