UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

MSc

Physiotherapy (Pre-registration)

Study mode	Duration	
Full-time	24 months	Apply by: **15 January 2027** Starts on: **25 January 2027**

About this course

Gaining this qualification will promote your development as a physiotherapist. You will learn critical thinking skills, how to be resilient, resourceful and capable of providing outstanding patient care in the current and future healthcare system.
Early applications are encouraged. Applications submitted by October 31 will be given equal consideration. Applications submitted after this date are not guaranteed to be considered for the January start but may be considered for waiting list places.

Introduction

Please note, your course welcome starts on 25 January 2027. Teaching starts on the 1 February 2027.

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This two year accelerated MSc Physiotherapy course will provide you with an excellent educational experience both in academic and clinical environments. It will support your

development as a graduate with the ability and desire to make a meaningful contribution within the communities in which you live and work.

The programme has been divided into three key themes, clinical, professional and evidence based practice which run throughout the programme. These themes transition across the two years, ensuring that learning is applied and developed continuously to facilitate growth at each level of study. Within the themes individual modules have been developed in parallel to ensure that you benefit from a planned and coherent learning experience with an appropriate spread of workload across each year. Practice based learning is an essential part of this programme as it will allow you to experience a wide range of clinical settings and integrate theory and practice, developing clinical skills, professionalism and leadership.

Successful graduates will be eligible to apply for registration as a physiotherapist with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) and to apply to become a professional member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.

Who is this course for?

This is a pre-registration course available to graduates wanting to study Physiotherapy for the first time and at master's level. It is not available to Physiotherapy graduates. The programme is a conversion course.

What you'll learn

- An understanding of how multi-professional healthcare environments function
- Communication skills
- An ability to diagnose and manage a range of physical health problems
- Leadership qualities
- Research, report-writing and other transferrable professional skills.

Accreditation

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

All of our modules have been developed together to ensure that you benefit from a planned and coherent learning experience.

In the first year, you will be introduced to the foundational teachings of physiotherapy practice. You will also develop a base knowledge of how best to manage and treat patients presenting with different musculoskeletal complaints or surgical needs.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
APPLIED SCIENCES PHYSIOTHERAPY (PHTY410)	20
FOUNDATIONS OF PHYSIOTHERAPY PRACTICE (PHTY411)	20
EVIDENCED BASED MANAGEMENT OF MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND REHABILITATION PATIENTS (PHTY412)	20
EVIDENCED BASED MANAGEMENT OF MUSCULOSKELETAL PATIENTS (PHTY413)	20
RESEARCH METHODS IN HEALTHCARE PRACTICE (HEAL417)	15

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Year two

In year two, you will advance your professional capabilities through the exploration of more complex issues relating to the field of physiotherapy. Your clinical skills will also

grow as you give more consideration to the qualities associated with physiotherapy leadership and service delivery.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
ADVANCING PHYSIOTHERAPY PRACTICE (PHTY414)	20
DISSERTATION: HEALTHCARE PRACTICE (HEAL418)	45
HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE DELIVERY (PHTY415)	20

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

Every aspect of teaching on the programme incorporates activities that stimulate, facilitate and guide your growth as a physiotherapist.

We place particular emphasis on clinical teaching. Not only will this enable you to improve your practical skills and enhance your experience of working in real healthcare environments, it will also push you to grow as a healthcare provider with strong leadership and communication skills – something you may rely on later in your professional journey.

Enquiry-based learning is something else that we attach particular value to as it encourages students to access and engage with content logically and meaningfully. It has also shown to enhance students' learning experience and support the development of graduates who have the skills to engage in self-directed, reflective learning and critical thinking.

How you're assessed

Authentic assessment tasks have been included across the curriculum. These tasks demand that you demonstrate a meaningful and integrated application of relevant

academic knowledge, skills and understanding. Many of these assessment tasks mirror the skills which you can expect to undertake as a registered physiotherapist.

Liverpool Learning Framework

At Liverpool, we take a distinctive approach to education through the Liverpool Learning Framework. This means teaching that is engaging, inclusive and designed to help you succeed during your studies and beyond.

You'll develop specialist subject knowledge alongside the skills employers value most, including:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three Liverpool Hallmarks:

- Research-connected teaching - learning informed by the latest ideas and discoveries
- Active learning - taking part, applying knowledge and learning by doing
- Authentic assessment - assessments designed around real-world tasks and challenges

We also embed key priorities across our curriculum, including AI literacy, employability, and sustainability, helping you prepare for the future and make a positive impact in the world.

We're committed to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

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Careers and employability

Graduate physiotherapists are a vital part of modern health care and employment opportunities are available in the UK and abroad. With an MSc qualification, graduates can fill senior leadership positions across a wide array of physiotherapy settings, for private or national healthcare providers.

Physiotherapists can explore a range of career paths, which venture into different aspects of the industry, including:

- Research
- Teaching
- NHS
- Sports therapy
- Orthopaedics
- Occupational therapy.

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

Networking events

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £9,790

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £32,000

Tuition fees are for the academic year 2026/27. Please be advised that this tuition fee is subject to increase each year, subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can pay your tuition fees in instalments
- All or part of your tuition fees can be funded by external sponsorship
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to pay a tuition fee deposit
- If you're eligible for tuition fees and maintenance support from the Student Loans Company, you may qualify for the NHS Learning Support Fund for this course.

Additional costs

Stationery and equipment

Practical kit: £150.

Purchasing a suitable stethoscope before placement is sensible, but not required. Costs vary from £8 to £80, depending on quality and preference. Your tutors can provide advice and guidance.

Professional association fees

The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy student membership is £35 per year. This is optional.

Travel to placements

You'll complete 30 weeks of core placement experience. In year one, you'll undertake a week-long observation/simulation placement.

All placements involve a daily commute. You won't incur additional accommodation costs. Student concessions are available from local travel companies. Costs will depend on the geographical location of your placement.

Elective placements

At the end of year two, you'll undertake a self-funded four-week elective placement in the UK or overseas. Home students can apply for reimbursement of placement travel and accommodation costs from the NHS Learning Support Fund.

Teaching Materials

We provide electronic teaching materials, so printing costs are minimal. You may choose to print handouts, but this isn't essential.

You're not required to purchase books. The core texts are available as e-books through the library. If you'd prefer to purchase your own books, it will cost approximately £100.

You can find information on the general and subject-specific costs you could expect to incur on our study costs webpage.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:1 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution. This degree should be in biological sciences, health sciences or sports-based disciplines. Applicants with a 2.2 are invited to apply if they have relevant experience or evidence of further study. As Physiotherapy (Pre-registration) MSc is a conversion course, an undergraduate degree in physiotherapy isn't suitable.

You should demonstrate a good understanding of the scope of physiotherapy practice, including an awareness of the various settings a physiotherapist might work in. This could preferably be indicated by observation experience of physiotherapists working in a variety of clinical areas, or by other experience which can be related to the skills and qualities required to work in a physiotherapy environment.

Experience in a paid or voluntary capacity working with the general public, children, older persons or people with special needs will also help to strengthen your application.

You should include a personal statement of no more than 700 words in support of your application. This should reflect on your understanding of the profession and relevant qualities valuable to a healthcare professional.

An interview forms part of the selection process. The interview follows the values-based recruitment (VBR) process and you will be expected to demonstrate the relevance of the NHS' values and pertinent skills required to work as a physiotherapist.

Please note: meeting the minimum criteria does not guarantee a place on the programme as competition is high. You are encouraged to present the strongest possible application.

Declaration of Criminal Background

You will understand that as a health sciences student, and when you qualify, you will be asked to treat children and other vulnerable people. We therefore need information about any criminal offences of which you may have been convicted, or with which you have been charged. The information you provide may later be checked with the police.

If selected for interview you will be provided with the appropriate form to complete.

Health Screening

The University and the School of Health Sciences has an obligation to undertake health screening on all prospective healthcare students. Any offer of a place to study is conditional on completion of a health questionnaire and a satisfactory assessment of fitness to train from the University's Occupational Health Service. This will include some obligatory immunisations and blood tests. Please visit the Higher Education Occupational Practitioners website for further information.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, a Pre-Master's can help you gain a place. This specialist preparation course for postgraduate study is offered on campus at the **University of Liverpool International College**, in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. Although there's no direct Pre-Master's route to this MSc, completing a Pre-Master's pathway can guarantee you a place on many other postgraduate courses at The University of Liverpool.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a majority English speaking country.

We accept a variety of international language tests and country-specific qualifications.

IELTS

7.0 overall, with no component below 6.5. Please note, your IELTS test must have been sat and completed in person and not online.

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