

# MSc/PGCert Burn Care - distance learning

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## Barts and The London - a prestigious past and vibrant present

- The Medical College at the London Hospital, opened in 1785, was the first medical college in England
- The history of the medical school and its hospitals is associated with several celebrated physicians, including: William Harvey, James Parkinson, Percivall Pott, James Paget and William Blizard
- Queen Mary University of London is ranked 9th multi-faculty university in the UK for research as per the REF 2014

## Overview

Our burn care programmes aim to cover the entire spectrum, from acute to reconstructive burn care, with a patient-focused approach and emphasis on evidence based principles.

Our courses are stimulating, fulfilling and designed for all healthcare professionals involved in burn care. The multi-disciplinary and holistic nature of the courses reflects the team work required for effective burn care.

Due to the distant and self-directed learning format delivered through our online platform, students are able to remain in full time employment whilst completing our courses.

Course delivery is supported by a number of leading UK and international scientists,

surgeons, nurses and therapists who excel in their fields. In addition to the distance teaching element, opportunities for practical exposure and face-to-face teaching are provided via exciting national and international clinical immersion events.

## Who should apply?

Our programmes are open to all healthcare professionals involved in burn care, including doctors/surgical trainees, therapists, nurses and intensive care staff.

Eligible candidates must have a degree or higher-qualification as well as at least 12 months experience in a relevant clinical field.

Overseas/international candidates will require proof of proficiency in the English language. For further information on English language requirements, please see the QMUL international webpages: [www.qmul.ac.uk/international](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/international)

## Why study the programme at Queen Mary?

Our degrees are delivered via the Academic Plastic Surgery group based at the Centre for Cell Biology and Cutaneous Research - the first in the UK to use laboratory grown skin to treat burns and chronic wounds in the early 1980's.

The Queen Mary burn care programmes are unique internationally in being burns

specific, multi-disciplinary and accessible via distance learning, allowing students to continue full time work whilst studying.

We offer a dedicated course lead and expert international multi-disciplinary faculty.

## Programme structure

PGCert Burn Care MSc - 2 years, part-time  
PGCert Burn Care PGCert - 1 year, part-time

## Programme delivery

- Web-based, distance-learning, part-time programme starting in October each year
- Our online learning platform contains reading material synopses, key papers and student/tutor discussion forums
- Multi-media material includes video discussions, lectures and surgical technique demonstrations
- Regular, live on-line tutorials allowing interaction between tutors and students
- Clinical days (2 per year) which take place in UK and/or international centres
- Assessment for each module is via short written essays and/or multiple choice questions; as well as an end of year practical examination

MSc students also need to submit a 15,000 word dissertation at the end of the second year.

## Core modules

### MSc Burn Care

The MSc consists of a total of 8 core modules which are split over two academic years.

The PG Cert comprises the first four modules of the MSc programme and concentrates on the basic science and acute care of burn injuries:

### Year 1 (60 credits) (Msc and PG Cert)

- Module 1: Skin Structure and Function/ Burn Pathophysiology
- Module 2: Fluid Resuscitation/Smoke Inhalation/Critical Care
- Module 3: Anaesthesia/Pain and Pruritus/Dressings and Skin Substitutes
- Module 4: Acute Burn Wound Care/ Acute Surgery

End-of-year OSCE

PG Cert students can upgrade to the MSc programme at a future date by completing year 2 modules as well as the dissertation.

### Year 2 (180 credits) (MSc only)

- Module 5: Fundamentals of Burn Reconstruction
- Module 6: Burn Rehabilitation/Scar Management/Multi-disciplinary Team
- Module 7: Medicolegal Practice/ Psychology/Psychiatry
- Module 8: Research and Ethics

End-of-year OSCE + Dissertation

## Fee structure, scholarship/bursary schemes

We offer a number of bursary schemes including:

- Commonwealth scholarships (MSc Burn Care)
- London and Southeast Burn Network bursaries (PG Cert Burn Care)
- Charity funded support

For more information on sources of financial support and fee structure, please refer to [www.blizard.qmul.ac.uk](http://www.blizard.qmul.ac.uk)

## Student Feedback

“The distance learning Burn Care course is an excellent area for professional growth. I chose this particular course as it fitted my area of interest and I wanted to progress my career in burns. I really liked the distance learning option, which allowed me to work flexibly, especially given that I am a working mother.”

**JC, Occupational Therapist, Qatar**

“The Burn Care course was strongly recommended by colleagues and was comprehensive as well as up to date. I gained very broad knowledge and valuable skills in dealing with burn patients. I plan to continue a career in plastic surgery, and a burn fellowship job is my next target!”

**AY, Plastic Surgery Registrar, UK**

