MASTER OF LAWS (LLM) IN MEDICAL LAW AND ETHICS BY DISTANCE LEARNING

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With experience being vital in today’s competitive job market, a postgraduate who has professional experience and theoretical knowledge will be highly regarded by employers. At KNect365 Learning and DMU, we provide our students with the highest standard of study so that you are equipped with the skills and experience to progress or change your career.

This course applies our staff expertise in medical law and ethics to issues that you will encounter in the workplace. You will be taught by staff with healthcare experience as well as backgrounds in law. Within the LLM programme, each student has the opportunity to develop his or her own interests with the freedom to choose from a range of module options.

### KEY INFORMATION

**When does it start and how long is the programme?**
The course commences in September and is delivered over a period of 27 months. There is also the option of taking the accelerated route in which the course can be completed in 15 months.

**What are the entry requirements?**
- You should have a good honours degree in Law or another discipline from a UK university or overseas equivalent, or an appropriate professional qualification.
- Some background knowledge of law is useful, but a degree in law is not essential.

**English Language Requirements:**
- If English is not your first language, an IELTS score of 6.5 (including a minimum of 5.5 in each component) or equivalent is normally required if applicable.

**Course format and assessment**
- The course is assessed by coursework and a dissertation. The core module will be assessed by written coursework. Final assessment of the 15 and 30 credit modules and the project is based on the submission of assignments. 30 credit modules have two compulsory assignments. The first assignment is 4,000 words long while the second is 6,000 words long. 15 credit modules have one compulsory assignment of 5,000 words in length. In both cases you can choose to submit one item in draft for comment before making a final submission.

**How much does it cost?**
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IDEAL FOR

✓ Clinical negligence litigation
✓ Mental health
✓ Bioethics
✓ Human rights
✓ Resource allocation and treatment decisions relating to patients lacking decision-making capacity
✓ Suitable for actual/intending lawyers in the above fields

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

✓ Analyse, interpret and apply the laws regulating the provision of healthcare with particular regard to ethical perspectives
✓ Explore the structure of the NHS, professional self-regulation and access to healthcare
✓ Look at the legal concepts of criminal and civil liabilities underpinned by ethical theories and principles

HOW YOU WILL LEARN

✓ The modules come in the form of hard copy print and as PDF documents via the course website. The hard copy modules are bound together and sent out as booklets.
✓ You can also customise the course by choosing the modules that meet your needs
✓ The course commences with an optional induction weekend in September
✓ There are a number of additional optional face-to-face and webinar format study sessions throughout your studies
✓ You will be able to network with tutors and like-minded professionals from around the world

WHO SHOULD STUDY THIS COURSE?

Incredibly useful course. The programme is very current and relevant to my work. I wish I had done it ages ago!
I.Shipley, LLM Medical Law and Ethics
**YOUR TEACHING TEAM INCLUDES:**

**Jackie Elton**
BSc (Hons) Nursing Studies, MA Applied Health Studies, Registered Nurse (RN), LLM Medical Law and Ethics. Jackie teaches on the following modules within the LLM Medical Law and Ethics program: Core module, Medical Negligence, Consent and Incapacitated Patients. She is also registered as a research student in the law school with Expert Evidence as her area of interest. She works as a Senior Nurse in the University Hospitals of Leicester focussing on issues of medicines safety and the associated risk management. Working within the NHS, she uses knowledge gained as a Clinical Practitioner to inform both her teaching and her research, and also uses knowledge gained in the lecturer role to inform her day to day clinical practice. She also teaches Nutrition and Ethics to healthcare staff undertaking the Nutrition course run jointly between UHL and DMU. Publications: Nursing Practice in Healthcare (2008) two chapters in 5th Edition (with H Reading and J Evans) How to apply Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (2012) Nursing Times 109: 20, 12-14 False Memories and Expert Evidence: Reliability and Admissibility (2014) Blackstones Quarterly Update Autumn 2014 (with Prof M Hirst).

**Patty Healey**
BA (Hons) Health Studies, Post Graduate Diploma in Law (PGDL), Legal Practice Course (LPC), Registered General Nurse (RGN), LLM (Business Law). Patty was formerly a full time Senior Lecturer in Law and Medicine at DMU. She now teaches part time on the LLM Medical Law and Ethics programme and the Graduate Diploma in Law programme for ILEX and she also teaches on undergraduate programmes. She also gives guest lectures to a variety of healthcare professionals on legal issues at the end of life, consent, human rights law in the healthcare arena and legal aspects in GP commissioning. Publications: ‘Calling Time on Abortion’ Contemporary Issues in Law, 2005, 10, 308, 13 (with J. Samanta); ‘Clinical Autonomy: Doctors Orders?’ (with D. Price, B. Harvey and J. Samanta) in Clinical Ethics (2007) 2(3) 124-128.

**Tom Smith**
(MA (Hons), MSc, PgCert, LLM) is the course leader for the LLM module: Issues Relating to the Termination of Life. Tom has worked within health and social care services for over 15 years, including within specialisms of research development and research ethics. His teaching, supervisory and personal research interests are in terminal sedation and on when/ whether to withhold/ withdraw clinically assisted nutrition and hydration.

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**THE ACCELERATED ROUTE**
Students can undertake to do the course following the Accelerated Route and complete their LLM in 15 months. Students will enrol in September along with the other students on the programme and study the core module until the end of December. Accelerated Route students will then undertake to study all of their modules and write their dissertation within the remaining 12 months (January to December).

This is a very intensive but rewarding route and successful students will graduate with their LLM at the end of 15 months. Accelerated Route students are supported through the allocation of a special director of studies who will provide additional support and advice during their studies.

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- There are four further optional one-day study days (on Saturdays) per year of study.

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## Expert Evidence
- The duties of expert witnesses
- Evidence and burdens of proof
- Dangers of reliance on expert evidence
- Procedure, expert reports and disclosure
- Adversarial and ‘single joint’ experts

## Consent and Incapacitated Patients
- Role of consent
- Impact of refusals of consent in law
- Informed consent and contrasts with other jurisdictions
- Substitute and proxy decision-makers
- Application of the best interests test
- Mental Capacity Act 2005

## Medical Negligence
- Liability in the tort of negligence
- Examples of liability in the medical sphere
- Specific contexts – e.g. obstetrics, surgery
- Inherent problems with tort/fault based system of compensation

## Patient Safety, Quality and Professional Regulation in Healthcare Law
- Comparative malpractice systems
- Complaints mechanisms and disciplinary processes
- Disciplinary processes (employer and regulatory) and their relationship with the tort system
- Protection of the public and the integration of the various mechanisms
- No fault liability systems
15 CREDIT MODULES (CONT'D.)

Coroners Law
- An introduction to Coroner’s Law
- Aspects of the Common Law, including Judicial Review
- Relevant provisions of Human Rights Law
- The Coroners Acts
- The Coroners Rules 2013
- Future Changes and Challenges
- Use of human tissue in research

Philosophy of Health Care
- Professional Codes of Conduct
- Deontological, consequentialist and virtue ethics perspectives
  - Principlism
  - Ethics of Care perspective

Medical Research
- Concepts of therapeutic/non-therapeutic research and Codes of ethics, regulatory processes and research governance
- Informed and voluntary consent
- Use of minors and mentally incapacitated adults
- Governance of clinical trials and research ethics committees

Dental Law, Practice and Ethics
- Dental regulation
- Professional obligations (GDC Standards for the Dental team)
- Regulations relating to the provision of NHS dentistry and Legislative requirements in General Dental Practice and Water fluoridation
- Tooth whitening

Fantastic programme with helpful and approachable tutors

Dr H. Solomonides, LLM Medical Law and Ethics

ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY BENEFITED FROM THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE:

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- MKF Bury Ltd
- Royal Derby Hospital
- University Hospitals of Leicester
- Change, Grow, Live (CGL)
- Royal College of Surgeons
- BMI Shelburne
- Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- The Medical Protection Society
- Birmingham Women’s NHS Trust
- West Midlands Ambulance Service
- Plymouth University
- NHS National Services Scotland

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WHO WE ARE

ABOUT DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY
Leicester De Montfort Law School enjoys a quality rating nationally for its high standards of achievement in legal education across its teaching, research, publishing and related activities and with over 140 years of experience, DMU are committed to helping students achieve their potential. It operates a range of full and part-time programmes including Honours Law Degree courses and vocational courses. It also contributes to a wide range of inter-disciplinary degree programmes. The Law School is host to a lively academic community, which is justly proud of its reputation. The team of subject specialists involved with the Masters Programme includes authors of some of the leading texts in Medical Law and Ethics.

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Knect365 Learning is the trusted brand for professional development, working with leading academic and industry bodies to provide accredited education and training where it is much needed.

Knect365 Learning works in partnership with leading academic bodies to assist in the provision of highly specialised and bespoke professional postgraduate distance learning courses. Our strong partnership with Leicester De Montfort Law School has developed over a period of 25 years and together we offer and deliver high-calibre and well-respected LLM programme.

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