

# **Trichology and Hair Sciences (The University of South Wales)**

## **Postgraduate Certificate**





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Delivered over 6 months, the online, part-time, Postgraduate Certificate course is specially developed for busy health professionals. Formatted in 3 modules, 6 weeks each; the course is designed to be practical and clinically focused.

## Why Study Trichology and Hair Sciences with us?

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Trichology services are growing in demand, yet there are insufficient numbers of healthcare professionals with the knowledge base required to diagnose, manage, and treat hair and scalp conditions (Macbeth et al., 2018). Our Postgraduate Certificate in Trichology and Hair Sciences has been specifically designed to meet the growing global demand for expertise in this rapidly expanding field.

Healthcare professionals will be equipped with a comprehensive understanding of the science behind hair and scalp health, as well as the causes and treatments for various trichological disorders. Our curriculum covers essential aspects of trichology and hair sciences including hair physiology, alopecia and hirsutism.

As a graduate of this programme, you will be provided with in-depth knowledge and skills relevant to diagnosing, treating and managing various hair and scalp disorders.

Our students benefit from learning from our renowned expert faculty, with courses designed in line with the latest research and evidence-based practices, ensuring you can apply innovative knowledge to your own practice.

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### Course Modules

Our online Postgraduate Certificate in Trichology and Hair Sciences allows you to study for just 6 months and is a part-time, distance-learning course. The course is worth 60 credits and comprises six modules of 20 credits, each running over a period of six weeks.

## Module 1: Hair Physiology - Anatomy and Pathophysiology

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### Aim of the module:

- The aim of this module is to equip students with a profound knowledge of hair physiology, enabling them to comprehend the intricate workings of hair biology. By delving into the underlying mechanisms of hair growth and maintenance, students will gain a solid foundation to further explore trichology and its applications.

### Synopsis of module content:

- Hair Structure and Follicular Biology
- Hair Growth Cycle, and Hair Disorders  
Classifications & Differential Diagnoses (Part 1)
- Hair Growth Cycle, and Hair Disorders and  
Classifications & Differential Diagnoses (Part 2)
- Hormonal Regulation of Hair Physiology  
(Investigations based on clinical assessment)
- Nutritional and Environmental Factors and Hair  
Health
- Dermoscopy in Hair and Scalp Analysis  
(Trichoscopy)

### On completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Critically apply a systematic knowledge of the most current evidence and practice in the complex processes involved in hair physiology, employing critical thinking skills to examine the interplay between cellular mechanisms, hormonal regulation, and environmental factors.
2. Critically evaluate emerging approaches to the use of dermoscopy demonstrating the ability to apply theoretical concepts to practical scenarios in trichology practice.

## Module 2 - Alopecia

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### Aim of the module:

- The aim of this module is to enable students to develop a comprehensive understanding of alopecia, its diverse aetiology, and its impact on individuals. By studying the underlying mechanisms and exploring available treatment options, students will be equipped to critically evaluate and contribute to the field of trichology, specifically in relation to alopecia.

### Synopsis of module content:

- Types and Classifications of Alopecia
- Aetiology and Pathophysiology of Alopecia
- Diagnostic Approaches for Alopecia
- Advancement in the treatment of Alopecia
- Integrative and aesthetic approaches in Alopecia
- Surgical Interventions for Alopecia

### On completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Critically apply a systematic knowledge of the most current evidence and practice in alopecia and critically evaluate emerging approaches to the treatment of the condition.
2. Construct management strategies for the investigation and clinical management of presentations of alopecia to strategically enhance team performance in complex situations.

## Module 3 - Hirsutism

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### Aim of the module:

- The aim of this module is to provide students with an in-depth understanding of hirsutism, including its underlying causes and the diagnostic challenges associated with this condition. By examining therapeutic approaches and considering the psychosocial impact of hirsutism, students will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to address this condition within the field of trichology.

### On completion of this module, students will be able to:

1. Critically evaluate the diagnostic approaches for hirsutism, including laboratory tests, imaging techniques, and clinical assessment, to make accurate diagnoses.
2. Critically apply the knowledge and synthesise the evidence into management strategies for patients presenting with hirsutism including the psychological impact on individuals.

### Synopsis of module content:

- Aetiology and Pathogenesis of Hirsutism
- Diagnostic Evaluation of Hirsutism (Hypertrichosis vs Hirsutism)
- Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS)
- Other Important causes of Hirsutism
- Emotional and Psychological Impact
- Management of Hirsutism

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Doing a course, all online is a lot more convenient for me around my clinical role so that's why I chose to study with Learn... I really like how flexible the course was, I liked the freedom I got with the professional project and I was well supported throughout the whole 2 years!

- Lisa Jayne Edwards, Medical Education MSc graduate





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"When I enrolled into the course I had no idea about the opportunities it would provide me with. Having my first paper published through this course helped me overcome my apprehensions of academic writing and made me more confident to pursue it further. "

- Rutu Dave

## Teaching Methods

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Our courses are conducted entirely online through self-directed distance learning. However, you will receive guidance throughout with tutor-stimulated academic discussions, which are based on clinically-rich case scenarios. These usually occur within groups of 10-15 students, allowing you to clearly communicate with both your tutor and fellow students.

You will participate in a combination of group and individual activities, which are recorded in a reflective journal. This innovative teaching method enables you to envisage the translation of your studies into your every day work and practice.

Our dedicated Student Support Team are also available to help with any problems you may face. From navigating our online platform to advising you on deadlines, our team can assist with any questions or challenges you may have along the way.

## Study skills week

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Once you have secured your place on the course, you will be required to attend our Study Skills week. This will give you the opportunity to participate in workshops on Harvard referencing, scientific and reflective writings, and levels of evidence in preparation for your studies. It is compulsory for you to attend this induction, as it'll provide you with a sturdy introduction to the course.

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## Entry Requirements

Documents required:

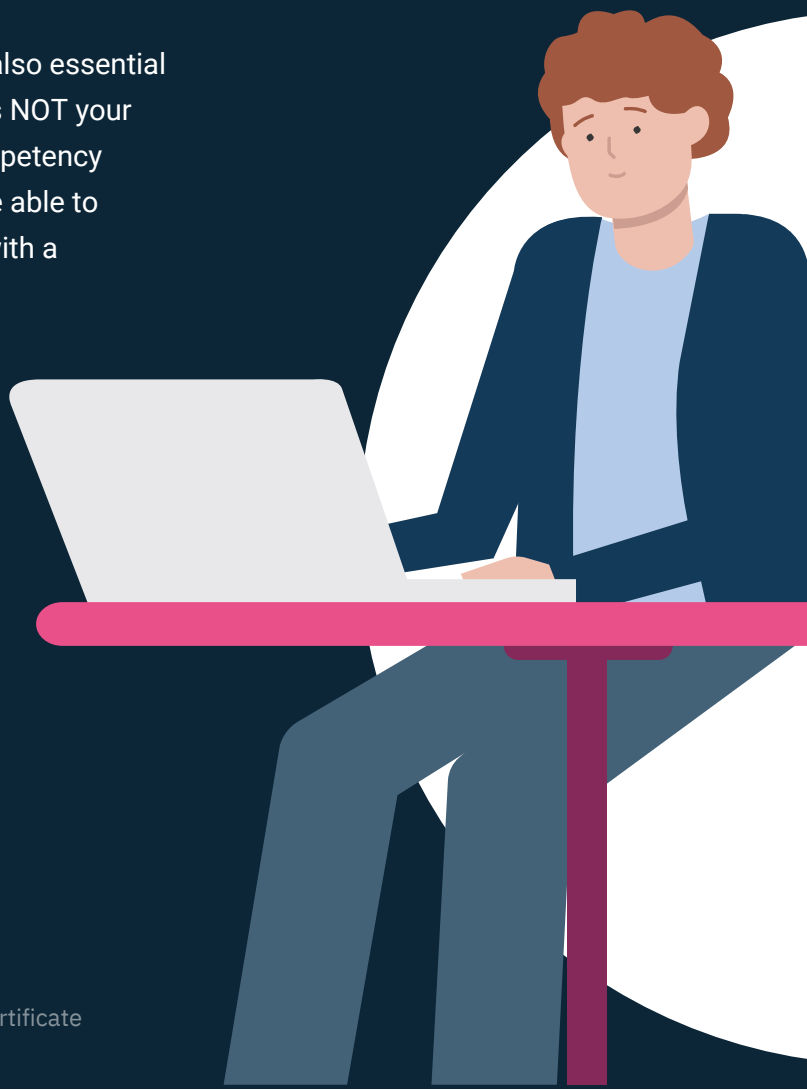
- A copy of your updated CV including your address and date of birth.
- A copy of your undergraduate degree certificate.
- The name and email address of someone who is able to provide a reference, this can be a work colleague, employer or former tutor.
- A detailed personal statement explaining why you would like to undertake the course.

Health professionals working within a clinical setting, both UK and overseas, with a related Healthcare Science degree (including international qualifications) are eligible to apply for the Postgraduate Certificate in Trichology and Hair Sciences.

Applicants without the above academic criteria but relevant/ suitable experience can apply. Applications will be judged on the individual specifics of background and qualifications including ability to work at Postgraduate level (applicants may be asked to submit a piece of work for assessment to confirm that they are able to work comfortably at postgraduate level and demonstrate requisite clinical/professional knowledge).

**Applicants should submit copies of the following with their application:**

Proficiency in the English language is also essential to completing our courses. If English is NOT your first language, we ask for proof of competency during the application process. We are able to accept an IELTS overall score of 6.0 (with a minimum of 5.5 for each band) or an equivalent qualification.





## What do our students think?

Since 2010, over 6000 students have progressed their medical career by enrolling in one of our qualifications. We ourselves have learned a lot during this time and continually seek to improve the student learning experience. Here is what some of our previous students have said:

"I found the online learning very interesting. It enabled me to save money and time."

**Dr Imad Eddin Rahamtalla, Doctor**

"I strongly recommend Diploma MSc to all those busy physicians who are working in remote areas and wish to upgrade their knowledge."

**Dr Junaid Zaffar, Diabetologist**

"The learning was fun and enjoyable. The course was awesome and it increased my confidence."

**Dr Sankar Nath Jha, Assistant Professor**

"I found learning with Diploma MSc interesting, it helped to update my academic knowledge."

**Dr Prasanth Kinattupurayil, Doctor**

"I love that it was flexible and that I could log in at my convenience. I found this course to be very in-depth, informative, challenging and stimulating."

**Kerri-Ann Best PGDip, RD**





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