

Course Specification

A. Course Information																							
Final award title(s)	MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health)																						
Intermediate exit award title(s)	Students who are unable to progress through to successful completion of the full award will be considered for the following: PgCert Enhancing Clinical Practice (Mental Health) PgDip Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health)																						
UCAS Code		Course Code(s)	5533 - PT 5534 – Slow Track																				
	London South Bank University																						
School	<input type="checkbox"/> ASC <input type="checkbox"/> ACI <input type="checkbox"/> BEA <input type="checkbox"/> BUS <input type="checkbox"/> ENG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HSC <input type="checkbox"/> LSS																						
Division	Advanced Clinical Practice & Non Medical Prescribing																						
Course Director	Wendy York																						
Delivery site(s) for course(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Southwark <input type="checkbox"/> Havering <input type="checkbox"/> Croydon <input type="checkbox"/> Other: please specify																						
Mode(s) of delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part time <input type="checkbox"/> other please specify																						
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Is this course generally suitable for students on a Tier 4 visa?	Please complete the International Office questionnaire No																						
Approval dates:	Course(s) validated / Subject to validation	May 2019																					
	Course specification last updated and signed off	September 2022																					
Professional, Statutory & Regulatory Body accreditation	Royal College of Nursing (RCN) Accreditation of advanced nursing practice educational programmes.																						
Reference points:	Internal	Corporate Strategy 2020 - 2025 LSBU Academic Regulations LSBU Behavioural Framework School Strategy Academic Quality and Enhancement Website																					

	External	<p>QAA Quality Code for Higher Education (2018) Framework for Higher Education Qualifications</p> <p>SEEC Level Descriptors 2021</p> <p>OfS Guidance</p> <p>Subject Benchmark Statements: Health Studies (Honours) Degree (QAA, 2018) and informed by Pharmacy (QAA, 2002) and Medicine (QAA, 2002) Masters level standards</p> <p>Health Education England (HEE) Multiprofessional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in England (2017)</p> <p>RCN standards for advanced level nursing practice, advanced nurse practitioners, RCN accreditation and RCN credentialing (2018)</p> <p>International Council of Nurses (ICN, 2008) Scope of practice, competencies and standards of the advanced practice nurse</p> <p>Royal College of Medicine/Health Education England/RCN (2017) Advanced Clinical Practitioner Curriculum and Assessment</p> <p>NHS England (2016) Allied Health Professionals into Action – using AHPs to transform health, care and wellbeing 2016/7 – 2020/21</p> <p>Royal Pharmaceutical Society (2013) The RPS Advanced Pharmacy Framework (APF)</p> <p>NHS England (2017) General Practice – Developing confidence, capability and capacity – A ten point action plan for General Practice Nursing</p> <p>Royal College of Occupational Therapists (2017) The Career Development Framework: Guiding Principles for Occupational Therapy</p>
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		NHS Confederation (2016) Five Year Forward View Mental Health
B. Course Aims and Features		
Distinctive features of course	<p>The Institute of Health and Social Care at London South Bank University (LSBU) has been delivering high quality Royal College of Nursing (RCN) accredited Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) education for over 20 years with demand increasing year on year.</p> <p>The pioneering PgDip/MSc Advanced Nurse Practitioner Mental Health was the first specialist mental health route in the UK in advanced practice. It developed following consultation with external stakeholders in recognition of the impact that advanced clinical practice was having in physical healthcare. Within mental health services, contemporary practitioners need to extend their practice beyond traditional role boundaries, to meet with competing requirements of policy initiatives, rapid pace of technological and treatment advancements, alongside complex patient acuity. Clinical practitioners are expected to deliver consistent high level of clinically effective, safe, high quality assured, cost efficient and person focused services against a backdrop of economic and workforce constraints. There is also increasing recognition of the need for parity of esteem between physical and mental health care (Mental Health Taskforce, 2015). This course was therefore developed to provide mental health advanced nurse practitioners who can innovate in complex workplace settings to deliver highly effective care provision for diverse and complex patient groups. The first cohort started in 2016.</p> <p>Over the past decade, developments in advanced clinical practice have seen the extension of this concept to allied health professionals, pharmacists and midwives. This reflects in Advanced Practice frameworks from Scotland and Wales and the publication of the Health Education England “Multiprofessional framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in England” (2017).</p> <p>From 2016, LSBU has provided a multi-professional PgDip/MSc Advanced Clinical Practice curriculum focussing on adults, for experienced registered nurses, allied health professionals and pharmacists working in primary, secondary and tertiary health care settings, who wish to undertake advanced clinical education at master’s level. This has provided high-quality development not only for Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANP) but also for Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACP) and other healthcare professionals to work at an advanced level of clinical practice. Discussions regarding introduction of the Advanced Clinical Practitioner degree Apprenticeship at LSBU has provided an opportunity to build on this by reviewing and revising our paediatric and mental health provision to achieve a cohesive truly multi-professional approach for Advanced Clinical Practice education.</p>	

	<p>The MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) course is for registered nurses, allied health professionals, pharmacists, midwives and social workers who currently have at least 50% of their role working with people with mental health issues.</p> <p>The MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) course is offered as a 3 year version or 4 year version depending on the desired rate of progress for the individual student and their employer.</p> <p>It is designed to equip graduates with the knowledge, skills and behaviours commensurate with the HEE Advanced Clinical Practice framework. This comprises of four pillars with a range of capabilities specified under each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical practice • Management/Leadership • Education and • Research. <p>The course aims and learning outcomes have been informed by this framework. In addition, mapping of the course module's to the capabilities has ensured that LSBU graduates will have completed a curriculum that has taught, developed and assessed their ability to demonstrate all aspects of this important national marker for advanced clinical practice.</p> <p>From January 2021, the course became one of only five early adopter sites nationally for the new HEE ACP MH Curriculum and Capabilities Framework, as the course is also mapped to this framework.</p> <p>The MSc ACP (Mental Health) course includes the option for students to study the 40 credit Non Medical Prescribing course to become an Independent Prescribers to better meet patient's needs and provision of timely treatment. Current Prescribing legislation enables Nurses, Midwives, Physiotherapists, Pharmacists, Chiropodists, Podiatrists and Therapeutic Radiographers and Paramedics to train to become Independent Prescribers.</p> <p>For other healthcare professionals the student will be able to take an alternative module "Enhancing Practice through Work Based Learning (Taught)" (20 credits, Level 7). This module allows students to investigate an area of their own choice, relevant to their field of professional practice. For this group, the focus will be the course outcomes on development of the knowledge and skills to make safe, appropriate, evidence-based prescribing decisions. The module is delivered in the form of a learning contract and is largely student managed with tutorial support. They will also need to undertake a 20 credit "Option" module of their choice or can utilise credit from prior learning if studied less than 4 years ago.</p>
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	<p>Across the course students will engage in critical reflection with regard to their behaviours to ensure that they treat people with dignity, respecting people’s diversity, beliefs, culture, needs, values, privacy and preferences; show respect and empathy for those they work with; have the courage to challenge areas of concern; and work to best practice; and are able to be adaptable, reliable and consistent, show discretion, resilience and self-awareness.</p> <p>The course is RCN Accredited. Their standards are currently the only quality marker for Advanced Practitioner preparation in England. While not all of the students undertaking this course will be nurses, other healthcare professionals will benefit from the rigorous standards set by the RCN Accreditation unit for advanced nurse practitioner preparation. RCN Accreditation indicates that this course has been evaluated against 15 standards and associated criteria for educational preparation and judged to prepare practitioners to an advanced level (RCN, 2018).</p> <p>Other distinctive features of the course include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has evolved from the first and currently still the only RCN accredited Advanced Nurse Practitioner programme in the UK specifically for mental health which started in 2016 in LSBU. • Design and sequencing of modules support advancement of clinical and professional knowledge and skills throughout the curriculum using a spiral curriculum approach • Teaching is provided by experts by experience; experienced qualified advanced nurse practitioners; mental health specialists; CBT therapists; systemic therapists; Consultant Nurses and other national experts in their fields; many of these work regularly in clinical practice • A variety of student-centred, teaching strategies are used including case-based learning, skills demonstration with supervised practice, practical workshops, simulation, student presentations and use of online learning resources • Inter-professional and peer learning is promoted utilising the wide range of experience and variety of clinical roles and settings reflected within each cohort. • A range of methods assess student learning, including clinical case analysis, an essay, a portfolio and practical assessments including OSCEs (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) and a VIVA. • Guided Practice Based Learning takes place in the student’s own work place with verification through a series of Practice Based Learning Records • This course is not age specific and looks at mental health issues across the life span in a bio psychosocial framework. This enables teaching, learning and practical assessment to occur holistically to optimise preparation of advanced clinical practitioners for the realities of patient care within a diverse range of clinical settings. • The School also has a People’s Academy, which brings together service user and carer involvement in educational activity. The Department of Advanced and Integrated Practice
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	<p>has a user advisory group, from whom a range of 'experts by experience' continue to contribute to the departments activities, and have been included in the development of this course, and will be engaged in teaching activities where their skills and expertise is most suited. This approach to collaborative engagement will continue to be used throughout the ACP (Mental Health) course development and delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Postgraduate Certificate Enhancing Clinical Practice (Mental Health) and Postgraduate Diploma Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) awards are available as intermediate exit awards only. These are intended for students who have studied modules within the MSc ACP (Mental Health) but have decided not to or are unable to continue their studies through to completion of the full MSc award. This decision may also be based on availability of funding. • In response to student and employer feedback and learning from similar course curriculum, a taught third year replaces the traditional 60 credit Dissertation. Students completing the PgDip award will have achieved the "threshold" standard set by HEE (2017) for the level of advanced clinical practice. However, this approach will enable students to build on this by extending the period of support for successful consolidation and further optimisation of the four pillars of advanced level of practice.
Course Aims	<p>The MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To equip graduates with the knowledge skills and attributes to enable them to deliver safe, appropriate, effective, efficient, evidence based mental and physical health care to individuals, families, and within the wider community • To develop students ability to apply knowledge and understanding within the field of advanced clinical practice (mental health) to complex issues both systematically and creatively • Foster student potential for strategic resource management and transformational leadership, particularly in relation to the continual enhancement of health service consumers utilising and promoting a co-production approach to innovation • To facilitate the personal and professional development of the student, so that they are able to demonstrate a critical reflective, enquiring and innovative approach to practice • To provide a contemporary approach to the education of ACPs in the specialist area of mental health, that is accredited by the RCN and meets the requirements of challenges being faced by the health and social care industry.
Course Learning Outcomes	A Students will have knowledge and understanding of:

	<p>A1 A comprehensive range of strategies to promote/improve and provide safe and effective evidence-based assessment for mental health consumers presenting in a range of health care settings with acute and long-term concerns.</p> <p>A2 Anatomical and physiological principles related to human health and disease.</p> <p>A3 The impact of personal, cultural, spiritual beliefs and practices and the psychosocial context, on therapeutic communication, behaviour, use and experiences of services and health outcomes.</p> <p><i>Students exiting with the PgCert Enhancing Clinical Practice (Mental Health) will have achieved A1-A3.</i></p> <p>A4 Local and national policies, regulatory frameworks and evidence-based guidelines underpinning prescribing decisions and medication use</p> <p>A5 A comprehensive range of strategies to promote, improve and provide safe and effective evidence-based care for mental health consumers presenting in a range of healthcare settings with complex problems</p> <p>A6 The impact of a wide range of contextual factors (eg social, ethical, legal, political, technological, cultural, and economic) and trends, at local, national and international levels upon health and the leadership, management and culture of healthcare organisations, as well as on healthcare practices and professionals</p> <p>A7 A comprehensive range of public health strategies and theoretical approaches that might be critically deployed to tackle inequalities and promote the health and well-being and prevention of disease with individuals, specific groups and communities</p> <p>A8 The history and development of advanced clinical practice from a devolved four country, UK and international context</p> <p>A9 Government policy and strategy and its impact within a changing context on stakeholders and organisations at a local and national level</p> <p>A10 A wide range of related theory and approaches enabling analysis of professional issues (such as professional identity, advocacy, autonomy, ethics and accountability) within the practice arena for the advancement of professional expertise, strategic leadership, service improvement and patient care</p> <p>A11 An extensive range of research and quality assurance and quality improvement methodologies and evidence-bases, and underpinning paradigms, that can be used to inform, enhance and challenge practice, including ethical and governance dimensions</p>
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	<p>A12 The application of teaching and learning theories and techniques to influence organisational culture to optimise the learning and development environment</p> <p><i>Students exiting with the PgDip Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) will have achieved A1-A12</i></p> <p>A13 Wide-ranging approaches to mitigate risk and optimise patient safety</p> <p>A14 Existing and emerging technology to underpin and inform decisions made about care and treatment and to optimise education</p> <p>B Students will develop their intellectual skills such that they are able to:</p> <p>B1 Use clinical reasoning, critical thinking, problem-solving, reflection, analysis and synthesis to make sound judgements and decisions and to explore potential solutions</p> <p><i>Students exiting with the PgCert Enhancing Clinical Practice (Mental Health) will have achieved B1</i></p> <p>B2 Critically analyse and synthesise information from a wide range of sources in order to gain a coherent understanding of, and new insight into, pertinent theoretical principles and their application to practice in straightforward and complex situations</p> <p>B3 The ability to creatively and effectively apply leadership, research and education theory for the enhancement of practice in common and challenging situations.</p> <p><i>Students exiting with the PgDip Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) will have achieved B1-B3</i></p> <p>B4 Critically analyse the theoretical, research, clinical and professional underpinnings of advanced clinical practice as a means to optimise higher-level knowledge and skills</p> <p>B5 Proactively explore potential solutions to complex, unstructured and sometimes unfamiliar practice problems (possibly in the absence of complete data)</p> <p>C Students will acquire and develop practical skills such that they are able to:</p> <p>C1 Establish therapeutic relationships with mental health patients and colleagues through skilled and creative use of communication</p>
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	<p>C2 Demonstrate competence in undertaking and documenting a comprehensive, holistic patient health assessment on all mental health patients; this will also include history taking and physical examination skills for all systems of the body (for adult patients only with common physical health problems), referring on appropriately when the problem exceeds their scope of practice and/or expertise</p> <p>C3 Critically analyse patient assessment findings and clinical outcomes and act safely and appropriately</p> <p>C4 Critically evaluate own clinical practice and seek further learning and development to develop proficiency to a higher level</p> <p><i>Students exiting with the PgCert Enhancing Clinical Practice (Mental Health) will have achieved C1-C4.</i></p> <p>C5 Undertake skilled, competent, safe, evaluative, autonomous, reflective holistic consultations for mental health patients with common and complex health problems including referral where appropriate</p> <p>C6 Review existing medication use and options and to prescribe safely, appropriately and cost-effectively (if applicable) within the parameters laid down in prescribing legislation</p> <p>C7 Take a pro-active approach to working in partnership to support, educate and empower patients, their families and other carers to use available services and participate in decisions concerning their care and influence the quality of future provision</p> <p>C8 Demonstrate leadership skills, self-direction and originality in tackling and solving problems and effective team-working within a multi-disciplinary and multi-agency context</p> <p>C9 Collaboratively engage with others to plan and deliver interventions to meet the learning and development needs of own and others profession</p> <p>C10 Evaluate the quality of practice, including health outcomes, of self and others at individual, team, organisational and systems level, selecting and applying valid and reliable approaches and methods which are appropriate to the needs and context and level of complexity, and act on the findings</p> <p><i>Students exiting with the PgDip Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) will have achieved C1-C10.</i></p> <p>C11 Deal with complex issues both systematically and creatively, make sound judgements in the absence of complete data, and communicate conclusions clearly to specialist and non-specialist audiences</p>
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	<p>C12 Demonstrate the ability to critically challenge, advocate for, and shape health care services, within a context of resource demands and changing organisational and policy imperatives</p> <p>D Students will acquire and develop transferrable skills such that they are able to:</p> <p>D1 Gather and interpret information from different sources and make informed judgements about its quality and appropriateness</p> <p>D2 Work independently and as part of a group or team</p> <p>D3 Communicate effectively with a wide range of individuals using a variety of means, including ability to provide coherent and logical arguments in support of decision-making.</p> <p>D4 Demonstrate self-awareness and the ability to critically appraise individual learning needs</p> <p>D5 Information management skills eg use of IT, Internet</p> <p><i>Students exiting with the PgCert Enhancing Clinical Practice (Mental Health) will have achieved D1-D5.</i></p> <p>D6 Implement appropriate strategies for continuing professional and personal development and evaluate the impact</p> <p>D7 Produce a Portfolio of evidence that uses effective strategies such as cross-referencing to demonstrate analysis and synthesis</p> <p><i>Students exiting with the PgDip Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) will have achieved D1-D7.</i></p> <p>D8 Be adaptable and show creativity, originality, insight and critical reflective abilities which can be brought to bear on a wide range of situations</p> <p>A Curriculum Map of the course learning outcomes across the modules within MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) award is provided in Appendix A</p>
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C. Teaching and Learning Strategy

The course will be taken on a part-time, one-day-a-week basis. Each module is worth 20 credits. Students will normally study between 40 – 60 credits per academic year depending on their desired rate of progression with an overall MSc ACP (Mental Health) duration of 3 or 4 years up to a maximum timeframe of 5 years. There are two intakes to the course; September and January. All teaching for this course takes place on the Southwark Campus.

It will start with a two day Induction to orientate students to the university and the course. Continuing students will participate in a Professional Development day and at the start of

subsequent academic years to enable them to mix with other advanced practice students from the School and have updates on pertinent developments and hear examples of impact.

The structure for the course comprises of a prescribed sequence of modules. Key material is taught, further developed, revisited and consolidated and assessed at appropriate points in a spiral approach.

Each country of the UK has advanced practice policy which emphasises the importance of the four pillars of clinical practice, leadership, education and research as the cornerstones for safe and effective, patient-centred practice at this level. While some modules within the curriculum may have titles that indicate focus on particular pillars all four pillars are taught, developed and assessed to different degrees in the sequence of modules. We view the pillars not as discrete entities but aspects that inform, underpin and enhance each other. The spiral curriculum has been designed to foster this integration.

A variety of teaching and learning approaches are used across the course which maximise student participation and engagement including interactive lectures, clinical skills demonstration and supervised practice, small group activities, case-based discussions, workshops, practice simulations and tutorials. The Library services provide a wide range of hard-copy and on-line resources, help-sheets and one to one's, study skills sessions and quiet study areas. Clinical skills development and simulated learning activities are delivered in fully equipped skills labs.

The classroom based activity is supported by online activities using the Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle) for electronic resources, clinical assessment videos, sharing of student blended learning and online discussion. Blended learning is defined as a combination of elements of face-to-face learning and teaching, electronically supported learning and teaching, and eLearning. It forms part of the teaching hours allocated for each module. On our course 14 hours per module is devoted to this style of learning. A range of activities come under this heading according to the focus of the module and assessment strategies.

The academic year at LSBU is organised into two semesters. Each module is normally run over a semester comprising 15 weeks where the final week is focused on completion of assessments. Attendance is also required for workshops to develop specific knowledge and skills. Dates are provided with sufficient notice to allow planning.

At LSBU each 20 credit module represents 200 hours of total student effort per module Class contact usually comprises of approximately 30-40 hours, with 14 hours for blended learning and the remainder is for guided and student self-directed work and practice based learning. Students should undertake private study for a minimum of 11 hours per module per week.

Learning support is a crucial element of any course of study but may be considered even more so for a postgraduate programme developing healthcare professionals for a new level of practice and innovative way of working. The Advanced Clinical Practice course teaching team are all experienced Senior Lecturers and Associate Professors. Some have worked as mental health specialists/Nurse Consultants/therapists/senior leaders and most continue to do so regularly. The Course Director oversees student progression from induction to final award. Students gain support from their module leaders and through lunchtime meetings held each semester. Student feedback is collected at the end of each module and an annual Course Board has student representation as part of the quality assurance process.

D. Assessment

A range of strategies are used for assessment on this course. Formative assessments are used in each module to develop master's level academic performance and review developing clinical competence. A variety of summative assessments are used at the end of each module including exams, a case study, OSCEs, VIVA Voce, written coursework, a portfolio, work-based practice based learning and submission of a series of Practice Based Learning records (with verification of supervised clinical development, individual objective setting and review, feedback on progress and specific competencies). These assessments allow the student to demonstrate both the depth and breadth of knowledge and skills required to demonstrate achievement of the capabilities underpinning advanced clinical practice.

E. Academic Regulations

The University's Academic Regulations apply for this course. Current University Academic Regulations allow up to 40 credits at Level 6 to contribute to a Postgraduate Diploma or MSc award.

In addition the following apply:

1. Students must successfully complete and pass all of the modules on this pathway in order to be eligible for the final award. The modules are all compulsory and are therefore classed as designated modules and criteria for compensation cannot normally be applied. [This reflects the clinical and professional development aspects of the course and is a requirement within the Standards and Criteria for RCN Accreditation Unit Accreditation of advanced nursing educational programmes (RCN 2018)].
2. In line with professional standards related to the currency of education, students will have up to 5 years to complete the MSc award.

F Entry Requirements

In order to be considered for entry to the MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) course, applicants will be required to have the following:

PROFESSIONAL:

- Current professional registration with the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) or Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) or The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS:

- Evidence of a minimum of 90 undergraduate degree level health-care related credits

PRACTICE:

- The MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) course is for registered nurses, allied health professionals, pharmacists, midwives and social workers who currently have at least 50% of their role working with people with mental health issues.
- A minimum of 3 years post-registration experience on entry to the course
- Be employed at minimum of Band 6 or equivalent

- Employed* for a minimum of 30 hours per week in one relevant clinical environment, with access to appropriate clinical support and supervision for the development of knowledge and skills to an advanced level. *This excludes students who are working in a locum or agency basis.
- Applicants must also be able to demonstrate employer support for all of the following (even where individuals are self-funding):
 - **For the applicant to undertake this course at LSBU**
 - Support for development of the applicant to an advanced level within the workplace while on the course, to enable evolution of the scope of practice and responsibilities
 - Willingness to release the student to enable them to dedicate the equivalent of 3 hours per week throughout the calendar year (in addition to the study day in university) as protected learning time to enable the student to work in a 'supernumerary capacity' to focus on their clinical/professional development evidenced by completion of the Practice Based Learning activity requirements and the Practice Based Learning records.
 - Able to support the student to organise for the student to have a Psychiatrist /qualified ANP/ACP/Nurse or other Consultant whose background/expertise is psychiatry/mental health to act as their designated "Practice Facilitator" to initially supervise and subsequently support the applicants overall clinical development and facilitate completion of specified practice-based learning activities. Sign off for specific aspects of learning is required (this responsibility can be shared with other senior experienced clinical colleagues however nomination of an overall Practice Facilitator is required).
 - Provision of day-to-day supervision and support by an experienced clinical team to enable the development of the knowledge, skills, behaviours, competence and confidence commensurate with this level of practice
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SELECTION PROCESS:

Advanced level clinical practice is by its very nature challenging and demanding. It is therefore important that appropriate students are selected who have the determination, professional attitudes and calibre that is needed for academic success and maximum impact in practice. Students are therefore selected for the course using the following strategies:

On-line application form with personal statement.

Review of existing academic credit

Review of current registration

Review of current role and duration of experience on application form

A supportive reference from the student's current line manager.

Provision of a completed Practice Facilitators nomination and acceptance form. (See the section on Practice Based Learning for guidance on selection of Practice Facilitators)

Completion of a Clinical Practice Learning Environment profile which evaluates capacity of the students' work environment (and other clinical opportunities) to meet the learning requirements for the course and establishes an action plan to redress any issues. This is signed by the student's line manager and the Practice Facilitator.

Submission of a 1,000 word referenced essay, which critically analyses the opportunities for advanced clinical practice within their work setting

An interview with representatives from the course team and a service-user to assess motivation, understanding of the course requirements and potential challenges, and appreciation of the potential benefits offered by the course for personal and professional development and to the patient care on an individual and organisational basis

Where students are unsuccessful, advice will be offered on alternative study or development opportunities.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

This is considered on an individual basis, in accordance with the University Academic Regulations. Credit awarded by another university may under certain circumstances contribute to the credit required for a London South Bank University award. For example, increasing numbers of applicants are already Independent Prescribers, having completed Non Medical Prescribing (NMP) courses at Level 6 or 7.

For credit to be transferred, the learning must be relevant to the module for which the claim for credit is being made. The learning must also have been at a comparable academic level and must have been assessed. The amount of credit transferred must be equal to or less than the amount of credit awarded by the university at which the learning took place. The learning activity must have taken place less than 4 years prior to entry to the MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) course. Current University Academic Regulations allow up to 40 credits at Level 6 to contribute to a Postgraduate Diploma or MSc award. At least half of the credit required for an award of the University must normally be accumulated as a result of learning undertaken and assessed at London South Bank University. The use of the same allocation of credit in order to meet the requirements of more than one academic award at the same level ("double counting") is not permitted and students should not receive more than one allocation of credit for a single learning activity.

The university also has a process for accreditation of prior experiential learning, with the details and submission requirements for each claim considered individually.

G. Course structure

The sequencing for the modules and overall award is provided below.

MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) – **Part time [3 years]**

SEPTEMBER INTAKE

Year 1	INDUCTION Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)		Semester 2 (Jan – June)	
	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care	20 Level 7 credits	(Jan – July) Non Medical Prescribing	40 Level 7 credits
	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	20 Level 7 credits	OR Enhancing Practice through Work Based Learning AND Option module (20 Level 7 credits)	Total 40 Level 7 credits
Summer work based learning (July – Sept)				
Year 2	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)		Semester 2 (Jan – June)	
	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice	20 Level 7 credits	Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice	20 Level 7 credits
Optional exit with Postgraduate Diploma Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) [120 credits Level 7]				
Year 3	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)		Semester 2 (Jan – June)	
	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice	20 Level 7 credits	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	20 Level 7 credits
	Option module (20 Level 7 credits)	20 Level 7 credits		
MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) [180 credits Level 7]				

MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) – **Part time [4 years]**

SEPTEMBER INTAKE

Year 1	INDUCTION Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)		Semester 2 (Jan – June)	
	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care	20 Level 7 credits		
	Semester 2 (Jan – June)			

	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	20 Level 7 credits		
Year 2	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
	(June – December) Non Medical Prescribing	40 Level 7 credits	OR Enhancing Practice through Work Based Learning AND Option module (20 Level 7 credits)	Total 40 Level 7 credits
	Semester 2 (Jan – June)			
	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
Summer work based learning (July – Sept)				
Year 3	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
	Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
Optional exit with Postgraduate Diploma Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental health) [120 credits Level 7]				
	Semester 2 (Jan – June)			
	Optional Module	20 Level 7 credits		
Summer work based learning (July – Sept)				
Year 4	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
	Semester 2 (Jan – June)			
	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) [180 credits Level 7]				

MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) – **Part time [3 years]**

JANUARY INTAKE

Year 1 Jan – Jan	INDUCTION Semester 2 (Jan – June)			
	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care	20 Level 7 credits		
	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	20 Level 7 credits		

	Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
	(June – December) Non Medical Prescribing	40 Level 7 credits	OR Enhancing Practice through Work Based Learning AND Option module (20 Level 7 credits)	Total 40 Level 7 credits
Year 2 Jan – Jan	Semester 2 (Jan – June)			
	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
Summer work based learning (July – Sept)				
	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY			
	Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
Year 2 continued	Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
Optional exit with Postgraduate Diploma Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) [120 credits Level 7]				
Year 3 Jan – Jan	Semester 2 (Jan – June)			
	Option module	20 Level 7 credits		
	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
Summer work based learning (July – Sept)				
Year 3 continued	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY			
	Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) [180 credits Level 7]				

MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) – **Part time [4 years]**

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Year 1 Jan – Jan	INDUCTION Semester 2 (Jan – June)		
	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care	20 Level 7 credits	

	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY			
	Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	20 Level 7 credits		
Year 2 Jan – Jan	Semester 2 (Jan – June)			
	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY			
	Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
	(June – December) Non Medical Prescribing	40 Level 7 credits	OR Enhancing Practice through Work Based Learning AND Option module (20 Level 7 credits)	Total 40 Level 7 credits
Year 3 Jan – Jan	Semester 2 (Jan – June)			
	Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
Optional exit with Postgraduate Diploma Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) [120 credits Level 7]				
Summer work based learning (July – Sept)				
Year 3 continued	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY			
	Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
	Option module	20 Level 7 credits		
Year 4 Jan – Jan	Semester 2 (Jan – June)			
	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
Summer work based learning (July – Sept)				
Year 4 continued	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY			
	Semester 1 (Sept – Jan)			
	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	20 Level 7 credits		
MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) [180 credits Level 7]				

Students can be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate Enhancing Clinical Practice when they have successfully completed the following three modules, totalling 60 at Level 7, with associated Practice Based Learning and are unable to continue through to successful completion of the Postgraduate Diploma.

1. Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care
2. Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills
3. Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice

The credit for Non Medical Prescribing has not been included in this award to avoid double counting.

There is also the option to exit with a Postgraduate Diploma Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) for students who have completed specified modules up to 120 credits who are either no longer able to continue or have only been funded to PgDip award and are unable to secure funding to complete the remaining credit to gain the full MSc award. Mapping to the Health Education England “Multiprofessional Framework for Advanced Clinical Practice in England” four pillars and associated capabilities has confirmed that all aspects will be have taught, developed and assessed by this point to validate use of the title Advanced Clinical Practice for this exit award.

Practice Based Learning

Students on this course do not undertake placements in the traditional sense. Rather learning takes place primarily within their work place. The term “Practice Based Learning” is used on this course, to describe any learning that takes place within the clinical setting. One of the key requirements for the course is that the practice experience provides learning opportunities that enable students to achieve the course learning outcomes (RCN, 2018). This is particularly important for preparation for a course of this nature; for any students, even those with many years of experience, some of the areas covered by the programme will be new such as history-taking, physical examination skills, ordering and interpreting investigations, making differential diagnoses, pharmacology, and assessment across the life span etc.

This can be formally planned, organized to meet specific learning needs and opportunistic. It encompasses individual activities through to formal teaching with mixed professional groups within the workplace. Focused practice based learning activities are specified for this course in a Practice Based Learning Handbook. These activities complement classroom learning and are intended to develop the student’s clinical and professional scope of practice to an advanced level.

In order to ensure this happens, aspects of learning in practice are purposively structured and assessed. To achieve this we require that every student spends the equivalent of a minimum of 3 hours per week working in a “supernumerary capacity” in order to focus specifically on their clinical and professional development. This requirement extends beyond the University semesters to include the Christmas, Easter and summer periods.

1. Practice Based Learning is supported through identification of a Psychiatrist /qualified ANP/ACP/Nurse or other Consultant whose background/expertise is psychiatry/mental health to act as their Practice Facilitator, whose primary purpose is to initially supervise and subsequently support their practice based learning activities and overall clinical development to act as the student’s “Practice Facilitator” to initially supervise and subsequently support their clinical development.

The Practice Facilitator must be either:

- I. **A Psychiatrist (GP or Registrar Level in hospital setting) or**
- II. **An Advanced Nurse Practitioner or an Advanced Clinical Practitioner who has successfully completed a minimum of an RCN Accredited BSc NP or a PgDip ACP or ANP award at least 2 years ago. Their background/experience must be in psychiatry/mental health**
- III. **A Nurse Consultant or other Consultant. Their background/experience must be in psychiatry/mental health**

For all, they need to have been working in the same organisation and setting as the student for a minimum of one year

Other experienced senior clinicians can also support student development. Details of these activities and the role of the Practice Facilitator are provided in the Practice Based Learning Handbook. They are also reviewed and discussed at a specific session for students and their Practice Facilitators within the Induction at the start of the course.

Evidence of practice based learning (36 hours of direct supervision and 180 hours of indirect supervised clinical practice), review of specific competencies and feedback on progress, is used as one of the elements of assessment on the following modules:

1. Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills
2. Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice
3. Leadership, Research and Education (included in portfolio)
4. Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice (included in portfolio)

Non Medical Prescribing has its own arrangements for recording practice-based learning, including a verified log of clinical hours to account for a minimum of 90 hours for nurses, midwives, and AHP's and pharmacists. A minimum of one third must be under direct supervision of their Practice Assessor of 30 hours

The LSBU criteria for the Practice Assessor are:

- Qualified independent prescriber for minimum of 3 years
- Prescribing regularly, minimum of once a week
- Has mentorship qualification or can demonstrate experience or training in teaching / supervision in clinical practice.

These will apply if a student undertakes the NMP course as part of their studies

H. Course Modules

The Course Director or nominated representative will discuss potential option modules with the student at interview. These will be confirmed at the start of the academic year in which they are due to undertake this module

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Semester	Credit value	Assessment
	CORE MODULES				
WHM_7_061	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care	7	1 and 2	20	Essay
ACP_7_010	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	7	1 and 2	20	Case study OSCE

					PBL record
ACP_7_019	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice	7	1 and 2	20	Case study OSCE PBL record
ACP_7_007	Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice	7	1 and 2	20	Portfolio
ACP_7_020	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	7	1 and 2	20	Portfolio/ PBL record VIVA
ACP_7_008	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice	7	1 and 2	20	Practice Development proposal
	OPTIONS				
NMP_6_040NMP_7_040	Non Medical Prescribing	7	January and June	40	CW1: Portfolio CW2: Case Study EX1: Drug calculation EX2: VIVA EX3: Pharmacology exam
WHN_7_015	Enhancing Practice through Work Based Learning (Taught) (VALIDATED)	7	1 and 2	20	4,000 word report
	EXAMPLES OF OTHER OPTIONAL VALIDATED MODULES				
TAR_7_011	Research in Health and Social Care	7	1 and 2	20	4000 word assignment
RCN_7_103	Mentoring and Coaching for Leadership in Health Care	7	1	20	4000 word assignment
I. Timetable information					
<p>Students will be provided with a timetable and preparation material following successful application for the course. The course starts with a 2 day Induction. Students then attend on a one-day-a-week part-time basis. Teaching sessions are delivered in the morning or afternoon according to the module timetable. There are no evening or weekend teaching sessions.</p>					

Assessments normally take place in January for semester 1 modules and May/June for semester 2 modules. Students will be notified by their LSBU email account of any changes to the timetable and on the VLE (Moodle) site.

J. Costs and financial support

Course related costs

No specific costs

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Appendix A: Curriculum Map Curriculum Map of course learning outcomes across modules within MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) award

This map demonstrates where course outcomes are being developed, taught and assessed within the course. It also provides a checklist for quality assurance purposes for use in validation, accreditation and external examining processes. Making the learning outcomes explicit also helps students to monitor their own learning and development as the course progresses.

Modules			Course outcomes													
Level	Title	Code	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8	A9	A10	A11	A12	A13	A14
7	Physical Health Needs for Mental Health Care	WHM_7_061		x												
7	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	ACP_7_010	x		x											
7	Non Medical Prescribing or Enhancing Practice through Work Based Learning (Taught)	NMP_7_040 Or WHN_7_015	x		x	x	x									
7	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice	ACP_7_019	x		x		x									
7	Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice	ACP_7_007						x	x	x	x	x	x	x		
7	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice	ACP_7_020						x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
7	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	ACP_7_008	x		x		x		x							x

Appendix A: Curriculum Map – continued

Modules			Course outcomes																	
Level	Title	Code	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	
7	Physical Health Needs for Mental Health Care	WHM_7_061									x									
7	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	ACP_7_010	x	x				x	x	x	x					x				
7	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice	TBC Or WHN_7_015	x	x							x	x				x				
7	Non Medical Prescribing or Enhancing Practice through Work Based Learning (Taught)	NMP_7_040 ACP_7_019	x	x							x	x	x	x		x				
7	Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice	ACP_7_007		x	x			x			x			x	x	x	x			
7	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice	ACP_7_020		x	x	x	x	x			x			x	x	x	x	x	x	
7	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	ACP_7_008	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	x	x	

Appendix A: Curriculum Map – continued

Modules			Course outcomes							
Level	Title	Code	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8
7	Physical Health Needs for Mental Health Care	WHM_7_061	x	x		x	x			
7	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	ACP_7_010	x	x	x	x	x	x		
7	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills for Mental Health Practice	TBC Or WHN_7_015	x	x	x	x	x	x		
7	Non Medical Prescribing or Enhancing Practice through Work Based Learning (Taught)	NMP_7_040 ACP_7_019	x	x	x	x	x	x		
7	Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice	ACP_7_007	x	x	x	x	x	x		
7	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice	ACP_7_020	x	x	x	x	x			x
7	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	ACP_7_008	x	x	x	x	x		x	x

Appendix B: Mapping of HEE Multi-professional framework for advanced clinical practice in England to PgDip/MSc Advanced Clinical Practice (Mental Health) award

T=Taught D=Developed A=Assessed [within the module or specified activity]

Advanced clinical practice	Advanced Clinical Practice student Induction	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non Medical Prescribing or Enhancing Practice module	Advanced Clinical Practice Development day	Clinical reasoning and Advanced Assessment skills in Mental Health Practice	Leadership, Research & Education in Advanced Practice	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice
1. Clinical Practice									
1.1 Practise in compliance with their respective code of professional conduct and within their scope of practice, being responsible and accountable for their decisions, actions and omissions at this level of practice.	T		TDA	TDA	D	D	TDA	DA	TDA
1.2 Demonstrate a critical understanding of their broadened level of responsibility and autonomy and the limits of own competence and professional scope of practice, including when working with complexity, risk, uncertainty and incomplete information.	T		TDA	TDA	D	D	TDA	DA	TDA
1.3 Act on professional judgement about when to seek help, demonstrating critical	T		TDA	TDA	D	D	TDA	DA	TDA

reflection on own practice, self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and openness to change.									
1.4 Work in partnership with individuals, families and carers, using a range of assessment methods as appropriate (e.g. of history-taking; holistic assessment; identifying risk factors; mental health assessments; requesting, undertaking and/or interpreting diagnostic tests; and conducting health needs assessments).			TDA	TDA		TDA	D	TDA	
1.5 Demonstrate effective communication skills, supporting people in making decisions, planning care or seeking to make positive changes, using Health Education England's framework to promote person-centred approaches in health and care.	T		TDA	TDA		TDA	D	TDA	
1.6 Use expertise and decision-making skills to inform clinical reasoning approaches when dealing with differentiated and undifferentiated individual presentations and complex situations, synthesising information from multiple			TD	TDA		TDA		TDA	TDA

sources to make appropriate, evidence-based judgements and/or diagnoses.									
1.7 Initiate, evaluate and modify a range of interventions which may include prescribing medicines, therapies, life style advice and care.			D	TDA	D	D	TD	TDA	D
1.8 Exercise professional judgement to manage risk appropriately, especially where there may be complex and unpredictable events and supporting teams to do likewise to ensure safety of individuals, families and carers.	T		TDA	DA		D	TD	TDA	DA
1.9 Work collaboratively with an appropriate range of multi-agency and inter-professional resources, developing, maintaining and evaluating links to manage risk and issues across organisations and settings.	T				D		TDA	DA	TDA
1.10 Act as a clinical role model/advocate for developing and delivering care that is responsive to changing requirements, informed by an understanding of local population health needs, agencies and networks.	T		D	D	D	D	TDA	TDA	TDA

1.11 Evidence the underpinning subject-specific competencies i.e. knowledge, skills and behaviours relevant to the role setting and scope, and demonstrate application of the capabilities to these, in an approach that is appropriate to the individual role, setting and scope.	T		DA	DA	D	DA	D	TDA	TDA
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Advanced clinical practice	Advanced Clinical Practice student Induction	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non Medical Prescribing or Enhancing Practice module	Advanced Clinical Practice Development day	Clinical reasoning and Advanced Assessment skills in Mental Health Practice	Leadership, Research & Education in Advanced Practice	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice
2. Leadership and Management									
2.1 Pro-actively initiate and develop effective relationships, fostering clarity of roles within teams, to encourage productive working.	T				D		TDA		TDA
2.2 Role model the values of their organisation/place of work, demonstrating a person-centred approach to service delivery and development.	T		D	D	D		TDA	DA	TDA
2.3 Evaluate own practice, and participate in multi-disciplinary service and team evaluation, demonstrating the impact of	T		D		TD	D	TDA	DA	TDA

advanced clinical practice on service function and effectiveness, and quality (i.e. outcomes of care, experience and safety).									
2.4 Actively engage in peer review to inform own and other's practice, formulating and implementing strategies to act on learning and make improvements.	TD	D	DA	DA	DA	D	TDA	DA	TDA
2.5 Lead new practice and service redesign solutions in response to feedback, evaluation and need, working across boundaries and broadening sphere of influence.	T				TD		TDA	TDA	TDA
2.6 Actively seek feedback and involvement from individuals, families, carers, communities and colleagues in the co-production of service improvements.	T				D		TDA	TDA	TDA
2.7 Critically apply advanced clinical expertise in appropriate facilitatory ways to provide consultancy across professional and service boundaries, influencing clinical practice to enhance quality, reduce unwarranted variation and	T		D	D	TD	D	TD	TDA	TDA

promote the sharing and adoption of best practice.									
2.8 Demonstrate team leadership, resilience and determination, managing situations that are unfamiliar, complex or unpredictable and seeking to build confidence in others.	T		D	D	D	D	TDA	D	TDA
2.9 Continually develop practice in response to changing population health need, engaging in horizon scanning for future developments (e.g. impacts of genomics, new treatments and changing social challenges).	T			D	D		TDA		TDA
2.10 Demonstrate receptiveness to challenge and preparedness to constructively challenge others, escalating concerns that affect individuals', families', carers', communities' and colleagues' safety and well-being when necessary	TD		TD	DA	D		TDA	DA	TDA
2.11 Negotiate an individual scope of practice within legal, ethical, professional and organisational policies, governance and procedures,	T		TD	TDA	D	D	TD	DA	TDA

with a focus on managing risk and upholding safety.									
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Advanced clinical practice	Advanced Clinical Practice student Induction	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non Medical Prescribing or Enhancing Practice module	Advanced Clinical Practice Development day	Clinical reasoning and Advanced Assessment skills in Mental Health Practice	Leadership, Research & Education in Advanced Practice	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice
3. Education									
3.1 Critically assess and address own learning needs, negotiating a personal development plan that reflects the breadth of ongoing professional development across the four pillars of advanced clinical practice.	TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA	DA	TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA
3.2 Engage in self-directed learning, critically reflecting to maximise clinical skills and knowledge, as well as own potential to lead and develop both care and services.	TD	TDA	TDA	TDA	DA	TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA
3.3 Engage with, appraise and respond to individuals' motivation, development stage and capacity, working collaboratively to support health literacy and empower individuals to participate in decisions about their care and	T		T	TDA	TD	D	TDA	TDA	TDA

to maximise their health and well-being.									
3.4 Advocate for and contribute to a culture of organisational learning to inspire future and existing staff.	T				TD		TDA		TDA
3.5 Facilitate collaboration of the wider team and support peer review processes to identify individual and team learning.	T				D		TDA		TDA
3.6 Identify further developmental needs for the individual and the wider team and supporting them to address these.	T				D		TDA	D	TDA
3.7 Supporting the wider team to build capacity and capability through work-based and interprofessional learning, and the application of learning to practice	T	D	D	D	D	D	TDA	D	TDA
3.8 Act as a role model, educator, supervisor, coach and mentor, seeking to instil and develop the confidence of others.	T			D	TD	D	TDA	D	TDA

Advanced clinical practice	Advanced Clinical Practice student Induction	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Care	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non Medical Prescribing or Enhancing Practice module	Advanced Clinical Practice Development day	Clinical reasoning and Advanced Assessment skills in Mental Health Practice	Leadership, Research & Education in Advanced Practice	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice
4. Research									
4.1 Critically engage in research activity, adhering to good research practice guidance, so that evidence-based strategies are developed and applied to enhance quality, safety, productivity and value for money.	T		D	TDA	TD	TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA
4.2 Evaluate and audit own and others' clinical practice, selecting and applying valid, reliable methods, then acting on the findings.	T			D	TD		TDA	DA	TDA
4.3 Critically appraise and synthesise the outcome of relevant research, evaluation and audit, using the results to underpin own practice and to inform that of others.	T			TDA	TD		TDA	D	TDA
4.4 Take a critical approach to identify gaps in the evidence base and its application to practice, alerting appropriate individuals and organisations to these and how they might be	T			D	TD		TDA		TDA

addressed in a safe and pragmatic way.									
4.5 Actively identify potential need for further research to strengthen evidence for best practice. This may involve acting as an educator, leader, innovator and contributor to research activity and/or seeking out and applying for research funding.	T			D	TD		TDA	D	TDA
4.6 Develop and implement robust governance systems and systematic documentation processes, keeping the need for modifications under critical review.	T		TDA	TDA	D	D	TDA	TDA	TDA
4.7 Disseminate best practice research findings and quality improvement projects through appropriate media and fora (e.g. presentations and peer review research publications).	T				TD		TDA		TDA
4.8 Facilitate collaborative links between clinical practice and research through proactive engagement, networking with academic, clinical and other active researchers.	T		D	D	TD		TDA		TDA

Mapping of Mental Health Curriculum and Capabilities to ACP MH Modules

T = Taught D = Developed A = Assessed

Capabilities in Practice	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Practice	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non-medical Prescribing	Advanced Clinical Practice day	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills in Mental Health Practice	Leadership, Research & Education in Advanced Practice	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice
Domain A: Person Centred Therapeutic Alliance								
A1 Demonstrate Advanced level Communication								
1.1 Critically appraise and apply the evidence base around therapeutic factors that influence engagement, empowerment and recovery	T D		TDA		TDA		TDA	
1.2 Use appropriate verbal and non-verbal empathic communication that respects the person, addresses any adaptation needs, barriers and inequalities, ensures partnership and shared decision making, and is collaborative, non-discriminatory and non-judgemental	T D	D	D		TDA	D	TDA	

1.3 Demonstrate expertise in establishing and maintaining a therapeutic relationship in the presence of sensitive information, uncertainty, complexity, conflict and distress	TD	D	TDA		TDA		TDA	
1.4 Clearly communicate synthesised, complex information	TDA	D	D		TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA
A2 Manage their work and responses to the work								
1.5 Demonstrate a critical awareness and deep understanding of therapeutic boundaries, and apply self-awareness to attend to own reactions within relationships	TD	D	D	D	TDA	D	TDA	
1.6 Reflect on, explore and address complex ethical/moral dilemmas within practice	TDA		TDA		TDA	TDA	TDA	D
1.7 Proactively engage in appropriate supervision commensurate with scope of practice	TD	TDA	TDA	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	
A3 Facilitate co-production								
1.8 Demonstrate critical understanding of how professional values and perspectives, and those of the person involved in co-production, may differ, and the	TDA	D	TDA		TDA	D	TDA	D

influence this may have on engagement, assessment, treatment and management								
1.9 Act with inclusivity, initiative and creativity to incorporate strength-based principles to meet identified need	TDA		D		TDA	D	TDA	
1.10 Exemplify an attitude of hope, optimism and partnership	TDA		D		TDA		TDA	
1.11 Critically apply knowledge of the wider determinants of health in order to create physical, social and attitudinal environments that promote health and wellbeing	TDA	D	D		TDA	TD	TDA	D
A4 Display professional accountability								
1.12 Practice in compliance with their respective code of professional conduct and within their scope of practice, being responsible and accountable for their decisions, actions and omissions at advanced level of practice	TDA	TDA	TDA	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	
1.13 Demonstrate a critical understanding of their broadened level of critical decision making, accountability, responsibility and autonomy, and the limits of	TDA	TDA	TDA	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	D

their own competence and professional scope of practice, including when working with conflict, complexity, risk, uncertainty and incomplete information								
1.14 Act on professional judgement about when to seek help, demonstrating critical reflection on their own practice, self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and openness to change	TD	TDA	TDA	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	D
A5 Advocate for potentially vulnerable people and groups								
1.15 Demonstrate critical understanding of the impact of population health and wellbeing, and take appropriate steps to address inequalities and vulnerabilities	TDA	D	TDA		TDA	TDA	TDA	DA
1.16 Demonstrate critical awareness of the potential for stigmatisation and the possible impact on co-production, intervention and motivation	TD		D		TDA		TDA	
1.17 Promote and demonstrate action in support of marginalised, under-represented and disadvantaged people and groups	TDA		TDA		TDA	TDA	TDA	D

1.18 Demonstrate critical understanding of the multiple perspectives within a situation and ensure that needs of carers, of all ages, and family members, are appropriately assessed, explored and addressed	D	D	D		TDA	D	TDA	D
Capabilities in Practice	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Practice	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non-medical Prescribing	Advanced Clinical Practice day	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills in Mental Health Practice	Leadership, Research & Education in Advanced Practice	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice
Domain B: Assessment and Investigations								
B1 Demonstrate Clinical Expertise								
2.1 Demonstrate a deep and critical understanding of psychological, biological and social theories of mental health and ill health across the lifespan	TDA	TDA	D		TDA		TDA	

2.2 Demonstrate advanced knowledge and understanding of mental health-related presentations	TDA	D			TDA		TDA	
2.3 Demonstrate critical understanding of the complex interplay between psychological, biological and social factors that affect health, activity and wellness	TDA	D	D		TDA		TDA	
2.4 Demonstrate knowledge and application of local, statutory and legal obligations related to the care and treatment of those with mental ill health	TDA		D		TDA		TDA	
2.5 Demonstrate and apply understanding of a wide range of validated assessment and interventional theories related to scope of practice	TDA				TDA		TDA	
2.6 Maintain and critically appraise clinically effective, digital technology-enabled intervention opportunities	TD				TD		TDA	
B2 Undertake appropriate assessment and investigation								
2.7 Critically apply advanced knowledge of mental health and illness	TDA	DA	D		TDA		TDA	
2.8 Exhibit professional curiosity in undertaking and	TDA	TDA	TDA		TDA		TDA	

articulating comprehensive, person-centred history taking and assessment, with a focus on psychological, biological and social perspectives, in line with agreed scope of practice								
2.9 Critically assess and determine a person's capacity to make choices and decisions	D		TDA		TDA		TDA	
2.10 Effectively explore, assimilate and synthesise information from various other appropriate sources	TDA	TDA	TDA		TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA
2.11 Critically assess and appraise complex, incomplete, ambiguous and conflicting information, distilling and synthesising key factors from the appraisal, and identify those elements that may need to be pursued further	TDA	TDA	TDA		TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA
2.12 Articulate comprehensive history, mental state examination, physical assessment, and overall formulation, verbally and in written form	TD	TDA	D		TDA		TDA	
2.13 Identify and lead response, in a timely manner, to the deteriorating condition and presentation of the person in the presence of acuity and/or	TD	D	D		TDA		TDA	

mental health/physiological deterioration								
2.14 Effectively assess, exclude, recognise and address physical health issues within the scope of practice, referring, as required, for more specialist assessment and intervention	TDA	TDA	TDA		TDA		TDA	
Capabilities in Practice	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Practice	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non-medical Prescribing	Advanced Clinical Practice day	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills in Mental Health Practice	Leadership, Research & Education in Advanced Practice	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice
Domain c: Formulation								
C: Construct formulations of patients' problems								

3.1 Use expertise and decision-making skills to inform clinical reasoning approaches when dealing with differentiated and undifferentiated individual presentations and complex situations, synthesising information from multiple sources to make appropriate, evidence-based judgements and/or diagnoses	TD	TDA	D	D	TDA		TDA	
3.2 Develop differential judgements, recognising key biases and common errors, including diagnostic overshadowing and the issues relating to diagnosis in the face of ambiguity and incomplete data	TD	D	D		TDA		TDA	
3.3 Exercise critical curiosity in applying comprehensive psychological, biological and social formulation	TD		D		TDA		TDA	
3.4 Critically select and utilise current, internationally recognised classification criteria where appropriate	TDA		D		TDA		TDA	
Capabilities in Practice	Physical Health Needs in Mental	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non-medical Prescribing	Advanced Clinical Practice day	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment	Leadership, Research & Education in	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental	Professional Development for Advanced

	Health Practice				Skills in Mental Health Practice	Advanced Practice	Health Practice	Clinical Practice
Domain D: Collaborative Planning								
D1 Work Collaboratively								
4.1 Lead effective intervention, incorporating collaboration with a range of professions and agencies, across organisational boundaries	TDA		TDA		TDA	TDA	TDA	D
4.2 Demonstrate a systematic knowledge and understanding of the local care system and how to access different parts (including agencies outside of statutory care); collaborate and refer independently	TDA		D		TDA	D	TDA	
4.3 Manage expectation of both intervention and service through knowledge of resources and availability	TDA		D		TDA	D	TDA	
D2 Promote safety and mitigate risk								
4.4 In the presence of uncertainty/emergency/emergent risk, analyse and modify intervention to mitigate risk	TD	D	D		TDA		TDA	
4.5 Critically analyse and apply feasibility judgement in	TDA		TDA		TDA		TDA	

consideration of risk-aware and risk-averse intervention								
4.6 Exercise professional judgement and leadership to effectively promote safety, especially in the presence of multi-morbidity, complexity and/or unpredictability	TDA	D	D		TDA	TDA	TDA	D
4.7 Use a range of communication skills to discuss and develop collaborative, person-centred, management strategies for planned and unplanned potential points of challenge, exploring the potential risks and benefits	TD		D		TDA	D	TDA	
4.8 Lead collaboration with an appropriate range of multi-agency and inter-professional resources, developing, maintaining and evaluating links to least restrictive practice, and balancing the complexity of risk and safety, across organisations and settings	D		D		TDA	TDA	TDA	
Capabilities in Practice	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non-medical Prescribing	Advanced Clinical Practice day	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills in	Leadership, Research & Education in	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice

	Practice				Mental Health Practice	Advanced Practice	Health Practice	
Domain E: Intervention and Evaluation								
E1 Lead care and treatment planning								
5.1 Critically and collaboratively explore a range of strength-based occupational, environmental and social interventions	TDA		D		TDA		TDA	
5.2 Apply an in-depth critical understanding of the potential role for pharmacological interventions, balanced with an understanding of potential adverse effects and unwanted outcomes	TD		TDA		D		TD	
5.3 Contribute to the process of medicines optimisation and appropriate intervention, in line with profession-specific capability and agreed scope of practice	D		TDA		D		D	
5.4 Act in the knowledge of evidence about concordance with intervention, interactions and unwanted effects	TD		TDA		TDA		TDA	
5.5 Promote and lead the application of collaborative, feasible, person-centred,	D		D		TDA		TDA	

anticipatory care planning, with the presence of clear management strategies where care is needed out of hours								
5.6 Utilise evidence-based, psychologically-informed intervention in line with the agreed scope of practice and under appropriate supervision	TD				TDA		TDA	
E2 Prescribe intervention								
5.7 Prioritise timely intervention in situations where there are multiple issues, changing priorities and/or safety concerns	TD	D	D		TDA		TDA	
5.8 Critically apply evidence-based intervention in line with national guidance	TDA	TDA	TDA		TDA	D	TDA	
5.9 Demonstrate a critical awareness and knowledge of evidence-based psychological interventions in order to be able to refer on appropriately for these	TDA		D		TDA		TDA	
5.10 Explore and recommend collaborative social intervention informed by an understanding of local population health needs, agencies and networks	TDA		D		TDA	D	TDA	

E3: Evaluation								
5.11 Critically plan and apply collaborative evaluation of the efficacy of intervention, and modify following consultation	TD	D	D		TDA		TDA	
5.12 Analyse and apply appropriate evidence-based evaluation tools and/or outcome measures	TD		D		TDA		TDA	
Capabilities in Practice	Physical Health Needs in Mental Health Practice	Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills	Non-medical Prescribing	Advanced Clinical Practice day	Clinical Reasoning and Advanced Assessment Skills in Mental Health Practice	Leadership, Research & Education in Advanced Practice	Clinical Complexity in Advanced Mental Health Practice	Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice
Domain F: Leadership & management, education and research – in addition to those within the multi-professional framework								
6.1 Exemplify leadership, resilience and determination, manage situations that are unfamiliar, uncertain, complex or unpredictable, and seek to build confidence in others	TD	D	D	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	D
6.2 Lead the development of effective relationships,	TD		D		TDA	TDA	TDA	

fostering clarity of roles across teams								
6.3 Critically explore and analyse systems and practices in identifying, influencing and challenging unconscious bias, stigma and discrimination	TD				TDA	TDA	TDA	D
6.4 Explore and apply a range of methodologies in delivering quality improvements	TDA				TDA	TDA	TDA	TDA
6.5 Negotiate an individual scope of practice within legal, ethical, professional and organisational policies, governance and procedures, with a focus on mitigating risk and upholding safety	TDA	D	TDA		TDA	TDA	TDA	
6.6 Receive, lead and exemplify a culture of critically reflective clinical practice supervision	D	TDA	TDA	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	
6.7 Act as a professional role model and educator in understanding and practice, in accordance with evidence-based practice and statutory responsibilities, including legislation, guidance, standards and regulatory requirements	TD		D		TDA	TDA	TDA	D
6.8 Critically and strategically apply advanced clinical expertise across professional	TDA	D	D	D	TDA	TDA	TDA	D

and service boundaries to enhance knowledge and understanding of mental health								
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Appendix C: Personal Development Planning (PDP)

This is a structured process by which an individual reflects upon their own learning, performance and/or achievement and identifies ways in which they might improve themselves academically and more broadly. Course teams are asked to indicate where/how in the course/across the modules this process is supported.

Approach to PDP	Level 7 (Masters)
<p>1 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through the personal tutor system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be introduced to the concept of a Personal Development Plan during the Induction sessions at the start of the course. • Students will be allocated a Personal Tutor at the start of the course • Students will be encouraged, via Course Guide and welcome from the Course Director, to make an appointment with the Module Leaders for pastoral/pathway support whenever needed during their studies.
<p>2 Supporting the development and recognition of skills in academic modules.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the Induction, students will participate in a review of their preferred learning styles • The DDS screening tool will be used at the start of this module to support students in early identification of learning needs and where appropriate, they are directed to LSBU student support services for formal assessment. • Guidance on accurate referencing techniques will be provided during the Induction sessions, supported by Library resources and optional workshops. • Academic tutorials will be provided by the module leader to support students with exam preparation • Information on the marking criteria will be provided in the module guide • Students IT skills will be developed by provision of an introductory session to the library resources and subsequent use of search engines, data bases, on-line learning resources and remote access journal facilities within the Induction session • IT skills will be further developed by the use of the Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle) which provides students with key information and supplementary material to support their learning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An introduction to studying and writing at masters level will take place in the Induction session ▪ Through the masters modules and assessments, students will develop their ability to utilise relevant theory and knowledge to understand and critically evaluate concepts • Academic tutorials will be provided by all module leaders to support students with developing written work/exam preparation and preparing for practical sessions. • Marking grids will be used by all markers for all assessments which will be published on the VLE site at the start of the semester

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across the modules, written feedback will be given to students in formative assessments to provide specific guidance to assist further academic development • Summative assessment feedback will be provided which will highlight areas for improvement; facilitating students to develop their ability to utilise relevant theory knowledge to understand and critically discuss concepts. • Students will develop their critical appraisal skills through professional modules in relation to literature and research studies, and through clinical modules in relation to identification and application of high-quality evidence based practice.
3 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through purpose designed modules.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Across all of the modules, students will develop their ability to work in groups on both clinical and professional topics. • Practical skills eg. Clinical examination, are demonstrated and students are encouraged to practice in the “Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills” module, with team supervision and support. • The ability to reflect on their practice and use problem-solving skills in familiar and unfamiliar situations is developed through the “Advanced Clinical Assessment Skills” module and continues throughout the clinical modules. • In addition professionally-focussed skills such as negotiation, assertiveness, debating, advocacy, leadership and marketing are developed in the module “Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice” and “Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice” modules, to develop students’ ability within these areas. • Skills in portfolio building are developed during the practice-based learning activities and the final module “Clinical Complexity in Mental Health Advanced Practice”
4 Supporting the development and recognition of skills through research projects and dissertations work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will develop and consolidate their ability and understanding of a broad range of research-based literature and research methods in the Induction sessions to support their academic writing. • All of the modules will develop students’ ability to critically appraise research to inform practice. • In the module “Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice” students will review approaches to research and underpinning paradigms for a range of methodologies, they will develop a research question and conduct research appraisal. • In the “Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice” modules students’ will review quality improvement methodology and apply this in practice.
5 Supporting the development and	All students undertaking this course will be already employed, however they will develop:

<p>recognition of career management skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ongoing ability to identify and prioritise their learning needs and plan appropriate strategies to successfully address these needs (supported by information on good practice in this area given at the Induction sessions, in the Practice Based Learning Handbook and during the Advanced Practice Mentor visit) <p>This will continue with students developing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Skills in writing an action plan for developing a leadership role and/or a service development/innovation ▪ Skills in marketing their unique role ▪ Presentation skills ▪ Their ability to communicate a coherent argument in class discussions, debates and through assessments ▪ Their ability to synthesise information and concepts through class discussions, debates and through written assessments ▪ Their ability to write a CV and Job Description. ▪ Group-working within an action learning format ▪ In the module “Leadership, Research and Education for Advanced Clinical Practice” students will be required to undertake a formative exercise to evaluate their strengths/weaknesses in relation to their developing role, and the opportunities and threats that are presenting themselves. Feedback will be given from the module leader and a tutorial organised if required. ▪ In the module “Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice” students will produce a job plan
<p>6 Supporting the development and recognition of career management skills through work placements or work experience.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their progress within the Practice Based Learning Records • Students will receive formative feedback from their Practice Facilitators • Students will be encouraged to reflect on their role within their workplace, in the module “Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice” particularly with reference to managing organisational change and multi-agency working.
<p>7 Supporting the development of skills by recognising that they can be developed through extra curricula activities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At interview and during the Induction sessions, students are encouraged to join Professional networks and Forums to keep abreast of pertinent issues and developments. • At the Professional Development day at the start of year 2 or 3 for continuing students, students will hear from past-graduates regarding their experiences in service development, membership of commissioning boards and conducting research etc
<p>8 Supporting the development of the skills and attitudes as a basis for continuing professional development.</p>	<p>In addition to the areas listed above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time management and self-organisation skills are discussed at the Induction sessions • Students work within health care settings which are multidisciplinary areas; this provides opportunities for learning from each other and to develop a better

	<p>understanding of different roles, responsibilities and professional identities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be opportunities for reflection throughout the course, allowing for students to develop skills and challenge attitudes and practice • Skills and attitudes which support continuing professional development will be encouraged and facilitated in the modules and action learning • Students will be encouraged to consider their future goals and aspirations through completion of a leadership /personal development action plan in the module “Professional Development for Advanced Clinical Practice”
<p>9 Other approaches to personal development planning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students on this course are health professionals who are required to complete a Performance Development Review (Appraisal) with their employers in their clinical workplace on a yearly basis. This results in an individual PDP for the coming year.
<p>10. The means by which self-reflection, evaluation and planned development is supported e.g electronic or paper-based learning log or diary.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This will be supported in the practice area by completion of a clinical experience record, evidence of practice based learning and a portfolio