

The Christie
School of Oncology



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Prospectus

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Welcome



We Care
We Discover
We Teach

Welcome to The Christie School of Oncology. This prospectus has been developed to provide information on how The Christie School of Oncology can support you and your organisation in delivering improvements in cancer care, research and treatment through an extensive education programme.

The Christie is a world renowned leader in cancer care, treatment, research and education, and benefits from clinical and research staff with international profiles. This makes The Christie a recognised leader in the provision of education, training and consultancy.

The Christie School of Oncology is unique in that it offers education to all members of the healthcare team, throughout their career: from undergraduate education through to specialist training.

We hope this prospectus will spur you to think ambitiously on how you, and your organisation, can contribute to the aspiration for improving cancer research, care and treatment. Through learning comes the ability to change and so provide better outcomes, more effective care and a better experience to patients.



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The Christie

The Christie is a UK based comprehensive cancer centre. Founded in 1887, The Christie leads the world in developing cancer treatments, producing the very first international guidelines for radiation treatment. The Christie serves a population of 3.2 million people across Greater Manchester and Cheshire, treating more than 44,000 patients per year.

The Christie continues to build on its world firsts, and is now the UK's largest brachytherapy and molecular radiotherapy centre. In 2018, The Christie will become the first UK centre to provide high energy proton beam therapy.

Groundbreaking research is conducted within specialist research facilities, in partnership with a range of organisations. The Christie is one of the world's leading experimental cancer medicine centres, and an international leader in research and development. The experimental cancer medicine group is the largest in the UK.



A unique place to learn

The Christie School of Oncology is a world class centre of learning, bringing together undergraduate education, continuing professional development, specialist training and workforce development. This makes the School uniquely able to support healthcare professionals at all stages of their career.

Education at The School of Oncology benefits from the contributions of staff at The Christie, many of whom have national and international profiles. This ensures that education and training is informed by real world experience, and the latest developments in care, treatment and research.

The unique nature of the School of Oncology enables it to deliver a wide variety of learning opportunities: undergraduate education, clinical skills training, study days and conferences and surgical courses. Through partnerships with top academic institutions the School develops and delivers specialist academic programmes and modules.

Excellence in education and training is at the heart of the work of The Christie, which is committed to developing a healthcare workforce of the highest quality to support patient experience.



Undergraduate and professional education

The Christie supports the development of the future healthcare workforce by delivering placements and post-registration learning to a variety of professions.

Undergraduate nursing

The Christie provides placements for nursing students, across a wide variety of clinical areas. The Christie also offers placements for return to practice nurses and those wanting elective experience in a specialist centre. Placements are highly sought after and evaluated positively, with departments being recommended for awards at a regional and national level.

Radiotherapy

The Christie offers clinical placements to both pre-registration student radiographers, and learning opportunities to qualified radiographers. Placements offer opportunities to develop competency in both treatment and pre-treatment. The department also offers learning opportunities for international students and qualified staff who want to broaden their knowledge base. The department is at the forefront of developing education to support treatment delivery in proton beam therapy.



Undergraduate and professional education

Pharmacy

The pharmacy department provides support to students at both undergraduate and postgraduate level. The team contributes to specialist training for pharmacists, but also has input into a range of undergraduate clinical training programmes.

Physiotherapy and occupational therapy

The physiotherapy and occupational therapy teams at The Christie provide a comprehensive programme of education at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, in conjunction with the University of Liverpool, Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Salford. Students can access placements in a variety of settings, gaining valuable skills and insight from our specialist teams.

Healthcare scientists

The Christie provides a variety of undergraduate placements for practitioner training pathway (PTP) students specialising in blood and cellular sciences.

Medical physics and engineering

The Christie Medical Physics and Engineering (CMPE) department supports undergraduate and postgraduate educational programmes for clinical scientists and technologists. These training programmes are approved by the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine and are designed to train postgraduate students to state registered professional level.



Medical education

The medical education team supports and develops doctors and doctors in training to achieve excellence in patient care. The team also supports clinical colleagues to provide effective support, supervision and mentorship for undergraduate medical students and doctors in training.

Undergraduate

The team works in partnership with the Manchester Medical School (University of Manchester) to deliver all oncology aspects of the undergraduate curriculum – students are exposed to the full patient pathway covering a number of specialties.

The Christie is in a unique position to offer innovative learning experiences for students. There are a number of new service transformation initiatives which offer opportunities for students to learn in a range of different settings.

Postgraduate

A comprehensive consultant led teaching programme is delivered to trainees of all grades at The Christie, ensuring that they are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to work at the highest level of competency.

Pre-medical school

Working in partnership with local schools and colleges, The Christie offers a highly regarded medical work experience programme. Placements consist of a combination of patient talks, clinical skills and opportunities within clinics and patient areas.

If you would like to learn more about Medical Education at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at medical.education@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 918 7323.



Continuing Professional Development

The School of Oncology is uniquely positioned to deliver a wide range of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) opportunities, allowing healthcare professionals and support workers to keep up to date and develop as practitioners. The School brings together a wide range of new and existing learning opportunities which are delivered by specialists from departments within The Christie and in partner institutions.

Whether you are looking for a seminar, conference or longer academic programme, the School of Oncology is able to help, delivering events and programmes which are flexible and accessible. It also provides opportunities for employers to develop their workforce and for individuals to enhance their careers.

If you would like to learn more about CPD at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at education.events@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 918 7409.



Study days and conferences

The School hosts an exciting programme of educational events for healthcare professionals. These events are an excellent way of meeting CPD requirements. Events are facilitated by a specialist faculty with an in-depth understanding of the latest developments in research and practice. The programme continues to enjoy outstanding feedback from delegates, and is a cost-effective way of accessing high quality updates.

Events are delivered either within The School of Oncology's purpose built education centre or at specially chosen venues in Manchester and across the UK.

Study days

The extensive study day programme includes events focused on common and rarer cancers, oncology research, early diagnosis and prevention, cancer survivorship, targeted therapies and specialist technical skills.

Conferences

The team delivers a programme of conferences at The Christie and at key venues across the UK, primarily focusing on medical and surgical topics in oncology. Alongside the conference programme, the School offers a wide range of learning opportunities for medical staff, including the FRCR Part A and Part 2B examination preparation courses.

Visit www.christie.nhs.uk/professionals/education/study-days-and-conferences for the most up to date programme.

If you would like to learn more about study days and conferences at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at education.events@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 918 7409.



Event management

The School's events programme is developed and organised by a dedicated events and technical team. The team has a wealth of experience in delivering events, from locally based training to major international conferences, including major professional organisations and pharmaceutical companies.

A fully comprehensive events management service is available for clients, including:

- registration
- marketing
- financial administration
- venue coordination
- social event planning
- sourcing commercial funding

If you would like to learn more about events management services at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at education.events@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 918 7409.

Sponsorship opportunities

Events within The Christie School of Oncology are a perfect opportunity for industry specialists to exhibit and reach a wide range of healthcare professionals. Our expert team will work with you to find the most appropriate event for your requirements. A variety of sponsorship packages are available.

If you would like to know more about The School of Oncology's sponsorship opportunities then please contact Rob Boyle, Deputy Education Business Manager, at robert.boyle@christie.nhs.uk.



Complementary therapy

The complementary therapy team at The Christie provides a comprehensive package of workshops, diplomas and conferences. Events are designed to support qualified complementary therapists and allied healthcare professionals who would like to work in a cancer care setting. All courses are delivered by experienced lecturers/practitioners with expertise in adapting complementary therapies in a clinical setting.

Workshops

Weekend courses cover a wide range of topics, including adapting therapies such as massage, reflexology and aromatherapy for cancer care. We run a number of cognitive based therapy courses including Mindfulness, creative visualisation, managing anxiety and phobias, NLP, TA, CBT etc.

Conferences

The team runs an annual complementary therapy conference focusing on a particular topic. Past topics have included clinical reflexology and aromatherapy.

Academic programmes

The team offers a number of academic programmes in partnership with higher education institutions, including the Integrative Hypnotherapy Diploma and the Cancer Care Diploma.

Please visit our webpage where you can download our course brochure: www.christie.nhs.uk/services/a-to-h/complementary-therapy/



Clinical skills training

The clinical skills team delivers high quality clinical skills, simulation and resuscitation training within a range of organisations. Training is developed to support evidence based practice, and is supported by a variety of learning methods including online training, use of workbooks and practice under clinical supervision.

The team has a proven teaching track record in delivering a range of skills based courses, with a portfolio which is continuously developing to meet service needs. Examples of training available include:

- central venous catheter access
- chemotherapy administration
- catheterisation
- nasogastric tube management

If you would like to learn more about the Clinical Skills Team at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at education.events@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 918 2484.



Short courses and workshops

The School has a range of highly specialist short courses and workshops to support more specialist skills development.

Surgical education

In collaboration with Doctors Academy and The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, The Christie delivers a package of surgical skills training, including key skills and basic surgical skills, examination preparation and advanced level laparoscopic surgical skills. The programme is developed by leading surgeons with international reputations. The School also delivers a comprehensive surgical conference programme, including topics such as melanoma surgery and robotic surgery.



Short courses and workshops

Examination preparation courses

The School provide a variety of training courses for clinical professionals to assist them in passing their examinations. These include:

- The Biological Basis of Cancer Therapy Course
- The Christie FRCR 2B Exam Preparation Courses
- The Edinburgh MRCS and FRCS exam preparation courses for surgeons

Advanced clinical practice

The School has a national reputation for the quality of its education for nurse clinicians and advanced nurse practitioners, including a range of specialist master classes. These events cultivate specialist clinical knowledge in relation to oncology and wider practice; the master classes are developed by highly experienced practitioners who are also educators with a passion for developing such roles.

If you would like to learn more about the short courses and workshops at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at education.events@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 918 7409.



Maguire Communication Skills Training Unit

The Maguire Communication Skills Training Unit is internationally recognised for its expertise in communication skills training and research. It is dedicated to promoting sensitive and effective communication throughout all health and social care settings.

Expert facilitators deliver a wide range of training for all levels of staff, which support skills and strategies to manage patients' emotions and expectations. The team deliver training in:

- advanced communication skills training and enhanced communication skills training (intermediate level)
- breaking bad news and tailoring significant information
- handling difficult or distressing conversations
- facilitation skills and methods

The Unit is also able to develop and deliver training to meet organisational needs and quality measures in relation to communication skills.

If you would like to learn more about Maguire Unit at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at maguire.unit@christie.nhs.uk or olivia.smith@christie.nhs.uk, or telephone 0161 918 2012.



Academic programmes

The School's academic programmes include higher degrees for nurses, allied health professionals, scientists and doctors; programmes are developed with an informed understanding of the career needs and aspirations of health care professionals. Programmes and modules are responsive to developments in practice, and allow healthcare professionals to face future challenges with confidence.

Programmes

- MRes in Oncology
- MRes in Experimental Cancer Medicine
- MSc Specialist Practice: Cancer Pathway
- MSc Cancer Biology and Radiotherapy Physics

Modules

- Haematology cancer care
- Delivery of Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapies
- Effective strategies for advanced communication

Programmes and modules can also be integrated into higher apprenticeship courses.

The School is developing a range of certificated courses which can be built from attendance on study days at The Christie, or via on-line learning.

If you would like to learn more about academic programmes at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at education.events@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 918 7409.



Technology in education

The School supports and promotes the innovative use of technology across all learning. The School has a dedicated and highly experienced team that works with clinical and education staff to ensure that technology is embedded, whether this is a seminar, study day or academic programme.

The School has its own dedicated Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle), which provides access to information, education, training and resources at a time which is best suited to the individual – whether they are in Manchester, London or across the world.

ChristieEducationLive!

The School utilises state of the art technology to deliver live streamed conferences and web accessible content. Content is available directly through the desktop or on the move using a range of mobile devices. This makes our programmes uniquely accessible.

If you would like to learn more about Technology Enhanced Learning at The Christie School of Oncology please contact philip.danby@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 918 2393.



Primary care

The School of Oncology has an active and growing programme of education and training for staff working in primary care.

Working with a range of local organisations (including GP practices, hospitals and charities) the School is developing specialist resources which will impact on both the long term survivorship, and on-going care of patients with cancer.

The Primary Care programme has been developed in association with a GP based in a local practice. Links have also been made with a number of stakeholders to ensure that the programme meets the needs of general practice.

The primary care programme will also link into the School of Oncology's education activities in public health.

If you would like to learn more about primary care education programmes at The Christie School of Oncology please contact Miss Friday Knight at friday.knight@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 446 3449.



Christie workforce education and professional development

The Christie depends on a workforce with the right skills to deliver excellent quality services to patients. It has developed an enviable reputation for the education, training and professional development of all Christie staff. Personal development is available in a variety of different categories, including information technology, presentations and public speaking. The Christie offers a highly regarded Positive Patient Experience Programme and is also a designated Schwartz Round Trust.

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship qualifications are available for all Christie staff. The apprenticeship qualifications offered include clinical healthcare support, healthcare support services, peri-operative support, business and administration, team leading, and management.

Leadership

The School of Oncology has developed a range of innovative leadership training opportunities for staff at all levels within the Trust – from executive teams through to staff who are new to leadership roles.

If you would like to learn more about Christie workforce and professional development at The Christie School of Oncology please contact education.events@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 918 2484.



Christie Patient Centred Research (CPCR)

The CPCR group undertakes and facilitates high quality research that is clinically relevant and patient centred. The group is dedicated to conducting research that improves the experiences and clinical outcomes of patients affected by cancer and their families. In addition to supporting the research capacity and capability of Christie staff, CPCR work closely with external partner organisations to advance patient centred cancer research.

Collaboration opportunities include:

- Developing joint research funding applications for collaborative research projects. Our research team is experienced in conducting studies utilising various quantitative and qualitative research methodologies.
- Hosting successful candidates of research internships and providing supervisory support on NIHR clinical research programmes - a great starting point for people who are interested in developing a research career.
- Organisations can commission CPCR to conduct service evaluations and assist with research projects including set-up, conducting qualitative interviews and data analysis.

If you would like to learn more about CPCR at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at cpcr@christie.nhs.uk.



Our facilities

The School benefits from excellent facilities to support all aspects of education and training.

Education Centre

The Christie Education Centre is a highly regarded venue for national and international study days and conferences, offering an outstanding level of service and state of the art facilities. The Centre is perfect for holding study days, conferences and other events and provides excellent value for money. Technical support is provided and catering is available on request.

If you would like to learn more about the Education Centre at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at education@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 446 8196.

The Christie Library and Knowledge Service

As a leader in treatment, research and education, The Christie benefits from a highly respected Library and Knowledge Service providing information services, advice and specialist resources. A dedicated specialist team provides support, including training sessions and tools to deliver regular updates in research and practice.

If you would like to learn more about Knowledge Resources at The Christie School of Oncology please contact the team at library@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 446 3639/3452.



Partnerships

The School recognises that good cancer care and treatment is delivered in collaboration with a variety of organisations. The School works closely with partners, believing that this way of working brings a unique character to our education. All learning is influenced by a multi-agency perspective, with the aim of keeping the patient at the centre of services.

Our partners include Health Education England and other healthcare organisations, including national and local charities. The School is playing a key role in the Cancer Vanguard and other national and international collaborations.

Academic partnerships include a range of higher education institutions, including The University of Manchester, University of Salford and University of Liverpool.

If you would like to learn more about working in partnership with The Christie School of Oncology please contact Miss Friday Knight at friday.knight@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 446 3449.



Bespoke training

The Christie School of Oncology has an extensive record of success in developing bespoke education and training for leading local, national and international healthcare providers – including e-learning and short courses. Key to our success is developing a sustainable model of education which is embedded throughout the organisation.

The Christie International School of Oncology

Education developed by The Christie School of Oncology is in demand across the world. To support the requirements of international organisations, The Christie has developed 'The Christie International School of Oncology'. The School works with a number of organisations to deliver a bespoke range of education programmes, including:

- Short course delivery
- Observerships and placements
- Lecture and seminar facilitation

If you would like to learn more about bespoke training or The Christie International School of Oncology please contact Miss Friday Knight at friday.knight@christie.nhs.uk or telephone 0161 446 3449.

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