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E-Learning course will help health professionals manage pain

The University of Edinburgh has linked forces with an Australian university to offer a new post-graduate programme for those involved with the management of pain. Health professionals from around the world will benefit from the new distance-learning degree course.

The programme, run by Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Pain Medicine at the University of Edinburgh and the Pain Management Research Institute, University of Sydney, is designed for graduates in medicine, dentistry, nursing, physiotherapy, psychology and other disciplines involved in pain management.

Students will complete courses including those covering pain in children, cancer pain, pain in older people and psychological approaches to pain management to obtain a certificate, diploma or MSc degree in Pain Management. Course material will be delivered via the internet, to allow independent and flexible study. Students based in Europe can enrol at the University of Edinburgh and students from elsewhere should register at the University of Sydney. The first year of study will begin in March, with an additional intake in September.

Programme Director Professor Ian Power of the University of Edinburgh explained the need for the new course. He said: "Exciting advances are being made in all areas of pain management. This collaboration between the University of Edinburgh and the University of Sydney has produced an opportunity for those involved in pain management to enhance their understanding of pain and improve pain relief for their patients. The fact that the MSc in Pain Management is delivered and assessed as an e-learning course will enhance access across Europe."

More information can be obtained from <http://www.mvm.ed.ac.uk/painmasters> or by contacting the University of Edinburgh postgraduate office, Tel: 0131 242 6373; or by accessing the University of Sydney's Pain Management Research Institute website at www.painmgmt.usyd.edu.au

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