



Teaching Timetable and Learning Outcomes for courses under Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Lymphoedema Management

This programme will provide the advancing health care professional wishing to study at Masters level, the opportunity to learn the theory and practice of advanced skills in the management of complex lymphoedema, including the Casley-Smith technique of Manual Lymphatic Drainage.

The first course will provide students with the necessary skills and the theory underpinning these and explore the evidence base. The second course will facilitate the application of these skills in more complex situations and in the context of delivering and managing a service. It will facilitate further development of skills in analysing and synthesising clinical findings and evidence for decision-making at an advanced level.

The programme combines workplace learning with part-time attendance and on-line learning to explore and contextualise contemporary issues and the latest research evidence. It will prepare students to the level of a health care professional Band 7 Lymphoedema Advanced Practitioner as proposed in the Lymphoedema Framework Template for Management (Sneddon, 2007)

This specialist framework is based on the Skills for Health Career Framework ([Better skills, better jobs and better health - Skills for Health Sector Council](#)) and the Knowledge and Skills Framework ([Department of Health and Social Care - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#))

Please read the following pages for further information on individual courses.

If you wish to speak to someone or wish to apply on-line, please see our website at:

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/advancedlymphoedemamanagement/>

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Managing Complex Lymphoedema

Course Commences 24th September 2026, with attendance in Glasgow in two parts:

Part 1 = 20th October – 23rd October 2026

Part 2 = 8th December – 11th December 2026

40 credits at level 5 (SCQF Level 11)

Fees: £1800 (£3392 for international students)

Course

This course provides the advancing health care professional wishing to study at Masters level, an opportunity to learn the advanced skills and knowledge required to manage patients with complex lymphoedema. The course will equip students with the necessary theory underpinning these skills and explore the evidence base and facilitate development of decision-making skills at an advanced level. Learning of theory is consolidated with workplace and on-line learning to do develop the skills of an advancing practitioner in this field

Course aims and Intended Learning Outcomes

This course will provide the health care professional with the opportunity to develop the theory and practice of more advanced skills in the management of complex lymphoedema including the Casley-Smith technique of Manual Lymphatic Drainage.

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- demonstrate appropriate and effective application of specialist knowledge and skills in Decongestive Lymphatic Therapy and discussing the rationale for each aspect of treatment in relation to altered patho-physiology;
- critically analyse clinical practice problems relating to patients with complicated oedema, showing the ability to synthesise information to make appropriate judgements in determining the diagnosis and developing and leading individualised treatment plans;
- critically appraise and synthesise the evidence base for Decongestive Lymphatic Therapy;
- critically evaluate their own practice and decision-making in relation to advanced practice in the management of people with complicated oedema;
- exercise substantial autonomy and initiative within the context of rehabilitation and a holistic approach to care but make appropriate referrals.
- demonstrate effective and sensitive communication and provision of patient information, based on individual needs and critical awareness of factors that may influence concordance with treatment and promotion of self-management.

Timetable:

Summative 1 due 27th October 2026

Summative 2 due 3rd December 2026

Summative 3 due 19th January 2027



Lymphoedema Advanced Practice

Course Commences 26th January 2027, with attendance in Glasgow 22nd & 23rd March 2027

20 credits at level 5 (SCQF Level 11)

Fees: £900 (£1696 for international students)

Course

This course provides the advancing health care professional, wishing to study at Masters level, with an opportunity to extend the skills and knowledge of the Managing Complex Lymphoedema course to a range of complex lymphoedema patients in the context of the most contemporary evidence and themes. The course will facilitate the application of advanced skills in more complex situations and in the context of delivering and managing a service. It will facilitate further development of skills in analysing and synthesising clinical findings and evidence for decision-making at an advanced level. Masterclasses, seminars and workshops support further development of the skills of an advancing practitioner in this field and is consolidated with workplace and on-line learning.

Course aims and Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Plan and execute adaptation of treatment plans for patients with complex lymphoedema or advanced disease in the light of recent best evidence or changes to clinical knowledge.
- Devise and critically evaluate a multi-professional management programme for a lymphoedema patient with multi-pathology or complex needs including critical evaluation of relevant evidence and consideration of the latest techniques and innovation.
- Critically analyse how a current clinical question could be informed by service audit or research within practice.
- Critically evaluate the role of the lymphoedema advanced practitioner with patients with rare presentations.
- Critically reflect on clinical practice problems and their own practice in managing complex situations and in relation to relevant literature
- Analyse the use of ethical frameworks in managing ethical issues and the implications for practice
- Demonstrate a wide range of effective communication techniques and an interdisciplinary approach to determining patient priorities and planning interventions to meet the patient's holistic needs

Timetable:

Summative 1 due 16th March 2027

Summative 2 due 20th April 2027