

MSc Osteopathy **Prospectus**



Full Time Postgraduate Programme Leading to the Award of
MSc/Postgraduate Diploma in Osteopathy

A Partner College of the University of Greenwich



European School
of Osteopathy

“Welcome to the European School of Osteopathy. We are delighted that you are considering embarking upon our MSc programme in Osteopathy and we hope that this information provides you with the necessary background to make the right decision.”

Msc Osteopathy

Why an MSc in osteopathy?

Our MSc programme is designed to enhance your osteopathic education not only for your practice life but for additional vocational activities you already pursue or may wish to pursue in the future.

It is unique in the fact that it contains a significant practice-based taught element delivered by some of the foremost osteopaths in their field.

We are proud to be able to pass on the unique experience and expertise of our lecturers in this exciting programme.

Whether it is simply to enhance your practice life, facilitate osteopathic research or pursue a career in osteopathic education we are certain that our MSc in osteopathy has something to offer you.

Aims of the programme:

- Provide a formal framework for continuing professional development (which is anticipated will eventually become a requirement for all osteopaths in order to retain their state licence to practice) and, hence, provide an educational infrastructure similar to those professions that have already developed in this way.
- Enhance the scientific knowledge and skills of individual osteopaths

for both personal and professional development.

- Advance understanding of the underlying principles, procedures and practice of osteopathy.
- Enable individual competences necessary for students to undertake original research of a pure or applied nature. Both the School and its partner institution, believe that it is vital for research to underpin education and inform approaches to practice in the future.
- Establish good educational practices in the teaching and clinical environment in the postgraduate study of osteopathy and enable teachers of osteopathy to formalise skills and knowledge.
- Inform and improve osteopathic teaching based on accumulated research findings.

Our MSc provides:

- Continuing professional development that is both stimulating and accessible.
- Enhancement of the principles and practice of osteopathy.
- Opportunities to reflect upon and improve practice life, by the provision of a structured programme of assessment and

mentorship.

- Skills to pursue a piece of original research of a commensurate standard.
- Enhancement of the UK standing of osteopathy in line with the spirit of the Bologna declaration.





The Course

Part 1

This part requires our students to complete a total of four modules (2 compulsory and 2 optional).

The compulsory modules include:

Advanced pathophysiology & neuroanatomy (15 credits)

Provides an update on these osteopathically essential topics

Assessed clinical practice development (75 credits)

This interactive module allows students to develop clinical and practice based skills under the mentorship of an experienced osteopath.

The optional modules include:

Osteopathic education (15 credits)

This is an invaluable module for any osteopath who is or wants to be actively involved in teaching.

Urogynaecological approach in osteopathy (15 credits)

Provides an insight into the part played by urogynaecological techniques in osteopathic treatment.

Advanced osteopathic integration (15 credits)

This module will enable you to develop new understandings of the integration of physiology, anatomy, biomechanics and osteopathy.

Somato-emotional Release (15 credits)

Students are guided through this interesting aspect of osteopathic healthcare that is often misunderstood or ignored. This module will provide you with totally new concepts to incorporate into your provision of osteopathic healthcare

Part 2

Research based dissertation (60 credits)

In order to develop our students' skills to produce a research dissertation at an MSc level, included within this module is a 30 hour study programme in:

- Data Processing
- Statistics
- Research Method

This is an ideal opportunity for those practitioners who were not required to complete any formal training in research to enhance their research capabilities.

For students who have completed a BSc or other degree requiring a research component the revision and further development of this knowledge will prove invaluable both in the present course and later.

Part 1 of the programme will be delivered in blocks of 2-3 days throughout the first year. These seminar blocks will run approximately once every month from Friday to Sunday (dependent on your selection).

Part 2 of the programme will concern the research dissertation and is completed in your own time. The associated classroom based teaching will be run in part 1 to provide you with an early insight in to such things as critical analysis.



Additional Information

Why the European School of Osteopathy?

- The European School of Osteopathy has a long tradition of providing some of the best osteopathic education in the UK.
- The strong links we have with our European colleagues means that we are able to offer a unique blend of lecturing skills and expertise.
- However we do not dwell on our history but use it to facilitate our continuing development of osteopathic education, one feature of this being that we are the only osteopathic education provider to offer an MSc in osteopathy in the UK.
- Set in the heart of the Kent countryside, our campus will provide you with a tranquil and relaxing environment.
- With excellent links to London, Gatwick airport, Ashford International Station and the M25, the campus is easily accessible.





“The MSc Osteopathy at the ESO has broadened my osteopathic comprehension, vision and opened some new, exciting professional options for me.”
(ESO MSc Osteopathy Graduate 2006)



Student support & guidance services

The ESO has always aimed to offer excellent student support, and guidance services are available to anyone who wishes to use them.

The ESO and University of Greenwich libraries will be accessible to aid you with your studies. You will also have access to a range of University of Greenwich facilities. Each MSc student will be given their own e-mail address and this is a useful means of communication, not only with members of the faculty but also your colleagues, with whom you can gain and offer support. There is also a student welfare department on site which is able to offer advice and practical help to any of our students. (the University can also help)

In addition, each MSc student is allocated a mentor, whose prime function is to support them in the Clinical Practice Development module. However, the mentor will also be available for help with more personal issues relating to finance and academic concerns throughout the first year of the course.

Admission

All candidates must be fluent in both written and spoken English. Candidates are expected to provide at least one of the following:

A formal qualification in osteopathic training sufficient to allow entry to practice life. E.g. Diploma in Osteopathy, BSc in Osteopathy etc.

Membership for at least 2 years of a statutory osteopathic professional body, thereby permitting osteopathic practice. E.g. in the UK, membership of the General Osteopathic Council.

Additionally, in order to satisfy entry requirements, each student must be working within an established osteopathic practice for at least 2 days per week. (An established practice will be one that has been in operation for at least 6 months if the osteopath has been working alone, or at least 2 years if the osteopath is working as an assistant. The practice will generate for the student a minimum of 10 patients per week of which 1 will be a new patient.

Fees

The fees are variable year on year. Further information may be obtained from the MSc Programme Leader.

Application

If you wish to apply to join the MSc Osteopathy, please complete the application and health declaration form available upon request.

Should you require any further information, please contact the MSc Programme Leader:

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