



Postgraduate Diploma / MSc Cataract and Refractive Surgery (Theory)

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Dear prospective student

I would like to draw your attention to the Postgraduate Diploma/MSc Cataract and Refractive Surgery (Theory) course of study offered by the University of Ulster. This course is now a fully validated University of Ulster Masters which can be undertaken online without the need to attend the university.

This fully validated Masters had its first intake last year and approximately 25 students have participated on the PGDiploma and 20 on the MSc. Student feedback has been extremely positive and the student cohorts spanned countries such as UK, ROI, New Zealand, Malaysia and many European countries.

Although this course was originally designed and created for ophthalmologists, over the past number of years, an increasing number of other eye care professionals have also undertaken the course. These include optometrists, orthopists, nurse practitioners and laser technicians all of whom have reported this to be a beneficial undertaking for their continued professional development within their individual areas of employment. The PG Diploma Cataract and Refractive Surgery (Theory) is a one year course with a further year of study if students wish to complete the MSc Project Research module.

We currently have 2 CET points in place for each week completed on the PGDiploma - this is a 32 week course so participants could claim a maximum of 64 CET points on successful completion. The Royal College of Ophthalmologists has approved participants can award themselves 1 category C point for each hour of study.

One of the advantages of the UU Diploma/MSc over other similar courses is that it is delivered via the internet (WebCT) thereby requiring no on campus attendance.

Please see enclosure for further details on this course and the content of the modules studied.

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Thank you for your time and for any consideration you may give to this matter.

Tara Moore

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