

University of Essex

School of Health and Human Sciences

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| Postgraduate Research Study - Entrance Requirements |
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PhD / MPhil in Nursing Studies, Health Studies, Public Health, Social Policy or Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy and Clinical Psychology.

All applicants for the PhD programme are required to submit a working proposal (3000 words) detailing the proposed topic of their thesis and outlining their methodology; and in addition *only* for PhD applicants, a 500 word statement of how previous qualifications or experience equips them to undertake their proposed research in terms of research skills and knowledge of the research topic.

Admission to the PhD programme, in practice, means that applicants will either (i) already hold a Master's Degree or equivalent in a cognisant discipline, which involved appropriate courses in research methods in health sciences or social sciences, or (ii) be able to demonstrate that these skills have been developed through some alternative route (e.g. involvement in previous research projects).

Applicants who do not have the required research training may be offered the option of registering for an MPhil and pursuing relevant Masters level research training courses offered within the School and elsewhere in the University, with the opportunity for applying subsequently to be upgraded to PhD.

MSc by Dissertation in Nursing Studies, Health Studies, Public Health, Social Policy or Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Physiotherapy

For registration for the MSc by Dissertation, students should have a good honours degree in a relevant discipline, although evidence of other professional and/or research achievements may be taken into consideration. Applicants for the MSc by Dissertation programme are required to submit a working proposal (1500 words) detailing the proposed topic of their dissertation and outlining their methodology.

Professional Doctorates in Health and Social Care

Current registration with a professional body where appropriate
Current employment as a manager or practitioner as appropriate
Masters qualification (or equivalent)
Employed in a senior position within a health or social care organisation