

# Extended Scope Practitioner (Musculoskeletal)



This masters module has been developed in response to the expanding and changing roles of healthcare professionals within the current health care environment. It is specifically designed to meet the requirements of HPC registered physiotherapists looking to become extended scope practitioners (ESPs) or for existing ESPs wishing to further their expertise within their advanced practice role.

This module aims to explore the theoretical & practical skills which have direct application to the clinical practice of the ESP role in order to assist the development of the level of practice required for ESPs to work safely, effectively & legally within the scope of their practice.

Sessions will include:

- Critical evaluation of the advanced practitioner role
- Exploration and analysis of diagnostic tools & outcome measures
- Facilitation of skills in differential diagnosis & advanced clinical examination
- Pain physiology, pharmacology & drug management
- Clinical governance, service evaluation & development.

The module can be taken as a 'stand alone' module or as part fulfilment of a Masters degree in either Physiotherapy or Manual Therapy. It will be delivered between April - July and will consist of 8 days of university based sessions delivered in 'blocks'.

## Module Learning Objectives

On completion of this module, the student should be able to:

- Develop clinical reasoning skills in the management & onward referral of patients within their specialist field to an advanced level
- Justify the appropriate selection & interpretation of a range of diagnostic investigations
- Discuss the pharmacological intervention of patients within their scope of practice
- Critically appraise a range of outcome measures used to evaluate therapeutic intervention
- Critically evaluate policies, protocols & guidelines & discuss how they can be integrated into clinical practice
- Develop an understanding of audit & service evaluation & their implications for service development & patient care

## Module content

- Exploration & analysis of the advanced practitioner role
- Advanced clinical examination skills
- Pharmacology & pain
- Diagnostic investigations & onward referral
- Outcome measures used to evaluate therapeutic intervention
- Leadership and management
- Service evaluation & development

## Entry Requirements

You should be a senior physiotherapist with experience in the neuromusculoskeletal setting either wishing to develop your profile in order to facilitate application to the extended scope role or for those currently working as an ESP to further develop expertise within their existing role.

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