

# Northumbria University – Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

Northumbria is the largest university in the North East, with 33,000 students from over 125 countries. Based in the popular, safe and vibrant city of Newcastle upon Tyne, Northumbria offers you one of the best academic and social experiences possible. Newcastle was voted 'Best City Life' by *Whatuni Student Choice Awards 2014*.

The University offers a range of courses around the following subject areas, Education, Health, Science, Engineering, Business, Law, Social Sciences, History, Media, Design and IT. Health and Life Science offers a wide range of Health, Education, Psychology, Science and Sport programmes both at Undergraduate and Post Graduate level. This leaflet provides just a snap shot of the activities we undertake for more information please visit [northumbria.ac.uk](http://northumbria.ac.uk).

## Why study Health and Life Sciences at Northumbria?

- Our range of subject expertise for taught courses includes: Biology, Chemistry, Childhood Studies & Early Years, Education, Food & Nutritional Science, Forensic Science, Health, Psychology, Social Work and Sport.
- Our courses reflect real-world and applied emphasis and where appropriate are endorsed by employers and Professional Bodies including the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), Royal Society for Chemistry and British Psychological Society.
- Our courses have access to cutting edge practical facilities and our research feeds into teaching, ensuring that programmes are relevant and up-to-date with policy and new developments
- Many international students have found work in multinational organisations including the International Olympic Committee, International Marketing Group, Singapore Sports Council, Proctor and Gamble, GlaxoSmithKline and Avecia.
- All international students receive an international guidance tutor, specialised help from academic skills coordinators and access to a whole range of social events throughout the year.
- Students are at the centre of the learning experience, we offer a range of opportunities for International students recognising their previous studies, with entry opportunities directly into second and final year of a degree or 'top up degrees' from Diploma studies.

## Fast facts about our courses:

- The Good University Guide (2015) has ranked Nursing 11th, Physiotherapy 8th and Education 11th at Northumbria University in the UK.
- The Complete University Guide 2015 ranked Northumbria University 3rd for Physiotherapy, 10th for Food Science/ Nutrition and 15th for Nursing courses across the UK.
- The Guardian (2015) ranked Northumbria University 7th for Education and 17th for Social Work.
- Nursing courses at Northumbria University were the first in the country to be accredited by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN)
- Psychology courses are accredited by the British Psychological Society.
- Northumbria University is the current three-times holder of the Student Nursing Times Award for *Nurse Education Provider of the Year (Post-Registration)* 2014 – holding on to the title from two previous years (2013, 2012)
- In the 2013 National Student Survey (NSS), Nursing at Northumbria University was ranked the best in the sector with a score of 93% satisfaction
- All programmes in Initial Teacher Education are rated Outstanding by Ofsted, and have done for 13 years. We are the only university in the UK to hold this accolade for this length of time.
- Northumbria University has been delivering Sport degrees for over 30 years and is one of the original providers in UK Higher Education
- Northumbria University has been rated among the best sporting universities in the UK in the Which? University Guide 2013 – voted for by students
- Graduates from our Sports programmes have included successful medal winning athletes such as Victoria Pendleton (Olympic cyclist), Stephen Miller (Paralympic athlete), Steve Cram (track and field athlete), Jamie Noon (Rugby Union), Martin Corry (Rugby International), and Chris Cook (Olympic Swimmer)



## Research in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences

Health and Life Sciences has a reputation for undertaking original research and enterprise which has a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of others. We are also recognised for our research excellence in partnerships with a wide range of external agencies. We utilise cutting edge facilities and state-of-the-science methodologies to answer innovative research questions.

Our research also incorporates Consultancy, Policy & Education, enabling the transfer of knowledge, by our team of world-leading experts, and facilitating engagement between innovation partners and the public impacting on policy and practice in public and private sectors.

Academic staff within the Faculty have been awarded funding from Research Councils; UK Charities and EU (e.g. EPSRC, ESRC, Marie Curie, NIHR, Diabetes UK) and collaborating with international partners (examples include: USA, Canada, Germany, Norway, France, Italy).

Our research areas include Brain performance and Nutrition, Care and Compassion, Cognition & Communication, Education and Life-Long Learning, Food & Nutrition Network, Forensic Science, Health in Action, Public Health and Wellbeing, Social Work and Disability and Sport Exercise & Wellbeing.

In the recent Research Excellence Framework Assessment (2014) all of our departments have research rated “world-leading” and “internationally excellent”, in the following REF categories: Allied Health/Nursing/Pharmacy, Arts and Design, Psychology, Psychiatry and Neuroscience, Social Work and Social Policy, Sport and Exercise Science. Northumbria University is ranked Top 50 for research power making Northumbria the biggest riser when ranked by research power.

### **Allied Health/Nursing/Pharmacy**

- Includes research undertaken across 5 of our departments (Applied Sciences, Public Health and Wellbeing, Healthcare, Psychology, Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation)
- Northumbria is in the top quartile in the UK for its research power in Allied Health Sciences and Nursing (ranked 27 out of 94 for impact)
- More than 80% of research activity in this area is rated as world leading or internationally excellent

### **Psychology**

- Northumbria's strength in psychology research has significantly increased, placing us second in the Alliance group of universities for world-leading research.
- Almost three quarters of Northumbria's psychology research is judged to have outstanding reach and significance for its impact, placing us top 20 in the UK.
- Social Work and Social Policy
- Thanks to a significant investment in research-active staff, Health and Life Sciences is now ranked in the UK top 20 for research power in Social Work and Social Policy.
- Over half of the research in Social Work and Social Policy has been rated as world leading or internationally excellent.

### **Sport and Exercise Science**

- Health and Life Sciences is ranked in the top 30 for excellence in sport and exercise science research power, making it the best rated university in the North East in this discipline.

For more information please visit [northumbria.ac.uk/research](http://northumbria.ac.uk/research)

## Business and Engagement Activities

Health and Life Sciences has a proven track record in supplying tailor-made workforce development solutions for employers and organisations across a wide range of sectors. We will work in partnership with you to deliver academic qualifications based on the needs of your organisation and will also offer University-level accreditation for your own in-house training provision and other Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Our customised and flexible courses are demand-led and created in partnership with organisations. Learning is based on the future or day-to-day requirements of your business, helping to ensure that you are at the forefront of current thinking. Northumbria has a proven national reputation in this area and our satisfied customers will confirm that quality underpins everything we do.

Our tailor-made programmes are grounded in practice, informed by research, and in many cases, delivered by academic staff who have first-hand experience of the issues your business faces. Drawing upon your employees' existing experience and skills, you will benefit from a positive impact through return on investment, and the potential for achievement of an academic qualification. Examples include our work with the British Lawn Tennis Association and League Football Education.

Further details are available at [northumbria.ac.uk/business](http://northumbria.ac.uk/business)



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