



NAPIER UNIVERSITY EDINBURGH

**Faculty of Health and Life Sciences
School of Community Health**

Master of Science in Intellectual Disability Practice

The School of Community Health, based at the Comley Bank Campus, Edinburgh focuses in teaching and research in learning disability practice. The School is one of the major providers in Scotland of undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes in learning disability practice, offering a BSc and MSc in Intellectual Disability Practice and other education programmes. Students from health, social care and the independent sectors can maintain their education and professional development and work towards an academic award. A range of stand-alone modules are also available that supports continuing professional development.

Who is the programme for?

This new Master's programme in Intellectual Disability Practice is the first of its kind in Scotland and places are available for the February 2006 intake. This multiprofessional programme is intended for dynamic, forward thinking professionals, concerned with enhancing and developing their personal and professional practice from across healthcare, social care, education and the independent sectors.

A number of academic awards can be studied towards and include:

- Master of Science in Intellectual Disability Practice
- Master of Science in Intellectual Disability and Nursing Practice
- Master of Science in Intellectual Disability and Applied Education

The **MSc in Intellectual Disability Practice** will bring together practitioners from a range of backgrounds and disciplines. The programme is multi-disciplinary, part time and modular in structure. The overall aim of the programme is to develop individuals' knowledge and skills to contribute positively to the community of practice the learning disability field. Contained within this overall aim are three subsidiary aims. These are to develop the ability to work collaboratively; to develop reflective ability and ethical reasoning skills; and develop the knowledge and skills for contributing to the development of an evidence base in intellectual disability practice.

The **MSc in Intellectual Disabilities and Nursing Practice** is targeted at nurses who are currently working in health provision across the life span and will enable individuals to examine the differing health needs of the client group and to explore how these can be met from a nursing perspective.

The **MSc in Intellectual Disabilities and Applied Education** pathway is also intended to equip experienced professionals for an education and teaching role in their profession. On completion of the education component of the programme, students are eligible for membership of the Higher Education Academy.

Further Masters award outcomes are planned and will be available in the future.



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What qualifications do I need?

Applicants will usually hold a first degree from a health, social science or related discipline; however enquiries are welcomed from those without a first degree.

Enquiries are welcomed from potential students who have undertaken previous Masters level study and wish to join the programme.

How will I study?

The programme is modular in design and is available full-time and part-time with the period of study being over one to five years. A blended range of learning options has been developed and students can opt to attend taught modules, study by flexible learning or by a combination.

What will I study?

The programme has been developed with the needs of busy professionals in mind and is modular in design and comprises core and elective modules.

Core Modules

- Contemporary issues in intellectual disability practice
- Politics, policy and practice in intellectual disabilities
- Disability in Society
- Managing Performance for Person centred Services
- Research A
- Research B

Elective Module examples

- Teaching & Learning, Methods & Media
- Assessment, Evaluation & Support
- Independent Professional Study
- Implementing Evidence into Practice
- Exploring Expert Practice
- Risk Management
- Using Knowledge to Transform Practice
- Practising within a Consultancy Role

Further information

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