★ The MSc in Psychiatry is a part time online distance learning course and lasts for 3 years, but can be completed sooner.

★ It is suitable for psychiatric clinical trainees, other medical practitioners and healthcare professionals as well psychologists and biomedical scientists with an interest in psychiatry.

★ The course is presented primarily in the medium of video and consists of simulated patient interviews, interactive clinical consultations, lectures and live tutorials.

★ The course covers all aspects of psychiatry with an emphasis on evidence based clinical practice.
3 years (MSc) (Part-time), 2 years (PgDip) (part-time).

Course Aims: The new MSc in Psychiatry eLearning is a fully distance course with material specially prepared and supported by dedicated academic and technical staff.

Teaching material includes over 370 online presentations including a large number of simulated patient interviews, expert academic interviews, live tutorials, novel eLearning presentations, quizzes, course work, discussion groups and short projects. A comprehensive “walkthrough” document accompanies each Unit of study. Most course text books and other materials are available online and supported by the School of Medicine electronic library team. Student learning will be directed and supported by a course tutor.

The M.Sc. in Psychiatry of Cardiff University aims to offer students from all backgrounds a well-rounded postgraduate education. We hope to provide the structure for junior psychiatrists in any location to achieve an understanding of current psychiatric thinking. We also hope to provide first class teaching in Psychiatry for students from other academic or clinical backgrounds, which will allow them to understand the work of Psychiatrists and to work alongside them, to work in a similar field or to carry out research in this area.

Rationale for the course:

The eLearning M.Sc. in Psychiatry of Cardiff University was set up in response to demand from Psychiatric clinical trainees and health workers in professions supplementary to medicine around the UK who did not have a suitable training course available to them in their locality or who had to move mid course to other locations for professional reasons. The eLearning course allows all students to complete their studies wherever they are working. Also, there is no equivalent course to our MSc course in many countries around the world. Each year a number of overseas students travel to Cardiff to take part in our course as full time students, having to interrupt their clinical training in their own countries. The distance course allows them to continue to work in their home countries while studying for a master’s degree qualification.

Course Requirements:

This is an eLearning course and is delivered entirely through the internet using the eLearning platform: Learning Central. Students must ensure they have adequate computer facilities including internet access. The majority of the course requires the student to be in front of a computer screen and most course material cannot be downloaded.
Student’s use of all the web-based materials is automatically recorded and will be monitored by the student’s tutor. The student’s contribution to discussion groups and wikis, and the completion of formative tests will also be monitored by the tutor and marks will be awarded by the tutor based upon this. The summative coursework will be marked by the module leaders or their designates.

**Course Structure and Content:**

A total of 4 taught modules of 30 credits each must be taken totalling 120 credits to allow the award of a diploma. MSc students go on to complete a dissertation worth 60 credits to give a total of 180 credits to allow the award of an MSc.

Students can work at times of their own choosing but to get the most out of live tutorials, group tasks and discussion groups, students should reach certain milestones at set times.

Two modules are taken in the first year and these are split into units as below:

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In the third year, students complete their dissertations and gain the further 60 credits required for the award of an MSc. The dissertation can be submitted any time after the completion of the taught stage of the course. Students may work on the dissertation at any time during the course, however, full tutor support may not be available for this work until June of the second year.

Diploma students take the same taught modules as MSc. students but do not progress to the dissertation stage. Students who exit the course at any time prior to their completion of the taught part of the course or who are ineligible for the award of Diploma will be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Psychiatry as long as they have gained 60 credits or more.
Assessments:

Course work: 30%  Open book short answer questions, projects and tutorial/discussion contribution marks

End of year assessment:  One exam per module; mixture of MCQs, Extended Matching Item MCQs and short answer questions.
End of year assessments can be taken in student’s home countries by special arrangement subject to a small extra fee.

iPads:  Almost all course presentations work well on iPads and other mobile devices.

Applications:

Go to this web page:  http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/regis/general/applyonline/medicpgt.html

The new course is near the bottom of the list. Click on the date 21-Sep-2015 and the click “New user” and fill in the forms. We will change your application to 2014.

For more information and help with applications, contact the Course Tutor, Dr Dean Burnett
Telephone: +44 (0)29 2074 4534
Email: BurnettDJ@cardiff.ac.uk

Tuition Fees for each of years 1 and 2 (there is no fee for the dissertation year):

- **UK & EU Part Time** Student Fees for 2014/2015  £3500
- **International Part Time** Student Fees for 2014/2015  £4100

Entry Requirements:

Graduates in medicine from an approved university are eligible to apply. Applications from graduates in other health sciences, biological sciences or psychology are also welcomed as are applications from professionals working in the field of mental health. Overseas students will be expected to demonstrate a high level of English language competence (please see below).

Selection of applicants to this course will be on the basis of a completed application form and referees’ recommendations. Selection criteria include academic results, psychiatric clinical experience, evidence of an interest in psychiatry and proven competence in English.
English Language Requirements

The University requires postgraduate students whose first language is not English to have one of the following:

- An overall score of 6.5 in the British Council IELTS, with a minimum score of 5.5 in each module;
- An overall score of 580 in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a grade of 237 in the computer-based test (CBT);
- An overall score of 90 or above in the TOEFL internet-based test (iBT);
- A GCE or GCSE in English Language at Grade C or above.

Please note: Students should have taken either the TOEFL or the IETLS no more than two years before the proposed date of entry to the University. For more information, please visit:

http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/for/prospective/international/english-language-requirements.html

This course is delivered by the MRC Centre for Neuropsychiatric Genetics and Genomics
Website: http://medicine.cf.ac.uk/cngg/

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MRCPsych Trainees

eLearning students are entitled to attend MRCPsych training days at Cardiff University. These comprise 5 days in year 1 and 4 days in year 2 and are made up of teaching sessions on clinical skills and material related to the MRCPsych exam, mock exams and discussion based explanations of the mock exam questions. Please contact Jan Chatting chattingJ@cf.ac.uk for more details. The mock exams and full explanations of the answers are available online and additional MRCPsych material is planned, but cannot promise anything at this time.