Physiotherapy BSc (Hons)

Undergraduate | 3 years full-time | Full Time | Sport Exercise and Rehabilitation
Coach Lane Campus, Northumbria University | Newcastle | UCAS Code B160
Start September 2019 or September 2020
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About this course

Are you compassionate and patient, with a talent to inspire others when times get tough?

The BSc Physiotherapy course has been developed to equip you with the key skills required to successfully pursue a career in this exciting profession. Boasting a comprehensive curriculum, you will learn the fundamental skills required to successfully help and treat patients’ physical problems caused by illness, accident or ageing.

Teaching is delivered through a series of lectures, workshops and real life simulations, which will be further supported through the completion of a clinical practice placement.

The course is approved by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and accredited by the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP). On successful completion of the course you are eligible to apply for registration with the HCPC to work as a physiotherapist within the UK.

Our BSc Physiotherapy course is highly valued by employers and celebrates over a 90% employment rate within six months of successful completion.

96% of students believe that their course has provided them with the opportunities to apply what they have learnt (NSS, 2019).

The course is very well structured, the academic staff are extremely supportive and there is a tremendous range of opportunities for clinical placements. (Jenni Monaghan, Lecturer)

Personal Statement Guidelines

When writing your personal statement please consider the following areas:

- Justification for wanting to enter the profession – what attracts you to this profession?
- Is it the values, characteristics, behaviours &/or variety of roles and responsibilities?
- Why does this profession stand out for you compared to other health and social care professions?
- Investigation of Physiotherapy as a career – to be able to make an informed career choice you must investigate some of the diversity of the profession ideally through direct observation of physiotherapists in diverse areas of practice
- Evidence of additional skills, knowledge, experience – Transferable skills – how do your personal attributes, values, characteristics, behaviours and experiences relate to or prepare you for this challenging academic programme and a future career as a physiotherapist.

Structured Personal Statement

Tell us the reason you have chosen to study Physiotherapy.

- Within this answer you can tell us what motivated you to become a physiotherapist, and what you find interesting or inspiring about the profession. We would like you to show that you understand the role of the physiotherapist in different areas of clinical practice and the skills, values and qualities that are needed. Additionally, describe why this health care profession suits you personally. We expect you to give examples that show you have a caring attitude.
- Describe the roles and responsibilities of physiotherapists.

- In this section you should tell us about your investigation into the physiotherapy profession, particularly discussing experiences you have had of physiotherapy. Although receiving physiotherapy yourself might have been your introduction to the profession we expect applicants to explore further than this. This must include work experience or placements within a physiotherapy setting, the opportunity to talk to physiotherapists about their role and evidence of reading around the subject or accessing information on the internet. Rather than simply providing a list, please expand on what the experience taught you about the profession. Physiotherapy is very varied profession, working with different populations in different settings; you should demonstrate an awareness of this.
- Tell us about skills, knowledge and experience you have and explain why this is relevant to a future career in Physiotherapy.

- Please use experiences from previous learning, work, volunteering, hobbies, sport, music and any other activities you think relevant. Again, rather than a list of achievements please explain the specific skills or values demonstrated and how this has helped prepare you for study and a future career as a Physiotherapist. It may be useful to look at the NHS Constitution Values as this discusses the values and behaviours important for working in health care in the UK.


Personal Statement & Interview Tips - Video

Physiotherapy at Northumbria - Personal Statement and Interview from Northumbria University on Vimeo.

Modules & Learning

The structure of this course has been designed to provide you with a broad understanding of physiotherapy, incorporating subjects such as principles of musculoskeletal physiotherapy; introduction to neurological physiotherapy; developing skills for safe and effective practice; exercise, movement and physiotherapy; and physiotherapy in early life and later life.

This course combines both theoretical and real-world learning, through a mix of classroom-based teaching, placements and simulated sessions in our state-of-the-art...
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skills centre. Assessment techniques for this course include assignments, presentations, reflective professional portfolios and the planning and delivery of person-centred physiotherapy. In your final year you will also complete an assessed dissertation around a subject of particular interest to you and your own career aspirations.

You will also be given the option to completing an elective placement should you wish to further develop your learning in a real world environment.

• See all Modules for this course

Teaching Staff
When undertaking this course you will be supported by a team of motivated, specialist tutors that have extensive experience in clinical practice and academic areas of expertise.

The content of this course draws their in-depth knowledge, delivering a learning experience that facilitates an advanced understanding of theory and practice that is at the forefront of this discipline.

To fully support your learning journey you will have a dedicated personal tutor who will be on-hand to offer help or assistance throughout the duration of your studies. You will also receive support from a dedicated clinician whilst undertaking your placement.

• View our teaching staff for this course

Facilities
This course is based at our Coach Lane campus, which houses a purpose-built facility that will allow you to develop practical skills and gain valuable experience within a simulated scenario.

Students will also have access to and be able to take advantage of Northumbria’s £30 million purpose-built sports campus, Sport Central.

Sport Central has been designed to enhance your learning experience thanks to its array of state-of-the-art facilities, and your learning will be situated in ‘zones of proximal development’ where experiential, collaborative and individualised strategies will enable you to develop the personal, professional and transferable skills associated with a proficient, newly qualified physiotherapist.

Technology is embedded throughout all aspects of your degree and you will also receive ongoing support through our innovative e-learning platform, Blackboard, where you can access module handbooks, assessment information, lecture presentation slides and reading lists.

Research-rich learning
This degree is delivered by a team of practicing physiotherapists and lecturers, many of which are actively involved in research projects, ensuring that your learning is at the forefront of the industry.

Teaching is delivered through research-informed, enquiry-based approaches with diverse and innovative classroom, experiential and practical-based opportunities.

Throughout the duration of your course you will be encouraged to develop your own research skills by undertaking research activities and evidence-based enquiry, which will then be put into practice when you complete your dissertation in the final year of your course.

Northumbria 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 (REF 2014).

Career Edge
Northumbria University graduates are renowned for their success in achieving HCPC registration and employment on completion of their degree.

As this course is HCPC approved and CSP accredited your employment prospects can also be improved, as successful completion demonstrates that you possess the standards of knowledge, skills, values and behaviours set out by these leading professional bodies.

Northumbria University’s Physiotherapy course is renowned for its high calibre of graduates and we have many well-established partnerships with NHS, private and charity organisations.

Undertaking a placement will also provide you with real-life experience and the ability to learn off practicing physiotherapists who will further your knowledge and provide guidance on applying and interviewing for jobs.

Your future
Once you have completed your Physiotherapy degree you can expect to work in a wide range of settings, from hospitals to gyms, GP surgeries or with people in their own homes, whether this be in the public, private or charity sector. Many physiotherapists also choose to work on a self-employed basis.

You also may wish to progress to further study, for example to Master’s or PHD level.

The BSc Physiotherapy degree boasts a very high employment rate, with over 90% of graduates finding employment within six months of successful completion.

Who would this course suit?
Would you like to help people rebuild their lives after illness or injury? This course could be for you.

Entry Requirements 2019/20

Standard Entry
GCSE Requirements:
A good GCSE profile is expected including Maths, English

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Language and two Sciences at minimum grade C or equivalent. If you have studied for a new GCSE for which you will be awarded a numerical grade then you will need to achieve a minimum grade 4.

UCAS Tariff Points:
128-136 UCAS Tariff points including one or more of the following:

GCE and VCE Advanced Level:
From 3 GCE/VCE A Levels including a B in a Science or Health related subject.

Edexcel/BTEC National Extended Diploma:
Distinction, Distinction, Merit in a Science or Health-related subject.

Scottish Highers:
BBBBB at Higher level, BBB at Advanced Higher including a B in a Science or Health-related subject.

Irish Highers:
AABBBA including an A in a Science or Health related subject.

IB Diploma:
128-136 UCAS Tariff points including minimum score of 4 in at least three subjects at Higher level including a 5 in Science.

International/English Language Requirements
Additional:
A suitable DBS Enhanced Certificate and a satisfactory health check are required. You must meet the Health and Care Professions Council's suitability for registration requirements.

Applicants from the EU:
Applicants from the EU are welcome to apply and if the qualification you are studying is not listed here then please contact the Admissions Team for advice or see our EU Applicants pages here https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/international/european-union/eu-applications/

International Qualifications:
If you have studied a non UK qualification, you can see how your qualifications compare to the standard entry criteria, by selecting the country that you received the qualification in, from our country pages. Visit www.northumbria.ac.uk/yourcountry

English Language Requirements:
International applicants are required to have a minimum overall IELTS (Academic) score of 7.0 with 6.5 in each component (or approved equivalent*).

*The university accepts a large number of UK and International Qualifications in place of IELTS. You can find details of acceptable tests and the required grades you will need in our English Language section. Visit www.northumbria.ac.uk/englishqualifications

Entry Requirements 2020/21
Standard Entry
128 UCAS Tariff points
From a combination of acceptable Level 3 qualifications which may include: A level, BTEC Diplomas/Extended Diplomas, Scottish and Irish Highers, Access to HE Diplomas or the International Baccalaureate

Find out how many points your qualifications are worth using the UCAS Tariff calculator: www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator

Subject Requirements:
Grade C in A level Science or Health related subject, or recognised equivalent

GCSE Requirements:
Students will need Maths and English Language at minimum grade 4 or C, or the equivalent.

Additional Requirements:
You will be required to attend an interview. Admission is subject to a suitable DBS Enhanced Certificate and a satisfactory health check. You must meet the Health and Care Professions Council’s suitability for registration requirements.

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We welcome applicants with a range of qualifications from the UK and worldwide which may not exactly match those shown above. If you have taken qualifications outside the UK you can find out how your qualifications compare by visiting our country page www.northumbria.ac.uk/yourcountry

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Finance

Tuition Fees (UK and EU students)

2020 entry: Tuition fees not yet confirmed.
2019 entry: £9,250 per year

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.
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### Tuition Fees (International students)

| 2020 entry: £15,500 per year |
| 2019 entry: £15,000 per year |

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

### Additional Costs (All Students)

| 2020 entry: TBC |
| 2019 entry: You will be expected to purchase appropriate shoes for your placement activity, which cost approximately £40. There may be also travel costs associated with placement activity, which can cost approximately £600, however you will be reimbursed. |

### Financial Support

Northumbria University is committed to supporting our students. We offer scholarship packages for students depending on their abilities.

You can find out more information on our individual packages at [www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/ug-fees-funding](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/ug-fees-funding)

Financial support opportunities have associated eligibility conditions, therefore it is essential applicants consider all requirements and observe the application process and deadlines.

### Other Additional Costs

**Accommodation Costs**

Many students find that staying in University accommodation enhances their student experience, and Northumbria has a fantastic selection available for you. Visit our [accommodation pages](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/ug-fees-funding) to investigate your options for living and studying in Newcastle. All costs incurred are optional and students should select the most appropriate accommodation for their needs.

**Disability Support**

In order to access disability or dyslexia support, students may be required to provide evidence of their disability. This evidence is often provided by an external body (for example, by a medical specialist or GP) and these external bodies may charge for providing this evidence. Also, if a disabled student is eligible for DSA funding for computer equipment, depending on their funding body, the student may be required to make a contribution of £200 towards the cost of any computer equipment. For more information about how to access disability support, contact Student Support and Well-being.

**Healthcare Costs**

Students, depending on their circumstances, may incur some charges for accessing healthcare or medication from the National Health Service. These include charges for prescriptions, charges for dental checks and treatment, and charges for other services, such as providing vaccinations or for certain types of medical evidence (for example, evidence to support a Personal Extenuating Circumstances/PEC claim at the University, if required). These charges are set and charged by NHS services, rather than by the University, and will be subject to change.

Certain applicants who apply for a UK visa will pay an Immigration Health Surcharge. International students from particular countries may also be required to pay to have a tuberculosis (TB) test.

We also strongly recommend that all EU and international students take out their own insurance policy to cover costs which are not met by the National Health Service. More information about what should be covered by your insurance policy can be found here. It is your responsibility to ensure you pay for adequate insurance cover for the duration of your stay in the UK.

For more information about healthcare-related charges in the UK, you can speak to the Welfare, Immigration and Funding team based in Student Support and Well-being.

**Congregation Costs**

When you graduate you will be invited to attend your graduation ceremony. Congregation ceremonies have associated costs, for instance to take part you will be required to hire a graduation gown and cap, you may also wish to purchase a professional photograph or additional guest tickets. To give you an approximation of costs, for students graduating in 2018/19, the price of an additional guest ticket was £12.50. Please be aware that the associated costs of graduation ceremonies are subject to review each year. Gown hire and photography are purchased from external providers, therefore the University cannot demonstrate prices.

**Library Costs**

The University Library’s Online Reading List Service gives you access to your directed reading material for your modules. The Library Reading List team works in partnership with your module tutors to ensure you have access to the material that you need. If you cannot find your online reading list, you should contact your module tutor.

The University’s online bookstore, provided by John Smiths offers 20% discounted prices and free delivery on textbooks ([https://www.johnsmith.co.uk/northumbria](https://www.johnsmith.co.uk/northumbria)).

Your University Library provides a postal service for books and journal articles which will be sent world-wide to Northumbria students who are studying part-time, by distance learning or are work based learners. Students who

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are placement for more than six week are eligible to use the service whilst on placement.

The university offers access to PC’s, however students may, if they so wish to purchase their own laptops/PC’s.

There is no charge for posting books out, but you will be required to pay the cost of any return postage. We recommend that items are returned by recorded delivery. You can of course, return books in person to either University Library campus.

Overdue charges apply to all library loans to encourage you to return items on time when they have been recalled for use by another reader. Loan renewal is automatic for up to four months or until another reader requests that item. Charges are entirely avoidable by returning items on time, but where incurred will vary according to loan status and the length of time an item is overdue. Overdue charges exist to ensure the Library Collection benefits the whole student community.

Library books which have been lost or damaged beyond repair will be charged at the replacement cost of the item and a non-refundable handling charge.

Please visit the library pages for a full list of library charges.

If you lose your University smart card there is a replacement charge of £10 to obtain a new one. This cost is waived if your smart card has been stolen and you can provide a police crime reference number.

Placement Costs
Placements in industry are a core element of many of Northumbria’s courses. Whilst many of these placements are optional, some are mandatory. They offer you a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience, giving you a distinct edge in the job market. To undertake a placement, you will need to budget for any accommodation and travel charges.

Printing & Photocopying Costs
Students will receive a printing credit of £10 in 2019/20*. This will provide 1,000 pages of A4 single-sided black and white printing. Any additional printing is paid for by the student. Details of printing and copying charges can be found on our website.

*Newcastle and London campus only. Amsterdam endeavours to be a paperless campus and printing of submission is not required.

Students' Union
The Students Union aims to make sure you have the best possible experience at university. Some of their activities may incur additional optional charges. You can find out more about the work of the Students Union, how you can get involved and associated costs on our website.

Visa Costs
International students will be required to pay visa application fees, and associated fees as required - such as the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge, Tuberculosis tests, fees to renew or extend a visa, and fees associated with appealing a visa/immigration decision. These fees are set and charged by the UK government, rather than by the University, and are subject to change. More information about these fees can be found on the UK Government’s website, and information about applying for a visa to study at Northumbria can be found on our here.

Useful Links
www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/physiotherapy-uufpiy1/pfna-accordion-items/

Tutor Profiles
www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/physiotherapy-uufpiy1/tutor-profiles/

Student Profiles
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