

Cosmetic Medicine – Postgraduate Certificate/Postgraduate Diploma

Programme Outline

This masters-level programme provides a comprehensive theoretical and practical foundation for doctors in the field of cosmetic medicine. The programme places a strong emphasis on the ethical and legal considerations particular to cosmetic medicine, establishing competency in all commonly used cosmetic techniques and enhancing professional accountability and decision-making skills in practice.

Aims and Objectives

Structure and Assessment

The course is studied by distance learning and is based upon the principles of continuous assessment. Methods used will include personal reflective exercises, written assignments, guided reading and portfolio of competency in practice and OSCE style assessment.

All modules are mandatory and must be passed separately.

Postgraduate Certificate

- Module 1: Ethics and Law
- Module 2: Anatomy & Physiology, Dermatology and Health Promotion
- Module 3: Skin Care, Chemical Denervation and Dermal Fillers

Postgraduate Diploma

- Module 4: Minor Surgery Module
- Module 5: Resurfacing, Body Augmentation and Sclerotherapy
- Module 6: Laser, IPL
- Module 7: Lipolysis

Entry Requirements

This course is specifically tailored for qualified doctors who currently operate, or wish to operate, in the cosmetic medicine market. As such the minimum requirement for entry is an MBChB or equivalent

Frequently Asked Questions

How will I access course materials?

The University of Leicester Blackboard Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) will be used to deliver the course online. It can be accessed by registered users from anywhere in the world using the Internet and web browsers.

Blackboard provides an integrated environment which enables:

- Course materials, such as handbooks, lecture handouts, slides, reading lists and web links to be published in a course site facilitating easy access by students;
- Asynchronous online communication between students and tutors using discussion boards;
- Online synchronous classes, such as presentations and tutorials, with students and tutors logged into a virtual classroom;
- The creation of group areas to support group tasks such as online discussion and file exchange; and
- Setting and taking of online assessments with automatic marking and feedback facilities.

Do I need regular access to the internet?

You will need to make sure that you have regular access to the internet as all distance learning student submit their assignments and receive feedback online. You will be able to access your course material, contact your lecturers and tutors and your fellow students all via the internet.

How will the University support me through my studies?

Studying via distance learning is not easy and you will need to think about when you are going to study and how regular study time will fit into your life. However, we take the delivery of distance learning very seriously and will make every effort to make the experience enjoyable and rewarding. You are provided with a timetable when you start your programme and key study targets are identified to enable effective time management.

You will be supported by a dedicated team of tutors and support staff available through Blackboard and via email. You will be sent a handbook that includes information about members of staff in the Department and provides you with the contact details of the specific staff responsible for the course you are studying. Tutors will always be available to you to discuss any aspects of your study either by phone or email.

You will have full access to the Leicester Digital Library and the University student support services. The Student Support and Development Service can provide advice on essay writing and study skills. More information about their services can be found by visiting their website: <http://www.le.ac.uk/ssds/>

Is it possible to have a break from my studies?

We aim to be as flexible as possible as we understand that fitting academic study around professional and personal commitments can at times be difficult. In extenuating circumstances, it may be possible to take a break from your studies. Our support team are available to provide advice if you find you are having difficulties.

When and how do I pay my fees?

If your application is successful we will send you instructions about how to make payment. We offer a number of flexible payment plans for each of our programmes, which means you do not have to pay for them all in one go. We accept a number of payment methods.

What are the fees?

The cost for the post grad cert is £3,175. The diploma will cost a further £3,175.

Will I be required to visit the University of Leicester campus?

Even though you may be studying via distance learning, you are still a University of Leicester student. You will be issued with a university library card and you are encouraged to make use of the university's facilities wherever possible.

We also run study schools at the University for all our distance learning students. We recommend that students who are in the UK, or who are able to travel, do try to attend the study schools as they provide important support and guidance at key points during the course. They are also an excellent opportunity to meet staff and fellow students.

However, we recognise the fact that for some of our students, coming to the UK is not an option and it is possible to complete our courses from wherever you are in the world.

Where will I graduate?

Graduation ceremonies take place in Leicester. Attendance is optional, but many distance learning students welcome the chance to visit the University, meet fellow graduates and celebrate their success.

Will my degree certificate have 'distance learning' on it?

No, our degree certificates do not have the mode of study on them. The degree that you receive will be exactly the same as those received by our campus-based students.

I have more questions, who do I contact?

We understand that choosing to study via distance learning is an important decision and we are therefore happy to answer any further questions that you may have. Please contact:

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How to Apply

Applying Online

To apply online please visit the postgraduate prospectus online: www.le.ac.uk/pgprospectus
You will need to enter your chosen course into the search courses box.

At the end of the application process you will be able to upload your supporting documents. In addition, if you have supplied email addresses for your referees, they will be contacted via email and offered the opportunity to upload references via a secure link. However, we encourage you to check that your referees have received an email and that they respond, as it is your responsibility to ensure that we receive references.

After you have completed the online application form, you will need to send any supporting documents that you could not upload online through to the Admissions Administrator in the Department of Criminology by post or email (please see above for the postal address).

Supporting Documents

The required supporting documents are:

- Two completed reference forms (apart from Foundation Degree applicants who are only required to submit one reference form)
- Copy of your degree certificate (if applicable)
- Copy of your degree transcript detailing the modules taken and the marks received (if applicable)
- Copies of relevant academic certificates
- Copies of relevant professional certificates
- Personal statement
- Proof of English language competency if your first language is not English

We cannot make a decision on your application without the required supporting documents.

What Happens Next?

As soon as we have received your completed application form and supporting documents then your application will be passed to the Department of Medical and Social Care admissions panel for review. You will be informed as soon as possible whether or not your application has been successful.