20 great reasons to join the UH Physiotherapy degree

1) Teaching excellence Framework (TEF) Gold rated

2) Superb NSS results for last two years – 100% & 98% “overall student satisfaction” (highest in the school of Health & Social Work and one of best in the sector)

3) 100% employment rates after 6 months for 2018 graduates and 97% in 2017. (Destination of Leavers in Higher Education)

4) Available of a variety of scholarships (sporting excellent mainly), as well as government grant of £5000 per year for each healthcare student

5) Very early introduction to clinical practice placements - the first in January, the second in May/June. Unlike other universities, these are definitely NOT observational - due to our integrated teaching students can get on and treat and manage a variety of patients/conditions with close support and supervision from the educators.

6) The remaining 5 placements are spread across the second and third years (2x 5 weeks in the 2nd year and 3x 5 weeks in the 3rd year). This allow the continual embedding of theory and practical techniques into clinical practice.

7) All students on all placement are visited at least once (and more often as required) on placement to support them and their educators. Quite unique to UH now!

8) All placements modules are 100% assessed and graded on placement activities by educators. In addition, the 2nd & 3rd year placement grades go towards the degree classification (students usually get very high marks on placement, so this is really beneficial to them)

9) A wide variety of specialist practice placements sites are available to give a broad profile of experiences over the degree – both in terms of specialities and the type of placements i.e. acute hospitals, community/tertiary care hospitals and centres, outpatient clinics, charities, independent and private practitioners, occupational health, rehabilitation centres, sports, schools etc.

10) The 1st year is a “pass to proceed” year as we recognise some students find the transition from level 3 (A-Level, BTEC, Acess Diplomas etc) to level 4 study challenging and need to adjust to our requirements and to their new learning needs
11) **Opportunity to carry out additional extracurricular activities**: Anatomy lab, prosections, Massage at the London Marathon, Strapping & Taping as well as Massage courses, participation in the Superhero series etc.

12) **86% of 2018 graduates gained a “good degree”** (2.1 and 1st class honours degrees)

13) **Staff “open door” policy** - We are always happy to help! Students are treated very much as “future colleagues” and have a very strong voice into the programmes with elected group representatives at the Staff Student Consultative Committee, the programme committee as well as being Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and Teaching group reps

14) **Very friendly approachable staff group**, many of whom are still in clinical practice (brings currency to the programme), are researchers, are published, editors of texts etc. and experts in the fields. We also use Visiting Lecturers to teach various elements of the programme in order to bring expertise, currency and a pragmatic approach from a clinician’s perspective.

15) **Experts by Experience (patients) are involved in the teaching** throughout the programme

16) **Four purpose built dedicated Physiotherapy Labs** available for practice when they are free, plus additional dedicated timetabled sessions for PTY1 practice

17) **High fidelity Simulation practical sessions** embedded in relevant modules across all three years

18) **Integrated thematic teaching approach**- using case scenarios and problem-based teaching where the anatomy, physiology, pathology, research, ethical considerations, assessment and treatment skills are all taught together in a holistic manner to prepare students for practice

19) **Recording of all our lectures, as well as student ‘authored’ practical session videos are used to aid learning and revision.** These are available with other multimedia resources on the bespoke online virtual learning environment – Studynet, with our new mobile device compatible student facing interface – Canvas.

20) **NHS values are embedded throughout the programme** – i.e. all placement modules focus on a specific NHS Value (Compassion, Commitment to quality of care, Respect & Dignity, Improving lives and Everyone Counts)