

# FAQs - MCh Programmes

## 1. When does the programme commence?

The programme for the new cohort commences in September 2014 and you will be required to attend an induction on Saturday 6th September

## 2. How often are the teaching sessions?

Teaching is generally held twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Saturday. We have a summer break of approximately 6 weeks during July and August. Teaching is held at the conference centre at Wrightington Hospital. You will always be notified of any changes. Attendance is closely monitored by the MCh team and the University and you will be sent a regular attendance summary. Please note that in order to pass your clinical modules you are required to achieve 70% attendance

## 3. How are the modules assessed?

Module leaders set the assignments with a specific submission date. Further information regarding submission of assignments is provided in each module handbook which will be provided electronically via the University 'Blackboard'. The clinical modules are assessed by a number of methods including essays, audit report, log book submissions, oral presentations, and an OSCE type examination, which is always held in September of Year 2 of your programme

## 4. How can I pay my course fees?

The £12,000 tuition fees must be paid in 2 installments between September 2014 and September 2015. You will be required to pay the first installment of £4,000 before you commence the course. Preferred payment method is by cheque made payable to Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Foundation Trust

## 5. Are the research projects funded?

Some existing projects are already funded. Funding for new projects will have to be raised through grants. There are some local funds available to MCh students

## 6. Can I join the course if I'm working in another hospital?

Yes, you can join as an external student. Please ensure that you are able to attend the teaching sessions at Wrightington Hospital and your consultant is willing to support your research project

## 7. Will I be awarded any degree if I leave the course after the first year?

This is a tiered exit programme. It is possible to be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Research if you complete 2, 30 credit modules (60 credits) or a Postgraduate Diploma in your chosen specialty if you complete 5 modules (120 credits). The MCh Master of Surgery degree is awarded on completion of all the modules which includes the dissertation module which runs during the Year 2 of the programme

## 8. If I voluntarily withdraw from the course/terminate my studies will I get a refund of tuition fees?

When the offer a job linked to the MCh programme is made, students will be given a period of **2 weeks** to confirm their acceptance of both. If this conditional job offer is withdrawn for any reason, no fee will be charged

If you decide that Edge Hill University is not for you or you want to withdraw or intercalate, the amount of tuition fee you will be liable to pay will vary depending on the date you withdraw:

From date of acceptance of job/place on programme to month 3 of the programme	1/2 of full tuition fee
From month 3 until month 9 of the programme	100% of full tuition fee