

Early Intervention in Psychosis MSc

Year of entry: 2019

Duration: full-time: one year, part-time: two years

Study mode: full-time, part-time

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Our unique Early Intervention in Psychosis course provides world-class specialised training in the early identification and clinical treatment of psychosis, focusing on the detection and management of early symptoms. This approach is highly effective in reducing the long-term impact of psychotic illness. You will learn the relevant skills in early intervention and other areas of mental health.

Key benefits

- The only MSc in Early Intervention in Psychosis worldwide.
- Integrated approach including biological, psychological and social perspectives.
- You will acquire expertise and experience applicable to all areas of mental health.
- Taught by clinicians and academics who have carried out pioneering work in this area.
- Opportunity to develop your own research ideas or join existing research projects.
- Individually tailored clinical placement in the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.
- You will receive training and support with your career planning and progression.

Course details

People who experience a psychotic illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and psychotic depression, can and do recover. However, long-term recovery is dependent on the timely delivery of effective treatment.

The MSc Early Intervention in Psychosis develops your academic and clinical skills in the identification and treatment of psychosis. Early intervention is an evidence-based, holistic and person-centered approach that is highly effective in reducing the long-term impact of psychotic illness on the individual and their families. It has now become an integral part of mental health services in the UK and worldwide. The course combines biological, psychological and social perspectives, reflecting the multi-faceted nature of the illness. You will learn through classroom teaching and a clinical placement in an early intervention service within the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust.

The knowledge and experience acquired on this course are relevant and applicable to all areas of mental health.

Our course is designed for students who want to develop their academic and clinical expertise and experience before applying for clinical psychology training. It is also ideal for mental health professionals (e.g. doctors, clinical psychologists, nurses) aiming to enhance their career prospects. Furthermore, it provides a robust foundation for students who aim to conduct further research at PhD level in the future.

You will be taught by mental health professionals with extensive experience in delivering early intervention in psychosis and academics who have carried out pioneering research in this area.

Teaching

You will be taught through a mix of lectures, seminars and tutorials.

Module name	Lectures (hours)	Seminars/tutorials (hours)	Field/lab/studio/supervised learning (hours)	Self-directed study (hours)	Total (hours)
Introduction to Early Intervention in Psychosis	24	8	64	204	300
Pharmacological Interventions in Early Psychosis	24	8	64	204	300
Psychosocial Interventions in Early Psychosis	24	8	64	204	300
Research methods in Early Psychosis	24	8	64	204	300
Research project in Early Psychosis	8	-	184	408	600

Contact time is based on 24 academic weeks. Typically, one credit equates to 10 hours of work.

Assessment

You are assessed through a combination of coursework and examinations and may typically expect assessment by:

Examination	Coursework	Practical
72.5%	22.5%	5%

The study time and assessment methods detailed above are typical and give you a good indication of what to expect. However, they may change if the course modules change.

Regulating body

King's College London is regulated by the Office for Students.

Course structure

Courses are divided into modules. Over the course of your study you will take modules totalling 180 credits.

Required modules

You are required to take the following modules:

- Introduction to Early Intervention in Psychosis (30 credits)
- Pharmacological Interventions in Early Psychosis (30 credits)
- Psychosocial Interventions in Early Psychosis (30 credits)
- Research Methods in Early Psychosis (30 credits)
- Research Project in Early Psychosis (60 credits)

Optional modules

There are no optional modules for this course.

Part-time students should plan to take 60 credits with the taught modules in their first year, and 60 credits from the dissertation module and 60 credits with the taught modules in their second year

King's College London reviews the modules offered on a regular basis to provide up-to-date, innovative and relevant programmes of study. Therefore, modules offered may change. We suggest you keep an eye on the course finder on our website for updates.

Location

Our course is primarily taught at the King's College London Denmark Hill Campus.

Career prospects

The expertise and experience acquired on this MSc are relevant and applicable to all areas of mental health. Therefore, after completing this course, you will be in a strong position to pursue a career in mental health. Most of our students go on to clinical psychology training (e.g. DClinPsy), other clinical training (e.g. IAPT) or a research position (e.g. PhD). Clinicians completing this course have enhanced their career and/or obtained clinical research positions.



Fees and funding

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – UK

The UK tuition fees for the 2019-20 academic year are available on the course web page.

Please note that the tuition fees for subsequent years of study may be subject to increases in line with King's terms and conditions.

Full-time and part-time tuition fees – EU

Students starting their programme in 2019/20 (September 2019) who are eligible to pay EU fees will pay the same rate of tuition fees as UK students. This will apply for the duration of their programme, but may be subject to change by the UK Government for subsequent cohorts from 2020/21.

The UK tuition fees for the 2019-20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Full-time and part-time tuition fees – International

The International tuition fees for the 2019-20 academic year are available on the course web page.

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Deposit

When you receive an offer for this course you will be required to pay a non-refundable deposit to secure your place. The deposit will be credited towards your total fee payment.

The UK/EU deposit is £500.

The International deposit is £2,000.

For further information, please visit the fees and funding section of our website: www.kcl.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/fees-and-funding/index.aspx

Additional costs

In addition to your tuition fees, you can also expect to pay for:

- books if you choose to buy your own copies
- DBS checks
- library fees and fines
- personal photocopies
- printing course handouts
- society membership fees
- stationery
- travel costs for travel around London and between campuses
- graduation costs.

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