



Edge Hill University

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh 
NHS Foundation Trust

Frequently Asked Questions

MCh – Masters Programme in Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery/Otolaryngology/Rhinology/Minimal Invasive Surgery/Surgical Oncology/Emergency and Trauma

1. What are the entry requirements?

As an International Medical Graduate coming to the UK under a sponsorship arrangement you:

Must have a primary medical degree recognised by the General Medical Council of the UK, i.e. MB ChB, MB BS

Have obtained a postgraduate qualification in your chosen specialty *equivalent* to the level of the MRCS (UK) e.g. Master of Surgery (MS) or Diplomate of National Board of India (DNB), FCPS Pakistan.

Have been engaged in clinical practice/training for 3 out of the last 5 years including the most recent 12 months.

Have achieved a minimum score of 7.0 in all 4 categories of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with an overall score of 7.5. Alternatively you could hold a recognised exempting qualification. Please see www.ielts.org for information on your nearest test centre.

You will also have to provide a Certificate of Good Standing from medical regulatory authorities of any countries where you have practised or held registration or a licence in the last 5 years. A DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) - check and medical screening will be carried out by your NHS employer before you can commence your employment

If you satisfy the appropriate criteria, your GMC registration and Tier 2 visa will be sponsored by Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust to stay in the UK, undertake full time employment and study the programme on a part time basis.

Please note that you must have all of the following to be eligible for a Tier 2 (General) visa:

- a Certificate of Sponsorship (CoS) reference number – this will be supplied by WWL.
- an 'appropriate' salary
- the [required level of English](#) - see IELTS above.
- have £945 in savings - this is to prove you can support yourself. You must have had this in your bank account for 90 days before you apply, unless you're exempt.

Please be aware that the visa eligibility criteria can be subject to change. The up to date advice including visa charges and the new Healthcare surcharge can be found by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/tier-2-general>

2. What are the GMC registration requirements?

As you will be employed as a full time International Training Fellow - (ITF) within the NHS and will study your MCh degree part time, you will need to be registered with the General Medical Council in the UK, however your GMC registration will be supported under a sponsorship arrangement.

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust is an approved sponsor for GMC registration.

You will be required to: register with GMC Online, submit the necessary documents to the GMC and when invited, attend the GMC Offices in either Manchester or London for an identification-check, bringing the original documents and certificates with you for verification

3. What will I be paid?

You will initially be paid as a junior level International Training Fellow. The salary scale (MN35) is £30,002 rising by increments to £39,693 per annum. Your starting point on the scale will be determined by verification of previous service by the Medical HR Department. You will work a compulsory shift pattern which includes participation in the on call rota for which an additional payment (called a banding) of between 40 and 50% of your basic salary will be paid.

In year 2, subject to satisfactory progress you will be paid as a senior level ITF (MN37) with a salary scale rising to £47,175 per annum. There is no requirement for out of hours working at this level.

Some Trusts pay on the Specialty Doctor payscale (MC46) with a salary range of £37,176 - £69,325, subject to previous experience. There is no on call banding when on this payscale, however in some cases a 2% on call supplement is paid.

4. When does the Programme and post commence?

The MCh Induction session will be held at Edge Hill University in first week September 2017 . The ITF post you may be offered generally commences on the first Wednesday in August. Wrightington Wigan and Leigh will be the Lead Employer and will carry out your pre-employment clearances. A non-conditional job offer and contract cannot be issued until the clearances are received.

5. What is the duration of the Programme?

As an International Medical Graduate joining the Programme under a sponsorship arrangement you can stay in the UK for up to 3 years. The MCh Programme runs for approximately 24 months. Taught sessions are delivered from September 2017 until July 2019 and the remaining time in the UK can be devoted to completing your chosen research project and writing your dissertation.

6. What are the tuition fees?

Tuition fees must be met by the student. The fees for the 2-3year programme are £35,000. You will be reimbursed with expenses associated with your initial GMC and visa applications.

International Training Fellows are required to pay a 50% deposit before arrival in the UK and a schedule of fee payments can be agreed. All fees must be paid by July 2019.

Edge Hill University academic regulations stipulate that students will not be allowed to graduate if any fees or other payments due to the University or collaborative partners are still outstanding.

7. Where will I study?

Your degree will be awarded by Edge Hill University which is one of the Fastest growing universities in the UK with over 14,600 undergraduate students, and over 7,700 professional and postgraduate students. It will celebrate its 130 years anniversary in 2015. Edge Hill University was awarded the prestigious UK University of the Year in 2014 (Times *Higher Education Awards*) and in Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS trust (Provider trust of the year 2014)

The University is located in the town of Ormskirk which is a pleasant market Town in the heart of the North West of England and is within easy reach of the Cities of Manchester and Liverpool.

8. How often are the teaching sessions?

Teaching sessions will be delivered at Wrightington Hospital in the Conference Centre on 2 Saturdays each month. University staff are in

attendance during the morning sessions and the afternoon teaching is devoted to clinical topics in your chosen specialty. In addition to lectures by faculty from Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust and guest speakers, clinical teaching is also enhanced by interactive workshops.

9. How are the modules assessed?

Module leaders set the assignments with a specific submission date. Further information regarding submission of assignments is provided in each module handbook which will be provided electronically via the University 'Blackboard'. The clinical modules are assessed by a number of methods including essays, log book submissions, oral presentations, poster presentations, a clinical audit report and OSCE examinations.

10. Will I be awarded any degree if I leave the course early?

This is a tiered-exit Programme. It is possible to be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Research if you complete 2 modules (30 credits each) or a Postgraduate Diploma in your chosen Specialty if you complete 5 modules (120 credits). The MCh degree is awarded on completion of all the modules which includes the dissertation module. It may be possible for you to complete the dissertation module on your return to your home country and Academic support will continue to be provided in this instance.

11. What is the method of selection for the Programme?

If you are interested in applying for this Programme and one of the International Training Fellowships, please submit your CV to the ISKSAA president at isksaafellowships@gmail.com. All shortlisted candidates will be interviewed before an offer can be made. The team from UK is visiting India to conduct interviews on 23rd November at ISKSAA GLOBAL SUMMIT 2016 in Delhi and 25th November 2016 in Chennai.

12. Where can I get further information about the Programme?

Just access the University website – there are plenty of details about the course content and the opportunity to watch our informative video.

<http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/courses/master-of-surgery>

Alternatively you can contact either:

Carol Kelly, Programme Leader, Edge Hill University,
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Julia Berry, Programme Administrator at Wrightington
Julia.berry@wvl.nhs.uk

Tuition and sponsorship fees for International Training Fellows MCh
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£ 35,000 to be paid as follows:

- **£17,500 to be paid before arrival in the UK by Bank transfer.**

Please note that fees already paid for GMC registration and visa application can be deducted from this initial payment. Trusts' banking information is available from Julia Berry.

- **Remaining sum can then be paid instalments as follows:**

£10,000 to be paid in year 1 - September 2017 – July 2018

£7,500 to be paid in year 2 - September 2018 – June 2019

Payment methods include:

Monthly standing order arrangement with your bank

Monthly cheque to be submitted – cheques to be made payable to Wrightington Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust (WWLNHS FT)

Online Bank Transfer

Credit card payment

Important information

You have accepted this post under a sponsorship arrangement.

If you choose to leave the post at WWL or one of the other Hospitals in the rotation before end of the 2 year contractual period, a financial penalty will be incurred as stated in the contract.