

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
CLINICAL SCIENCE (PHYSIOLOGICAL SCIENCES) PROGRAMMES
RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND CREDIT TRANSFER
2025-26

SCOPE OF APPLICATIONS

- The Clinical Science Physiological Sciences suite of programmes accepts applications for:
 - a) Credit transfer
 - b) Recognition of prior certificated learning
 - c) Recognition of prior experiential learning

- In ALL its programmes:
 - MSc in Clinical Science (Cardiac Science) 5253P
 - MSc in Clinical Science (Vascular Science) 5254P
 - MSc in Clinical Science (Respiratory & Sleep Science) 5255P
 - MSc in Clinical Science (Gastrointestinal Physiology) 5256P
 - MSc in Clinical Science (Urodynamic Science) 5257P

- For all modules except the following:
 - MSC8008-Professional Foundations of Healthcare and Clinical Science (20 credits):** Excluded from RPL/Credit transfer as this module provides trainees with a broad knowledge and understanding of patient care, patient safety, service delivery, research and innovation contextualised to professional practice within healthcare science.
 - MSC8003 Research Project 1 Identifying and Planning a Project (30 credits):** is excluded from RPL/Credit transfer as this module is required to develop the research proposal for the research project.
 - MSC8004 Research Project 2 (30 credits):** is excluded from RPL/Credit transfer as it is the dissertation project for all programmes.

The maximum credit for which RPL/Credit transfer can be offered is 40 credits for a Masters programme.

Normally only learning within the last 5 years can be taken into account.

WHO TO APPROACH

The contact person is in the first instance the Programme Co-ordinator who can be contacted at 0191 208 7223 or pgclinsci@ncl.ac.uk

Evidence required:

For a) and b) above – transcript showing level, credits, and marks plus copies of syllabuses.

For (c) – dates and details of relevant experience with evidence (e.g. employer statement) and an explanation as to how the learning outcomes of the modules for which the applicant seeks RPL have been met.

WHAT ADVICE AND INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN

Each applicant for RPL or credit transfer will be issued with the relevant module outline forms specifying learning outcomes and given an RPL/Credit transfer application form.

Advice will be available from the Degree Programme Director who can be contacted at 0191 208 7223 or pgclinsci@ncl.ac.uk

HOW RPL DECISIONS ARE MADE

Applications should be submitted to pgclinsci@ncl.ac.uk and will be considered by the Degree Programme Director. Applicants should hear the results of their application within 20 working days.