

1. Programme title	MSc/PGDip/PGCert Cardiac Ultrasound
2. Awarding institution	Middlesex University
3. Teaching institution	Middlesex University
4. Programme accredited by	
5. Final qualification	MSc/PGDip/PGCert Cardiac Ultrasound
6. Academic year	2020/21
7. Language of study	English
8. Mode of study	Full-time and Part-time

9. Criteria for admission to the programme

- i. A good honours degree (minimum 2.ii) or equivalent qualification, in a health or science-based subject; applicant must normally be a cardiac physiologist. Applications from other healthcare professionals (e.g. registered nurses, and medical practitioners) are also welcomed.
- ii Applicants with other qualifications and / or substantial work experience in cardiac physiology will also be considered under the Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) scheme. Past learning or experience will be mapped against existing programme modules within the programme and the mapping will be considered at the accreditation board.
- iii Overseas Candidates should also be competent in English and have achieved, as a minimum, as examples, one of the following standards: IELTS-7.0; TOEFL (IBT) – 87.
- iv. Applicants with a disability can enter the programme following assessment. The programme team have experience of adapting teaching provision to accommodate a range of disabilities and welcome applications from students with disabilities.
- v. All applicants must have secured a relevant placement or employed in a department or service prepared and able to provide the clinical training before the start of the programme.

10. Aims of the programme

The programmes aim to prepare students for careers in academia, working in a cardiac physiology department or medical equipment sales.

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- Enable students to understand and apply the principles of leadership and management, health and safety, quality control, research and statistical methods in their professional lives.
- Enable students to critically evaluate legal requirements for human experiments and ethical issues relating to research with human subjects and human tissue.

- Provide students with the tools to acquire the essential facts, concepts, principles and theories relevant to their chosen research project.
- Give students the ability to critically evaluate current research literature in cardiac physiology, and an acquisition of the skills for lifelong learning
- Allow students to develop mastery of communication, teamwork, writing and presentation.

In addition, on completion of the MSc the successful student will:

- Have acquired the design, critical analysis and practical skills necessary to carry out an individualised experimental research project
- Have developed the skills to evaluate literature in the context of their current research and propose new hypotheses relevant to their research.

11. Programme outcomes	
<p>A. Knowledge and understanding</p> <p>On completion of this programme the successful student will have acquired mastery of:</p> <p>PGCert/PGDip/MSc</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The anatomy, physiology and aetiology and pathology of common diseases related to cardiac ultrasound 2. Ethical and legal issues in cardiac physiology 3. Equipment, advanced diagnostic techniques and therapeutic interventions used in cardiac physiology. <p>PGDip/MSc</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Research methods 5. Clinical leadership and management 	<p>Teaching/learning methods</p> <p>Students gain knowledge and understanding through online pre-recorded lectures, live seminars and interactive activities plus , self-study (both directed and self-directed) and online learning.</p> <p>Assessment Method</p> <p>Students' knowledge and understanding is assessed by both summative and formative assessments, which include seminar presentations, written assignments including, data analysis and online theory examinations.</p>
<p>B. Skills</p> <p>On completion of the programme the successful student will be able to:</p> <p>PGCert/PGDip/MSc</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop ideas through the evaluation of appropriate literature, concepts and principles 2. Present, analyse and critically evaluate physiological data <p>Critically assess health risk factors associated with working in a research or clinical setting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills 5. Demonstrate leadership and managing skills 6. Demonstrate competence in the use of information technology 7. Demonstrate numeracy and problem solving skills at a high level <p>MSc</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Manage a research project and demonstrate a high level of research skills <p>PGDip/MSc</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Design a research project 10. Debate ethical and legal issues in cardiac physiology and ultrasound 11. Develop a research problem <p>MSc</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Propose new hypotheses relevant to discipline 13. Critically evaluate their research findings in the context of the literature research. 	<p>Teaching/learning methods</p> <p>Students learn cognitive, practical and graduate skills through online pre-recorded lectures and live seminars, discussions, literature searches, videos and online presentations which can include peers.</p> <p>These skills are consolidated by reading, online problem-based learning exercises, structured and directed self-study, analysis of case studies, and through reflection.</p> <p>Assessment Method</p> <p>Students' skills are assessed by formative and summative assessment through written work, , online examinations, quizzes, case studies and presentations, plus research project, assessment of clinical practice (for those that are employed practitioners) and online peer presentation. Written work includes essay, data analysis and research findings. Additionally, clinical assessment for practitioners requires case study presentation which incorporates data analysis, interpretation and reflective practice.</p> <p>Please note: clinical assessment may be affected by extraordinary circumstances, such as the recent COVID-19 situation, but contingency plans are in place to address such a situation.</p>

<p>14. Recognise and respond to moral, ethical and safety issues, which directly pertain to cardiac physiology and ultrasound</p> <p>15. Demonstrate the ability to correctly perform calibration, safety testing, quality control and assurance procedures relating to physiological science services.</p> <p>16. Carry out literature review research</p>	
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12. Programme structure (levels, modules, credits and progression requirements)

12.1 Overall structure of the programme

- All programmes can be studied over either one-year full time or normally two years parttime.
- For a PGCert in Cardiac Ultrasound, full-time students will need to pass the specialist module in cardiac ultrasound, plus one of the optional modules, either the clinical practice or advanced clinical skills module. Part-time students are required to pass 30 credits per year.
- Full-time PGDip and MSc students will take the four core modules and the specialist module, plus one of the optional modules, either the clinical practice or advanced clinical skills module. In addition, the MSc students will complete a 60-credits project module during the summer term. Students cannot start their research projects until they have passed all taught modules.
- Part-time PGDip and MSc students will be expected to pass 60 credits of taught modules each year. MSc students will undertake a research project during summer term of the second year.
- The total number of credits required for an award is: 60 credits for a PGCert; 120 for the PGDip; and 180 for the MSc.

12.2 Levels and modules

Level 7		
COMPULSORY	OPTIONAL	PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS
All students must complete the module that forms the specialism in order to gain the PGCert Cardiac Ultrasound: BMS4107	Students must choose either BMS4097 or BMS4077.	
All students must complete the following for the PGDip in Cardiac Ultrasound: BMS4107 BMS4677 BMS4777 BMS4887 BMS4957	Students must choose either BMS4097 or BMS4077.	Successful completion of all modules
All students must complete the following for the MSc in Cardiac Ultrasound: BMS4107 BMS4677 BMS4777 BMS4887 BMS4957 BMS4997	Students must choose either BMS4097 or BMS4077.	Successful completion of all modules

12.3 Non-compensatable modules (note statement in 12.2 regarding FHEQ levels)

Module level	Module code
7	All modules

13. A curriculum map relating learning outcomes to modules

See Curriculum Map attached.

14. Information about assessment regulations

The assessment regulations are the general university regulations.

15. Placement opportunities, requirements and support

Not-applicable

16. Future careers

A qualification at master's level is increasingly becoming a requirement for progression via a PhD into a research career. A master's degree is also an important means for health care professionals to develop the skills necessary to progress from practitioner to highly specialist practitioner and beyond.

17. Particular support for learning (if applicable)

Middlesex University Library will provide access to specialist journals. For ease of access for students based at Hendon, the library has facilities for inter-library photocopying of any articles required. Other articles may be obtained from the British Library in London where a similar arrangement for photocopying articles exists.

A student may undertake a research project at their workplace where relevant and possible.

Applicants with a disability can enter the programme following an assessment of their needs.

The programme team have experience of adapting the programme to accommodate a range of disabilities in students on the cardiac physiology programmes and welcome applications from such students.

Learning resource services and facilities at Middlesex include a CAL suite and internet access as well as English learning and Language Support

Learning resources and other support for modules is delivered via myUniHub.

18. JACS code (or other relevant coding system)

Cardiology
B810

19. Relevant QAA subject benchmark group(s)

20. Reference points

The following reference points were used in designing the Programme:

Internal documentation:

- i. Middlesex University (2006) *Learning Framework Document*
- ii. Middlesex University (2015) *Middlesex University Regulations*.
MU
- iii. Middlesex University (2015) *CLQE Handbook*. MU

External Documentation:

1. Quality Assurance Agency (2001) *The QAA Framework for framework for higher education qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland*. QAA
2. Department of Health (DH) (2013) *Modernising Scientific Careers. Scientist Training Programme MSc in Clinical Science Curriculum. Cardiac, Critical Care, Vascular, Respiratory and Sleep Sciences 2013/14*. DH
3. British Society of Echocardiography Protocols and Guidelines (2020)
<https://www.bsecho.org/Public/Education/Protocols-and-guidelines/Public/Education/Protocols-and-guidelines>

Please note programme specifications provide a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information about the programme can be found in the student programme handbook and the University Regulations.

Curriculum map for MSc Cardiac Ultrasound

This section shows the highest level at which programme outcomes are to be achieved by all graduates, and maps programme learning outcomes against the modules in which they are assessed.

Programme learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding	
A1	The anatomy, physiology and aetiology and pathology of common diseases related to cardiac ultrasound
A2	Ethical and legal issues in cardiac physiology
A3	Equipment, advanced diagnostic techniques and therapeutic interventions used in cardiac physiology
A4	Research methods
A5	Clinical leadership and management
Skills	
B1	Develop ideas through the evaluation of appropriate literature, concepts and principles
B2	Present, analyse and critically evaluate physiological data
B3	Critically assess health risk factors associated with working in a research or clinical setting
B4	Demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills
B5	Demonstrate leadership and managerial skills
B6	Demonstrate competence in the use of information technology
B7	Demonstrate a high level of numeracy and problem solving skills
B8	Manage a research project and demonstrate a high level of research skills
B9	Design a research project
B10	Debate ethical and legal issues in cardiac physiology
B11	Develop a research project
B12	Propose new hypotheses relevant to discipline
B13	Critically evaluate research findings in the context of the literature research

B14	Recognise and respond to moral, ethical and safety issues, which directly pertain to the cardiac physiology
B15	Correctly perform calibration, safety testing, quality control and assurance procedures relating to physiological science services
B16	Carry out research experiments

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Programme outcomes																									
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5		B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	B13	B14	B15	B16				
Highest level achieved by all graduates																									
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Module Title	Module Code by Level	Programme Outcomes																							
		A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	B13	B14	B15	B16			
Leadership and Management	BMS4677					x		x		x		x						x				x			
Biomedical Ethics and Law	BMS4777		x					x										x				x			
Experimental Design and Statistics	BMS4887				x				x		x		x	x	x	x		x				x	x		
Research Project	BMS4997		x		x				x	x	x			x	x	x		x	x	x	x			x	
Advanced Signal Processing	BMS4957			x				x	x	x	x		x	x										x	
Cardiac Ultrasound	BMS4107	x		x				x	x	x			x	x										x	
Advanced Clinical Skills	BMS4077	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x									x	x	
Clinical Practice	BMS4097	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	x	x	x									x	x	