

School of Health and Social Care

Postgraduate Research Study – Entry Requirements

PhD/MPhil in Health Studies, Health and Organisational Research, Public Health, Social Policy, Social Work, Applied Psychology, Nursing Studies, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy.

All applicants for the PhD programme are required to submit a working proposal (3000 words) detailing the proposed topic of their thesis and outlining their methodology; and in addition only for PhD applicants, a 500 word statement of how previous qualifications or experience equips them to undertake their proposed research in terms of research skills and knowledge of the research topic.

Admission to the PhD programme, in practice, means that applicants will either (i) already hold a Masters degree of equivalent in a cognisant discipline, which involved appropriate courses in research methods in health sciences or social sciences, or (ii) be able to demonstrate that these skills have been developed through some alternative route (e.g. involvement in previous research projects).

Applicants who do not have the required research training may be offered the option of registering for an MPhil and pursuing relevant Masters level research training courses offered within the School and elsewhere in the University, with the opportunity of applying subsequently to be upgraded to PhD.

MSc by Dissertation in Health Studies, Health and Organisational Research, Public Health, Social Policy, Social Work, Nursing Studies, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy.

For registration for the MSc by Dissertation, students should have a good honours degree in a relevant discipline, although evidence of other professional and/or research achievements may be taken into consideration. Applicants for the MSc by Dissertation programme are required to submit a working proposal (1500 words) detailing the proposed topic of their dissertation and outlining their methodology.