



**Belfast Metropolitan College NCUK Graduate Diploma / Pre Master Programme**

**NCUK Graduate Diploma / Pre Masters Programme( PMP)** is a full time programme for students who hold a 3 year or 4 year Diploma from an International University or recognized College. Belfast Metropolitan College is in partnership with the Northern Consortium UK (NCUK, a consortium with over 30 partner universities). It provides a bridge between the education systems of the student's home country and those of the UK and Ireland. It prepares graduate students with the skills required for a master's programme at one of the NCUK partner universities.

- Route A (1 year/3 terms), start from 27 Sep 2011
- Route B (2 terms), start from 31 Jan 2011
- Route C ( 1 term), start from 2 May 2011

Currently, the subject theme may be one of the following areas:

- Management & Business
- Engineering

**The benefits of choosing NCUK are:**

- **Guaranteed place in a range of degrees at an NCUK Partner University in UK or Ireland** depending on successful completion of course
- NCUK courses are highly prestigious, being designed by leading UK universities
- 10,000 students have completed these courses and transferred to Universities in the UK

**NCUK Universities**

NCUK Member Universities	NCUK Ireland Universities	Other Universities welcome NCUK students
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queen's University of Belfast</li> <li>• University of Ulster</li> <li>• University of Bradford</li> <li>• University of Huddersfield</li> <li>• Leeds Metropolitan University</li> <li>• University of Leeds</li> <li>• University of Liverpool</li> <li>• Liverpool John Moore's University</li> <li>• University of Manchester</li> <li>• Manchester Metropolitan University</li> <li>• University of Salford</li> <li>• University of Sheffield</li> <li>• Sheffield Hallam University</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University College Dublin</li> <li>• University College Cork</li> <li>• National University of Ireland, Galway</li> <li>• National University of Ireland, Maynooth</li> <li>• University of Limerick</li> <li>• Dublin City University</li> <li>• Dublin Institute of Technology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Birmingham</li> <li>• University of Bristol</li> <li>• University of Kent</li> <li>• Kingston University</li> <li>• Queen Mary, University of London</li> <li>• Aston University</li> <li>• University of Southampton</li> <li>• Aston University</li> <li>• University of Sussex</li> <li>• Portsmouth University</li> </ul>

The quality of NCUK programmes is underpinned by the reputation of the NCUK founder partner universities that own NCUK. NCUK provides the curriculum and sets the standards for the delivery of its study programmes, which are monitored through robust quality assurance measures including externally set examinations, external examiners and regular audit.

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This PMP course, e.g. Business & Management Theme involves 24 hours a week study, e.g.

Route A ( 3 Terms), start from 27 Sep 2011	Timetable example (24 hrs Each Week)
<p><b>Entrance Criteria:</b> Students usually need to have successfully completed a 3-year Diploma. A minimum English language level of IELTS 5.0 (TOEFL 500) is required. If you have relevant work experience, this will help to give you a wider range of progression options for study at Masters level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management Core module (3hrs)</li> <li>• Management Preparatory Module (3 hrs)</li> <li>• Issues in Management &amp; Operation (3 hrs)</li> <li>• Research methods and Project (3hrs)</li> <li>• English for Academic Purposes (8hrs)</li> <li>• ICT &amp; Orientation to Western Study (4hrs)</li> </ul>
Route B (2 Terms), start from 31 Jan 2011	Timetable Example (24 hrs Each Week)
<p><b>Entrance Criteria:</b> Students need to have successfully completed a 4-year undergraduate degree (or 3-year UK degree). IELTS 5.5 or equivalent. Relevant work experience is highly desirable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management Core module (3 hrs)</li> <li>• Issues in Management &amp; Operation (3 hrs)</li> <li>• Research methods and Project (8hrs)</li> <li>• English for Academic Purposes (6hrs)</li> <li>• ICT &amp; Orientation to Western Study (4hrs)</li> </ul>
Route C (1 Term), start from 2 May 2011	Timetable Example (24 hrs Each Week)
<p><b>Entrance Criteria:</b> Students need to have successfully completed a 4-year undergraduate degree (or 3-year UK degree). IELTS 6.0 or equivalent. Relevant work experience is desirable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management Core module( 3 hrs)</li> <li>• Issues in Management &amp; Operation (3 hrs)</li> <li>• Research methods and Project (10hrs)</li> <li>• English for Academic Purposes (4hrs)</li> <li>• ICT &amp; Orientation to Western Study (4hrs)</li> </ul>

Successful completion of the NCUK PMP will ensure that students have the skills and knowledge required to succeed in their masters studies. Universities particularly welcome the major research project and the programme is also suitable for candidates applying to a degree where there is a strong research focus. Students who have successfully completed a 3 year university diploma can use this course as a conversion programme. E.g. students wanting to study Business or Management but did not study in this area previously, can use the Pre-Master's as a way of adapting their skills for entry onto these Master's degrees.

**Assessment:** Progress is checked by continuous assessment of practical work, report writing and project work.

### Living in Belfast

Belfast is the Political, commercial, educational and administrative hub of Northern Ireland (UK). It has a population of approximately half a million people within its urban area and is one of the most exciting cities in Europe. The Times of London has named Belfast City as one of its top 12 world travel destinations. It has a vibrant Celtic origin and a mild climate. This numbers of students from overseas coming to study in the "Land of Saints and Scholars" has consistently increased over the last decades. This reflects the fact that Ireland offer the perfect opportunity to enjoy a novel mix of high educational standards combined with an exciting cultural experience.

Belfast Metropolitan College is the largest public college in Northern Ireland with 100 years history, and with total 50,000 students. The college has been awarded of "Beacon Awards" by the UK government for a few times.

### Entry to University

During your programme you will receive information and counseling on university progression including visits to and from representatives of NCUK partner universities. **Remember successful completion of the NCUK course leads to progression for students for a place on a master course in one of the NCUK partner institutions.**

**Tuition Fees: Route A £6,000    Route B £4,000    Route C £2,000**

**Living and Accommodation Cost: about £4,000 each year.**