



# BSMS

Postgraduate Courses **2025-26**

 brighton and sussex  
medical school

# Life at Brighton and Sussex Medical School

**We are delighted that you are considering postgraduate study at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS), whether as the next step in your own career or to develop your staff and trainees.**

---

As a partnership between the Universities of Sussex and Brighton and the NHS, we pride ourselves on providing high-quality clinical and professional healthcare training in a nurturing learning environment.

---

Our medical school is based on fundamental values of friendliness, inclusivity and community, allied to excellence in education and carefully selected areas of research. We believe that every student should have an equal opportunity to acquire knowledge and prove their ability. For more detailed information on the support offered please visit [brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/applying-to-brighton](https://brighton.ac.uk/studying-here/applying-to-brighton)





“ BSMS offers an immersive and innovative approach to understanding ageing and dementia. Since starting my MSc I have gained a lot of insight into the psychological impact and the benefits of social engagement for people living with dementia. Everyone is treated with respect and encouraged to engage in creative and critical thinking. I would encourage anyone to consider studying with BSMS.”

Clemence Muchingaguyo,  
MSc Ageing and Dementia



## Why BSMS?

### **Clinical and professional combined**

Our postgraduate taught courses have been designed to meet the learning needs of clinicians and other health professionals working in an increasingly complex healthcare sector. All our clinical courses include professional modules as standard, ensuring that students develop the skills and knowledge to meet the challenges of a changing health and social care sector.

---

### **Strong multidisciplinary learning**

Our courses bring together a mix of professionals from a variety of health and social care backgrounds. As a result, students gain valuable insights into other disciplines, leading to stronger team working – and, ultimately, to better patient care.

### **Benefit of two universities and local NHS trusts**

BSMS is a partnership between the Universities of Sussex and Brighton with local NHS providers, and all courses are validated by both universities and lead to joint awards of both. Each has a strong reputation in medical and healthcare teaching and research. Some clinical courses also take place in NHS trusts which work closely with both universities.

### **Nationally and globally relevant**

Our courses are delivered by high-level practitioners, who base their teaching on the latest research and case studies. Prominent guest lecturers add to the student experience. This ensures the learning is relevant and translatable to both national and international healthcare settings. A number of our postgraduate courses are suitable for international students, to find out more visit [bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate/international-students](https://bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate/international-students)

### **Regionally significant**

Our course content draws on regional experience with local professionals delivering the teaching, using relevant research and case studies that are directly applicable to the regional health sector.

### **Responding to changing healthcare needs**

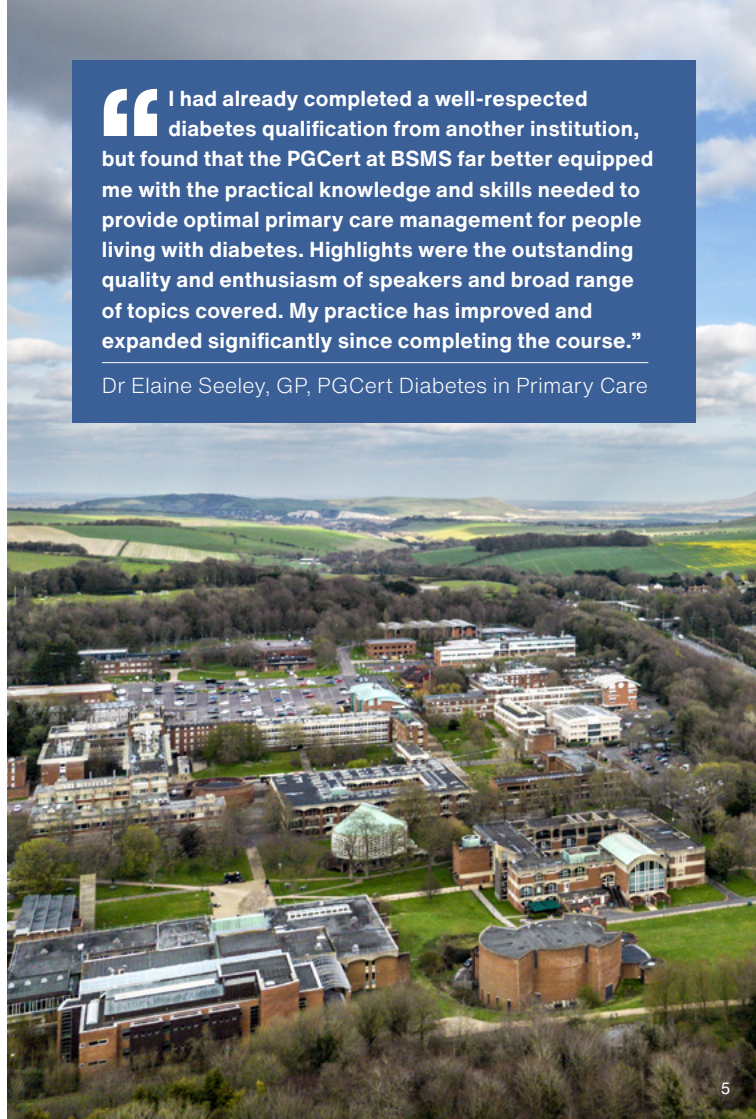
We tailor our courses to reflect the current changes taking place within the wider healthcare environment, including the NHS, local authorities and independent or third sector providers delivering or planning services.

### **Conveniently located with excellent transport links**

BSMS is just over an hour from London, and 45 minutes from Gatwick Airport. Most courses are delivered at the main campus at Falmer or at nearby NHS centres. The vibrant seaside city of Brighton and Hove is just four miles away.

**“ I had already completed a well-respected diabetes qualification from another institution, but found that the PGCert at BSMS far better equipped me with the practical knowledge and skills needed to provide optimal primary care management for people living with diabetes. Highlights were the outstanding quality and enthusiasm of speakers and broad range of topics covered. My practice has improved and expanded significantly since completing the course.”**

Dr Elaine Seeley, GP, PGCert Diabetes in Primary Care



## Postgraduate study at BSMS

BSMS offers a range of full-time and part-time taught postgraduate courses up to Masters level in subjects relevant to medicine and healthcare and the delivery of the national curriculum framework for specialist training.

Our courses range from individual continuing professional development (CPD) modules to postgraduate certificates, diplomas and full Masters.

Courses are modular and lead to the following awards:

- **Masters:** Successful completion of a minimum of four to six taught modules plus a dissertation
- **Postgraduate Diploma:** Successful completion of four to six taught modules
- **Postgraduate Certificate:** Successful completion of three taught modules.





Unless otherwise stated on the relevant course page of our website, successful completion of a module is awarded 20 Masters level credits and most modules involve approximately 35 hours of face-to-face teaching accompanied by 165 hours of independent learning. Every module has its own method of presentation and assessment.

### Mode of study

Modules are taught either intensively in blocks of two to five days or over a semester (see relevant course web page). Many courses offer a choice of full-time study over a year or part-time study over a longer period to suit individual needs. Many modules can be studied as stand-alone units or as part of a multi-year programme of part-time study leading to a postgraduate qualification.

### Dissertation

All Masters courses include a research-based dissertation on a relevant topic of interest, which students are encouraged to publish. Students are supported by a dissertation supervisor and by an extensive programme of research skills workshops that include: interviewing skills, analysing qualitative data, statistical analysis, and sampling and sample size.

“The lectures and seminars were deeply interesting, engaging and fun. My background is medicine but I became much more knowledgeable on the sociopolitical determinants of health. I took this course full-time alongside my FY2 year, I would encourage anyone who is looking to work alongside study to get in touch with the team for information on a flexible plan.”

Dr Syra Dhillon,  
MSc Global Health

### Single modules for continuing professional development (CPD)

Our extensive range of postgraduate taught modules covers clinical, professional and research subjects in depth. Many individual modules can be taken for CPD purposes alone. Teaching is usually an intensive five-day block over one week, although some modules are taught over several weeks. To find out more, visit

[bsms.ac.uk/pg-single-modules](https://bsms.ac.uk/pg-single-modules)

The module fee is determined pro rata based upon the credits as a proportion of the full course fee. For further information please visit [bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate-fees](https://bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate-fees)

We also offer a wide variety of short courses and workshops throughout the year and bespoke options where we can partner with your organisation to help meet your staff development requirements.

Visit [bsms.ac.uk/cpd](https://bsms.ac.uk/cpd) to find out more.

## Postgraduate courses 2025-26



---

### Ageing and Dementia

**MSc, PGDip, PGCert**

*Full time and part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Cardiology

**MSc, PGDip, PGCert**

*Full time and part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Clinical Education

**MSc, PGDip**

*Part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Dental Implant Reconstructive Surgery

**PGDip**

*Part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Diabetes in Primary Care

**PGCert**

*Part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Global Health

**MSc, PGDip, PGCert**

*Full time and part time*

UK and international applicants

---

---

### Healthcare Leadership and Commissioning

**MSc, PGDip, PGCert**

*Full time and part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Internal Medicine

**MSc, PGDip, PGCert**

*Full time and part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Medical Education

**PGCert**

*Part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Medical Research

**MRes, PGCert**

*Full time and part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Nuclear Medicine

**MSc, PGDip, PGCert**

*Full time and part time*

UK and international applicants

---

### Paediatrics and Child Health

**MSc, PGDip, PGCert**

*Full time and part time*

UK and international applicants

---



---

**Physician Associate Studies  
MSc**

*Full time, two years*

UK and international applicants

---

**Public Health**

**MSc, PGDip, PGCert**

*Full time and part time*

UK and international applicants

---

**Simulation in Clinical Practice**

**PGCert**

*Part time*

UK and international applicants

---

**Sustainable Healthcare**

**PGCert**

Launching soon, for expressions  
of interest please email:

**dme@bsms.ac.uk**

---

The content of this brochure  
is subject to change. Visit  
**bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate**  
to find out more about  
individual courses and  
the most up-to-date  
information and eligibility.



## Research degrees

BSMS postgraduate research degrees are jointly awarded by the University of Sussex and the University of Brighton. We offer the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Medicine (MD). The MD is reserved for candidates who have a medical degree.

Our academic supervisors span a wide span of research interests, from laboratory-based research and medical imaging to clinical or epidemiological studies. Other projects may see a focus on medical ethics or interdisciplinary research.

The Schools of Life Sciences and Psychology at the University of Sussex, and the School of Applied Sciences at the University of Brighton provide a lively research environment. Some of our students are part of larger research centres of the two universities, such as Sussex Neuroscience, the Brighton Centre for Regenerative Medicine and Devices and the Centre for Stress and Age-Related Disease.

Many medically qualified PhD and MD students are based at the University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust working on clinical projects, supervised by clinical academics.

---

### Specialist facilities

Our Medical Research Building provides a resource for around 50 medical research scientists. Laboratory facilities include molecular biology equipment, tissue culture labs, advanced microscopy equipment and flow cytometry.

The Clinical Imaging Sciences Centre offers Magnetic Resonance Imaging scanners for neuroimaging studies and there are laboratories for research in neuropsychiatry, neuroinflammation and neuroscience.



# How to apply

## For all enquiries except **Global Health**

- +44 (0) 1273 644644
- [brighton.ac.uk/enquiries](https://brighton.ac.uk/enquiries)
- [bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate](https://bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate)

## For **Global Health** enquiries

- [globalhealthteaching@bsms.ac.uk](https://globalhealthteaching@bsms.ac.uk)

## For **research degrees**

- [researchdegrees@bsms.ac.uk](mailto:researchdegrees@bsms.ac.uk)

For general information on studying at the Universities of Brighton or Sussex, please visit [brighton.ac.uk](https://brighton.ac.uk) and [sussex.ac.uk](https://sussex.ac.uk)

## Alumni scholarships

BSMS alumni are eligible for a 20% discount on fees and can apply for this with the University of Brighton on offer of a place.

## Course fees

Our 2025-26 course fees are available online. To find out more visit: [bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate/fees-and-funding](https://bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate/fees-and-funding)

## International visas

International students can find out about visas here: [brighton.ac.uk/international/applying-here](https://brighton.ac.uk/international/applying-here)

All applications for BSMS postgraduate taught courses are managed by the University of Brighton

### STEP 1

Apply online for your chosen course via the 'Apply now' link on the BSMS course web pages.

[bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply-now](https://bsms.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply-now)

After submitting your application, the University of Brighton will send you an acknowledgement email. You will also receive an email inviting you to activate your University of Brighton IT user account, which will allow you to track and manage your application online.



### STEP 2

Your application will be reviewed by an admissions panel. Shortlisted applicants are normally interviewed. If successful you will receive an offer of a place on the course.



### STEP 3

Once you have firmly accepted your offer you will receive further information about enrolment and induction.



# BSMS

# 2025-26