**Why apply to Cardiff to do a Masters?**

* I applied to Cardiff because I was informed by my tutor (at a previous University) that it was one of the best courses available on wound healing at MSc level.
* I truly believe that the Wound Healing and Tissue Repair Masters Programme at Cardiff offers the best Masters programme there is.  It is certainly not the easiest option, however it is the most thorough, well facilitated, and I believe the most rewarding to achieve.  We have received so many amazing lectures from so many experts which to other students would be unobtainable.  The course has covered so many aspects of wound healing and covered them in great detail.  I feel that the course really sets you up to go forward in your role.  The support for distance learners has been amazing.  It is really important when you are a distance learner that your support network replies to your queries quickly, and this has been the case with Cardiff.  I would definitely recommend studying with Cardiff University.
* The Wound Healing MSc at Cardiff has an international reputation for excellence in terms of quality of education, support from experts in the field of wound healing and expectation of high academic standards.
* The beauty of teamwork they have in Cardiff University (Masters in Wound Healing and Tissue Repair). With a well-known and credible team and a very beautiful Cardiff City not to be missed! It's complete and well-organised! One stop world's best study centre!
* The structure of the MSc in WH & TR course in Cardiff lends itself very well to distance learning. The modules are well organised and cover all aspects of WH & TR. The course provides opportunities to develop theoretical knowledge which I have used in clinical practice. The reputation of the course and expertise of the tutors mean it is the leading course in WH & TR.
* At Cardiff you get all the support, materials and contact time you need to enable you to develop your independent study skills and knowledge. The lectures and taught weeks are fantastic with expert speakers whilst you develop a network of peer support with the other students. The course objectives are very clear and the virtual learning environment and module handbooks guide you step by step. The skype tutorials give you support from both the programme lead and your peers, you learn from the discussion your peers contribute as well as the clear guidance you receive from the tutor. The feedback you receive is very constructive and supports your learning. The benefit of distance learning is that you can fit the course into your work, family & other commitments. It is extremely professional, well organised and you get good support from Cardiff.
* I would certainly recommend Cardiff as a place to study for a Masters because it is a well-respected university that delivers what it promises. The knowledgeable and enthusiastic tutors and support staff offer every opportunity for help and advice. The location of the university is a bonus, being near to the lively cosmopolitan city and waterfront
* Cardiff has an established international reputation.  With regard to its masters in Wound Healing and Tissue Repair - anyone who's anyone in the wound healing world has completed their masters at Cardiff! The Tuition support is second to none; I've had more support and encouragement on this course than in undergrad.  The content is not easy but once you've accomplished it, it leaves you with an incredible sense of achievement.
* I guarantee that it will change you as a wound care specialist and as a person. Quite simply, this was the best decision that I ever made related to my educational path. Cardiff provides you with the solid foundation of knowledge but more importantly, provides you with the skills necessary to be critical, to ask more questions and to understand the evidence available. The Cardiff Master’s program also helped me develop the confidence that I have today to continue to ask questions, to critique the evidence and to implement the available evidence into practice. Cardiff has prepared me to continue on independently in many areas such as education, research, policy and advocacy.  I chose Cardiff because they focus on the clinical speciality of wound healing and tissue repair; there is nowhere else in the wold that provides such a high level program.
* The Masters programme at Cardiff University has opened doors to new opportunities in my career.
* The reason why I chose Cardiff was pretty straight forward. In wound healing, there is no other place that could offer a better program than Cardiff University. Before I decided, I knew that I would expect to learn more in depth about the basic science in wound healing as well as how to elevate my current level of understanding about wound healing to a Master level. Simply no other place could help me to achieve that goal except Cardiff University. The on-line distance learning method is another positive factor for me, because as a practicing clinician, I'm very busy with my daily clinical routine, and through the help of the tutors I could achieve my learning goals as effective as if I am attending a formal class, but with a more efficient way.
* To answer you first question last, "Why Cardiff?" the simple answer was, there was no university based option which offered a thesis based program. I am still in the process of my Masters, however I have not regretted my decision to study with this program.
* I chose Cardiff to study my Masters program for several reasons. The first and most important was that it came highly recommended from other colleagues in my surgical speciality. They had published their assignments, excelled at journal club analysis and had a higher degree and this seemed a very positive reflection of the course. The second reason was that the wound healing program was distance learning, multidisciplinary and diverse - the field naturally extends to many pathologies and specialities and I felt that a broad base would be useful to study, as I was reluctant to pigeon-hole myself into a specific niche at an early stage instead of seeing what was available to focus on. In addition, I wished to continue working whilst studying for financial and career progression reasons. The third reason was the international reputation of Cardiff; its academic reputation in terms of graduate success and research and as a friendly and diverse place which I would enjoy visiting during the study modules. I was not disappointed. I have no doubt that my MSc from Cardiff was a key factor in my attainment of a national training number in plastic surgery and my fellowship in burns surgery. The faculty were supportive, friendly and learned. I have completed three academic degrees over the past ten years and I can honestly say that my Cardiff graduation was definitely the best. I would recommend the program wholeheartedly.
* Why apply to Cardiff?  It is a world renowned university.  It offers a Masters specific to Tissue Viability instead of having to do various modules and add up credits.  It has reputable and widely recognized professors and lecturers – for the MSc in Wound Healing and Tissue Repair these teachers are currently working clinically in the field of Tissue Viability, not just lecturing in it. Cardiff offers a distance learning MSc which enables you to continue working in your day job but have the ability to continue your studies around your employment commitments. Cardiff has such vast resources available and the online resources mean that you don’t really have to take time out to visit the libraries in person as you can generally find everything you need on line.  However, if you do avail yourself of the help of the librarians or tutors they are all readily available and very skilled at pointing you in the way of the information you need or even in counselling you through the trials of studying vs working full time!
* This course has been in existence for over a decade and is renowned nationally and internationally for its high calibre of teaching.  Consequently a significant number of the Tissue Viability Nurses within the National Association of Tissue Viability Nurses (Scotland) group have undertaken their studies in Cardiff.  Using worldwide resources Cardiff has given me the opportunity to interact with Students globally.  Although mostly distance learning the input from Cardiff University is enormous .  The library services are friendly, approachable, beneficial and obliging.   The Senior Lecturer and programme Director has met her vocation in teaching she is an expert teacher, professional, knowledgeable, articulate, kind and helpful with her students.
* As a surgical trainee, further education is necessary for development not only clinically, but professionally.  My predominant reason for selecting the wound healing & tissue repair MSc was because it is a field that is very relevant to my specialty, whilst being broad enough to be applicable to all areas of medicine. What made it possible was that it is available as a part time distance learning module, which is obviously important as it is almost impossible to regularly attend university along side a full time job. Having spoken to colleagues who have undertaken post graduate degrees before, I also came to the conclusion that whatever course I selected, I would require some degree of contact time: it makes a real difference to be able to have a small amount of face to face teaching, not only for motivation, but to ensure that you're interpreting the modules correctly.  This MSc at Cardiff university therefore met all of my requirements. Also, on top of being a well respected institution, since starting, I have found the staff to be extremely supportive and engaging at all stages. I would not hesitate to recommend this course to other surgical trainees or those with an interest in the topic.
* I applied to Cardiff Uni for a Masters as the combination of reputation, affordability and most importantly quality of academia were very attractive. Once enrolled, the level of support and professionalism for a distance learner like myself, was outstanding. "

**Why do a Master’s programme?**

* Since attending this course I have made friends with some lovely people around the world. Yes, the course is hard but it is worth the hard work. I would recommend it to all desiring a course in wound healing. I think we all have a some knowledge of wound healing but a Master’s programme takes you further
* I did the Masters programme to achieve the role of TVS within my organisation.  The Masters programme has enabled me to be employed in a position that required someone who had an MSc in wound healing, or would be happy to work towards it.  Therefore for me it was initially a necessity.  However, apart from this, I have gained so much knowledge and with this knowledge confidence in my practical role and also in educating others as the course has progressed.
* Completing a Master’s programme was a requirement of a new work position for me - I was terrified that I would not get past the first module!  However, I have made it to my third year and developed my knowledge and skills far beyond my expectations.  Everything I have learnt is applicable to my clinical practice and my academic and clinical confidence has grown.  It is the hardest thing I have ever done (particularly juggling work and family life) but well worth the pain!
* A Masters programme is more preferred by certain countries for career development. Part-time / Distance learning study might be more relevant in current healthcare services since there are more demand in the clinical service with shortage of experts where in the same time the career development of the experts is needed. So this is the way of doing it. Study and Practice in the same time. It's best since you are still in DIRECT CONTACT with the Tutors for further clarification of the clinical findings especially in this developing world of wound healing services where many things are still uncertain.
* Opens your mind to new concepts and ideas particularly if you have been out of education / study for some years. For HCP it is a requirement to participate in continued professional development - a Masters fulfils that requirement. Provides opportunities to develop new skills such as analytical skills, academic writing and research.  Provides new opportunities for employment or career progression within your organisation.
* I think that a Master’s programme changes your way of thinking which will help you to take important decision during clinical practice. I choose Cardiff because it is one of the best Universities and now that I am actually doing the course I can confirm that you get a lot of direction and help. Before I applied I was afraid that I would not cope but with the guidance I got I managed to proceed to the 2nd year.
* It helps to develop your ability to critically analyse research evidence to then apply the true theory into practice. The programme challenges you and makes you question previously accepted approaches to wound healing you believed to be evidence or research based. It improves and changes the way you think and how you approach the wealth of information and research available. It can set you apart in the work place, making you more employable and able to further progress your career. I successfully gained a promotion half way through the Masters programme at Cardiff.
* A Masters programme is essential for anyone serious about their profession. It provides a platform to understand a subject in depth resulting in a comprehensive level of specialism. The sense of achievement and fulfilment on graduation day is awesome!
* To develop yourself, learn more about evidence based wound healing.
* In this world it may be demanded in order to gain promotion.  However, while undergoing the course you have the opportunity to consolidate your personal knowledge and back it up with academic evidence. You also gain further, higher, more in depth knowledge that makes greater sense of the knowledge you already possess.
* A Masters program can be daunting for sure but if you are passionate about this area and are committed, you certainly will be rewarded in the end. A Master’s program takes you to the next level of knowledge in a particular area of practice. Although this provides you with credentials, you are rewarded with knowledge, inspiration and a continued quest for learning.
* The Masters programme improved my scientific writing style and critical analysis skills to a whole new level. I never knew I was capable of completing this type of rigorous study and work. I had never imagined this program would have elevated my education to such a high degree. Choosing to complete the Masters programme at Cardiff University was one of the best decisions I have ever made.
* About 5 years ago, I decided that I needed a broader background in wound management. I am a Canadian trained and qualified dermatologist who has been looking after chronic wounds for 15 years. I quickly learned that this was a field where much dogma is practiced and yet here were all these patients who needed care. Unfortunately, there is no training in chronic wound in either medical schools or post graduate medical training in Canada. After doing the IIWCC Course through the University of Toronto, I knew that there was much more to learn. Why a Masters? I have spoken to you already on this but doing a Masters is not so much about the knowledge gain but is about learning scholarship. The last 2 years have taught me much about what I did not know or understand about scholarship.
* As a relatively newly graduated doctor interested in surgery I decided to undertake an MSc because I needed to be able to critically analyse information, perform good quality research and enhance my CV. In the modern system of shifts and rapid transition between firms, the time and opportunities for learning critical analysis or performing quality research on the job are diminished and I felt this was vital for my career progression.
* Why do a Masters programme? If you want to specialize in a subject a Masters programme equips you not just with the knowledge of the subject but also the ability to fully critique and evaluate research in order to make decisions that affect your clinical/working practice.  It may not change how you do something or deal with a patient but it definitely changes how you make the decisions as to how you care for them, or what treatments you would use upon them. Doing a Masters programme that was open to multi disciplines and multi cultures was fascinating – you learn so much from the course, but also from each other as to how other countries deal with the same issues as you, how other healthcare systems work.  It is very empowering to know that you have sat in a classroom with people of differing intelligence and you have come out the other end with the same qualification.   A Masters qualification gives you credibility within your chosen field – the MSc in TR and WH is widely renowned to be one of the hardest courses in the UK but it is the one that most people are impressed at you having qualified in. Personally I had to undertake this level of study for my job role.  At the time I did not feel I was capable of studying at this level and spent many hours believing I would not complete the course.  The support given by all involved in this course was amazing and they all believe in you – even if you don’t believe yourself.  The feeling of absolute euphoria when finding out you have passed – for someone who believes they are distinctly average – was amazing.  Such a sense of satisfaction.  You suddenly join a very elite club.  It is costly to join in terms of committing time when you are also working, missing out on social activities but once you get in there it’s a great feeling to be a part of the accomplished.
* Doing the masters programme has without doubt influenced my clinical practice.  The programme has facilitated theoretical knowledge to back up practical skills. The course gives confidences with regard to evaluating types of 'evidence' that influence clinical practice and performing a critical review of the evidence. Critically examining the relationship between good clinical trials in practice enables safe approaches to the management of patients with a variety of wounds. The programme has been extremely valuable within my clinical practice assisting with the continued issues that face tissue viability and wound healing within my hospital including education and documentation. The course has enabled a self assurance when interacting with Company Representatives in order to challenge them about their products assisting procurement in purchasing products for my place of work.
* My main reasons for undertaking a Masters programme were professional development, increasing networking opportunities and academic advancement. The outcomes have exceeded my expectations and goals!
* *I’m doing this Masters programme for my own interest, and doing it in Cardiff because Cardiff University is famous and is the leader in this field.*
* *An opportunity to embark myself to a journey of World-Class Education in Cardiff University, the world first-ever Master program in Wound Healing.*