

# FOUNDATION OF EUROPEAN NURSES DIABETES UNIVERSITY PROGRAMME: DIABETES CLINICAL CARE AND MANAGEMENT PG Cert PG Dip or MSc



*FEND aims to promote the role of the diabetes nurse in Europe. One of our principal goals is the ongoing development of training programmes for such nurses.*

## **King's College London**

The MSc programme is hosted by King's College London (KCL). KCL is one of the top 25 universities in the world and is located in the heart of London on the Southbank of the River Thames. KCL and its clinical partners (King's Health Partners) have an international reputation in developing and delivering high quality diabetes care. KCL has been at the forefront of developing clinical innovations for people with diabetes. Many of these innovations have been nurse-led and include the development of structured education programmes and psychological interventions in diabetes. The programme at KCL will be taught by internationally recognised diabetes clinicians and academics.

## **Accreditation**

KCL will accredit the programme providing a Post-Graduate Certificate in the first instance with options to go on to a PG Dip/MSc. The programme is ECTS accredited.

The programme is also endorsed by FEND. FEND have set out a framework outlining the core requirements for the training of diabetes nurses. This framework aims to enhance the nurses' professional role, providing a degree of transparency to their qualifications and enhancement of their clinical, educational and research skills.

## **Aims of the Programme**

The programme is delivered via an interactive online learning process that will enable students to acquire advanced practice skills in the assessment and management of diabetes. The emphasis throughout the programme is on learning as a means to improve care outcomes for people living with diabetes and in the prevention and management of diabetes complications.

- To equip students with critically developed advanced practice skills for diabetes clinical care and management.
- To develop students into independent learners who are able to identify and synthesise clinical problems and issues at both the patient and care system levels.
- To provide an educational framework to enable students to acquire and demonstrate both generic transferable competencies in formulating diabetes management plans.

## **Benefits of the Programme**

- *Our diabetes MSc programme is delivered by highly experienced diabetes academic clinicians and researchers who are experts in the field of diabetes with a strong focus on promoting evidence-based care and improving healthcare practice.*
- *The diabetes MSc programme is focused on improving diabetes outcomes by engaging students in addressing clinical problems of relevance to their area of practice.*
- *King's College London offers exciting opportunities with two world-class academic health science centres and renowned teaching hospitals providing general and specialist care.*

## **Programme Learning Outcomes**

On completion of the programme students will have demonstrated a critical understanding of applied diabetes management processes; including:

- identifying individualised care management plans for people with diabetes;
- analysing and optimising diabetes care delivery systems; and
- how to manage common psychological problems.

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## Selection Criteria

- You must be a Registered Nurse and have a degree from a recognised institution.
- You must have a minimum of 2 years experience in diabetes care, and 50% of current working time must be exclusively in diabetes care.
- **You must be a current member of FEND**
- Written consent of your head of dept. agreeing to study leave.
- You are required to be competent in English language both written and verbal, and agree to a telephone interview if required. If English is not your first language, you will need to hold a formal English language qualification, such as IELTS with a minimum score of 6.5 (or the equivalent).

## Selection Process

The selection process is in two stages:

- 1) University selection (KCL)
- 2) FEND selection

You will be advised at the first stage whether you will be allowed to proceed to the second stage selection process.

Neither FEND nor KCL are permitted to enter into correspondence regarding non-acceptance of applicants.

## University Selection

Applications are made online at <https://myapplication.kcl.ac.uk>, and must be submitted before the closing date (30<sup>th</sup> June 2024). You must complete the form as fully as possible. In particular please provide a clear and complete history of your training and higher education to date. A well written 200-word personal statement will also support your application.

## Course Work

The programme consists of three compulsory 30 credit modules in year 1.

- Diabetes: Principles of Care and Management
- Diabetes: Applied Clinical Practice
- Clinical Research in Diabetes

Year 2, consists of an optional module for 30 credits: and dissertation module (60 credits).

## Course Costs

The course costs are funded by FEND.

## Further Information

The start date of the next planned course is from 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. Please contact the programme leader Kirsty Winkley, [kirsty.winkley@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:kirsty.winkley@kcl.ac.uk) for further information.

## FEND Membership

If you wish to apply for the course and you are *not* a member of FEND, you must join using the membership application form which can be obtained from the **website** [www.fend.org](http://www.fend.org)

## FEND Mission Statement

- To promote acceptable standards and equity of care for people with diabetes throughout Europe
- To develop and promote the professional role of the diabetes nurse in Europe
- To influence European health care policy relevant to diabetes care, education and research
- To co-operate and collaborate with national and international health care organisations

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