Medicine and Surgery (Accelerated Programme)

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This four-year accelerated programme is designed for graduates of any discipline who wish to train as a doctor, and others whose prior professional experience qualifies them for entry.

Our accelerated degree enables you to complete the syllabus of years 1 and 2 of our five-year programme in one extended academic year (45 weeks).

During year 1, you learn through case-led teaching, with clinical cases used to ensure a problem-first, task-based focus.

You are allocated to a small study group, led by a senior medical tutor who provides support and guidance throughout the year.

Following completion of the extended year 1, you are integrated into a common pathway alongside undergraduate students on our five-year course.

Highlights of this degree

Quality and ranking

Medicine at Newcastle is consistently one of the most highly regarded medical degrees in the UK.

The excellence of our programmes has been confirmed by the General Medical Council (GMC).

We are ranked:

- **top 10** in the UK – The Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide 2020
- **top 125** – Clinical, Pre-clinical and Health category – Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject 2018
- **top 100** – Medicine category – QS World University Rankings by Subject 2019
- **91% overall student satisfaction score** – National Student Survey 2019
- **9th in the UK** – Research Excellence Framework 2014 (Clinical Medicine category)

Professional accreditation

This degree is professionally accredited by the General Medical Council (GMC).

*All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

Studying Medicine at Newcastle

Medicine at Newcastle combines university-based learning and clinical placements in the NHS.

We offer a very high quality learning experience and consistently rank as one of the most highly regarded medical degrees in the UK. At Newcastle you will:

- develop your core knowledge and skills in our well-equipped, city-centre Medical School
- work with NHS professionals and patients on clinical placements during years 3, 4 and 5
- experience contact with patients from year 1
- tailor your degree to your interests with student-selected components and an elective in year 4
- take a year of intercalated study to gain another degree in addition to your MB BS (optional)

You will develop the key skills of communication, information handling, reasoning, judgement, reflective practice and decision-making. Medical ethics is also a strong theme in the curriculum.

Find out more in the Course Details section.

Facilities and support

Our Medical School at Newcastle is a Regional Medical School and has partnerships with the Northern Region NHS. It gives you access to excellent clinical training opportunities offered by the large patient population (3.5 million) and the region-wide infrastructure of acute hospitals and general practices.

The degree is delivered by the University’s School of Medical Education.

Facilities

You will have access to:

- extensive specialist medical library
- a Clinical Skills and Anatomy Laboratory
- dedicated computer clusters with online study guides that include interactive assessment tools
- Anatomy and Clinical Skills Centres, in Newcastle and throughout the region, which include patient simulators, dissecting rooms and clinical skills laboratories

Support

We recognise there are a number of times when you will need to make transitions from one phase of learning to another.

To help support you in this, we offer a peer-mentoring scheme that partners all new students with a student from year 2 to help make the transition to University life.

Additionally, you can access specialist careers advice from undergraduate level through to foundation training, to help you move confidently from student to doctor.
Social activities
There are a number of student societies associated with medicine to help you settle in and meet students from all years on an informal basis.

Find out more
Take a virtual tour of the Medical School on the Newcastle University website.
Watch videos about the first two years of study, research and the city of Newcastle

Course Details

Modules for 2019 entry

Please note
The programme information below is for 2019 entry. Programmes may be amended on an annual basis to take account of changing staff expertise, developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

Programme information for 2020 entry will be published here as soon as it is available (mid-May 2020).

Our degrees are divided into Years. Each Year lasts for more than a standard academic year.

About this degree
The accelerated programme is four years long. Year 1 spans 45 weeks: your course of study will provide you with an experience separate from, but equivalent to, years 1 and 2 of the five-year MB BS course.

Years 2, 3 and 4 are the same as years 3, 4 and 5 of the five-year programme. They include significant clinical experience and place further emphasis on professional development, student choice, and hospital- and community-based medicine.

Medical Licensing Assessment
The General Medical Council (GMC) has decided to introduce a Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA) from 2022 to demonstrate that those who obtain registration with a licence to practise medicine in the UK meet a common threshold for safe practice. Applicants should be aware that to obtain registration with a licence to practise, medical students will need to pass both parts of the MLA, pass university finals and demonstrate their fitness to practise.

The MLA will be in two parts:
a knowledge test, which will be set and run by the GMC an assessment, delivered by medical schools, that will evaluate students’ clinical and professional skills

Year 1
Spanning 45 weeks, this Phase will provide you with an experience separate from, but equivalent to, years 1 and 2 of the five-year MB BS course.

Teaching and learning is organised into small study groups and is structured around the clinical cases covered in years 1 and 2 of the five-year course.

The cases facilitate integration of knowledge, skills and professional behaviours, across a range of disciplines and subject areas.
For example, a case of stroke can be used to learn and teach the nervous system, cardiovascular system, clinical skills, pharmacology, public health and communication skills.

Clinical experience
Patients play an active role in year 1 and you can come into contact with them from the very beginning through teaching sessions, visits to local hospitals, community placements and general practice.

During year 1 students can take up the opportunity to gain additional early clinical experience by selecting from our bank of clinical experiences. Before the end of the year, there is a block of time dedicated to preparing you for clinical-based learning, which offers opportunities to enhance your knowledge and skills through additional clinical experiences and patient contact.

Years 2, 3 and 4
You are integrated into a single common pathway alongside students on our five-year course.

You spend years 2, 3 and 4 in one of four Clinical Base Units in the region.

Year 2
The structure of Year 2 is as follows with placements delivered in hospital and community settings:

- Essentials of Clinical Practice
- Medicine, Acute Care and Surgery
- Integrated Medical Placement 1: Women’s Health
- Integrated Medical Placement 2: Mental Health
- Integrated Medical Placement 3: Child and Adolescent Health

This is followed by four weeks of a student-selected component.

Year 3
Year 3 is designed to focus on complexity in medical practice and as such will blend time in clinical practice with learning the theory which underpins clinical reasoning.

This innovative model of medical education provides continuity and involves you spending time in primary and secondary care, caring for patients longitudinally over time. This is followed by four weeks of a student-selected component.

After this, you’ll also have the opportunity to spend a total of eight weeks studying medicine in another healthcare setting, which may be either at home or abroad.

Year 4
Year 4 is the time for you to consolidate your learning and spend time undertaking assistantships in order to prepare you for clinical work and the Foundation Programme. During the year you will undertake clinical placements and assistantships.

Clinical placements
You spend years 3, 4 and 5 in one of four Clinical Base Units in the region. You may be based in a different regional Base Unit in the different years as we believe that it is important that you experience the wide range of clinical opportunities available throughout the region. These are:

Northumbria Base Unit
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust

Tyne Base Unit
- Newcastle Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust

Wear Base Unit
- City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust
- South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust
- County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust
- Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust

Tees Base Unit
- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
- County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust
- Tees, Esk, Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust

Each Base Unit also comprises a significant number of General Practices where you will spend time during all years of the course.

Find out more about our Clinical Base Units on the Medicine at Newcastle website.

Student-selected components / Elective
You have the flexibility to choose which topics you study through the student-selected component (SSC) programme, which runs throughout the course.

You complete one SSC placement in year 3 and a second in year 4.

Some examples of student-selected topics available include:

- care of newborn babies
- neurosurgery
- medical law
- complementary medicine
- tropical diseases
- accident and emergency medicine and paramedic attachment
- wilderness and survival medicine

At the end of year 4 you undertake an eight-week elective placement. This gives you the opportunity to study medicine, either at home or abroad and gain hands-on experience of a different healthcare system. Find out more about outgoing electives on the Medicine at Newcastle website.
Intercalated Study
Our medical students have the opportunity to enrich their personal and professional development further by taking time out of their medical studies to pursue an intercalated degree.

Intercaletion provides an opportunity to study a subject that interests and excites you as well as develop new perspectives on healthcare delivery, research and education.

We offer a broad range of Biomedical Science BSc degrees and Masters degrees that cover all aspects of medical practice.

We encourage you to develop skills that will be useful throughout your future career and offer options to undertake your own research project.

Newcastle is recognised as a leader in a number of areas of research including ageing research and applied stem cell biology.

We also have state-of-the-art facilities for clinical research, developed in partnership with NHS trusts.

Students who do not wish to take an additional year of study will still have opportunities to benefit from our research expertise through Student-Selected Components (SSCs) and the summer research scholarship scheme.

Find out more about intercalated study on the Faculty of Medical Sciences website.

Teaching Style
Medicine is taught in different ways by different institutions. Understanding the ways in which you learn best will help you to decide which style of learning will suit your needs.

Case-led
You receive case-led teaching in your first two years, which means using clinical cases to help you make the links between your new knowledge and clinical practice.

Early clinical experience
You undertake a variety of early clinical experience, through contact with patients and visits to general practice and hospitals, giving you a clinical context on which to develop your core knowledge.

We begin teaching clinical skills from as early as week 2 in our Clinical Skills Laboratory. Here, a team of Specialty Trainees provide structured learning and teaching, which includes:

- venesection
- examination skills
- CPR

On completion of your degree
You will receive an MB BS degree from Newcastle University and currently, graduates are eligible to apply for provisional registration with the General Medical Council (GMC). However, the GMC are currently reviewing legislation and you should be aware this may be different in the future.

Currently, all UK medical graduates are required to complete a two-year Foundation Programme of general clinical training.

The majority of our students decide to apply to Foundation posts within the region. There are sufficient Foundation Programme places in the Northern Region for the majority of medical graduates.

International students are currently permitted to undertake the full Foundation Programme, ie the first two years following graduation, but you are normally required to return to your home country to complete further speciality training.

Careers

Medicine and surgery careers
After completing your University degree, you are currently eligible to apply for provisional registration with the GMC with a licence to practise, subject to demonstrating to the GMC that your fitness to practise is not impaired. However, the GMC are currently reviewing legislation and you should be aware this may be different in the future.

Once you have successfully completed a year as an F1 doctor in a two-year Foundation Programme you should gain full registration. See GMC registration and National Examinations for further details. This is followed by a further year of generic training.

All doctors, regardless of their speciality, must continue learning throughout their career, and our degree has been designed with this long-term aim in mind.

Find out more about the career options for Medicine and Surgery from Prospects: The UK’s Official Careers Website.

What our graduates go on to do: employment and further study choices
See what our recent graduates went on to do and view graduate destinations statistics. These statistics are based on what graduates were doing on a specific date, approximately six months after graduation. Take a look at the most recent data available for our graduates.

The destination data is available in varying levels, beginning with the University and moving through Faculty and School down to individual course reports. This final level may give you some useful ideas about possible options after your course or a course you are considering.
Careers and employability at Newcastle

Newcastle University consistently has one of the best records for graduate employment in the UK.

96% of our 2017 UK-domiciled UG/PG graduates progressed to employment or further study within six months of graduating.

85.5% of our graduates are in graduate level employment or further study within six months of graduating.

We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through an initiative called ncl+. This enables you to develop personal, employability and enterprise skills and to give you the edge in the employment market after you graduate.

Our award-winning Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers.

Fees & Funding

Tuition Fees (UK and EU students)

2020 entry:
£9,250 - Currently, students studying on the four-year accelerated Medicine course for graduates have their tuition fees part-funded by the NHS in years two, three and four.

Some of our degrees involve additional costs which are not covered by your tuition fees.

Please note:
The maximum fee that we are permitted to charge for UK and EU students is set by the UK government.

Newcastle University has guaranteed that EU students entering our University in 2020 will pay the UK (Home) rate of fee for the full duration of their programme of study.

As a general principle, you should expect the tuition fee to increase in each subsequent academic year of your course, subject to government regulations on fee increases and in line with inflation.

See more information on all aspects of student finance relating to Newcastle University.

Tuition Fees (International students)

2020 entry:
£42,000

Provisional cost only, and may be subject to change based on government announcements.

Please note: You will be charged tuition fees for each year of your degree programme. Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year as a result of inflation.

Scholarships and Financial Support (UK and EU students)

You may be eligible for one of a range of Newcastle University Scholarships in addition to government financial support.

Newcastle University Scholarships
Government financial support

Scholarships and Financial Support (International students)

We also offer International Family Discounts which are available for all international students with a close family member who has graduated from or is now studying at Newcastle University.

Some of our subject scholarships and sports scholarships are also available for international students.

Apply

Applying to Newcastle University through UCAS

To apply for undergraduate study at Newcastle you must use the online application system managed by the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS).

UCAS codes for Newcastle University
- institution name - NEWC
- institution code - N21

UCAS buzzword

Ask your teacher or adviser from your school or college for the UCAS buzzword. You need the buzzword when you register on the Apply system. This makes it clear which school or college you are applying from.

All UK schools and colleges and a small number of EU and international establishments are registered with UCAS.

If you are applying independently, or are applying from a school or college which is not registered to manage applications, you will still use the Apply system. You will not need a buzzword.

Making your application

On the UCAS website you can also find out more about:
- application deadlines and other important dates
Application decisions and enquiries
Find out more about our admissions process and who to contact if you need help with your application.

Our dedicated student services building, King's Gate.