

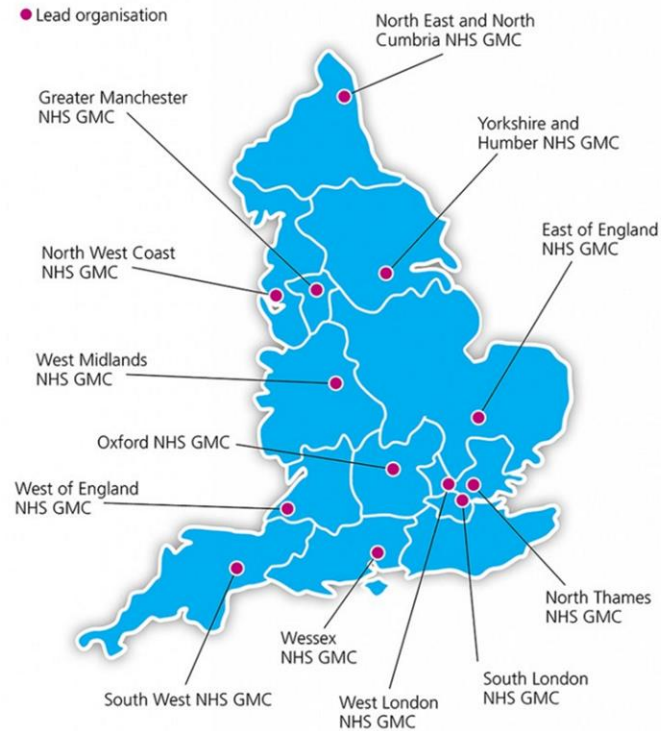


**Manchester Academy for
Healthcare Scientist Education**

Clinical Bioinformatics STP MAHSE Open Day 2019

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Genomics – Healthcare Transformation



Transforming the NHS

Make DNA tests routine, says England's chief medical officer

Sally Davies calls for making genomic testing as common as blood tests to usher in the era of precision medicine to treat cancers and rare diseases

News story

Matt Hancock announces ambition to map 5 million genomes

The NHS Genomic Medicine Service is the first national genomic healthcare service in the world and will allow faster diagnosis and personalised care.



[Preparing the healthcare workforce for digital transformation](#)



**Clinical Scientist:
Bioinformatician**



**Genome
Technologist**



Clinician

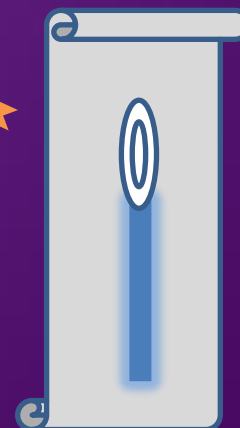
**Multidisciplinary
Teaching**

Treating

Patient

**Genetic
Counsellor**

**Clinical Scientist:
Geneticist**



Big Data Climate for Healthcare

DATA



Vast data
volume, velocity,
variety

TSUNAMI

METHODS & MODELS



Supra-linear
growth in
papers & tools

BLIZZARD

EXPERTISE



Similar number
of analysts

DROUGHT

We will develop the **next generation** of **health informaticians** who will possess the **technical skills** to design and perform complex analyses and the **business** and **informatics skills** to translate the information into business intelligence.

Programme Structure

MSc Clinical Sciences (Bioinformatics)

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	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Introduction to Healthcare Science, Professional Practice and Clinical Leadership [20]	Research Methods [10]	
	Clinical Bioinformatics: underpinning knowledge for rotational work based training [40]		
		Genomics	
		Programming [10]	Next Generation Sequencing [10]
		Advanced Clinical Bioinformatics [10]	Information Technology for Advanced Bioinformatics Applications [10]
		Research Project in Clinical Bioinformatics [30]	Whole Systems Molecular Medicine [10]
			Research Project in Clinical Bioinformatics [30]
		Clinical & Scientific Computing	
		Clinical & Scientific Computing for the Physical Sciences 1 [20]	Clinical & Scientific Computing for the Physical Sciences 2 [30]
		Research Project in Clinical Bioinformatics [30]	Research Project in Clinical Bioinformatics [30]
		Health Informatics Science	
		Policy, Strategy and Operational Management [10]	Systems Development and Design [10]
		Co-Production of Health [10]	Information Knowledge Management [20]
		Research Project in Clinical Bioinformatics [30]	Research Project in Clinical Bioinformatics [30]
Credits			
Generic	20	10	0
Division/Theme	40	0	0
Specialism		50	60
Total	60	60	60

Route Map: MSc Clinical Science (Clinical Bioinformatics)

MSc trainees begin by following the generic curriculum, which spans all divisions (blue), together with some theme-specific modules (yellow). In Year 2 of the MSc, trainees specialise (orange) in genomics

Clinical Bioinformatician (Genomics)

- Responsible for **analysing and interpreting genomic data** and advising other scientists and clinicians to best inform patient care.
- Involved in **building the IT infrastructure** including appropriate servers, databases and pipelines to analyse the data.
- **Leadership** role in establishing best-practice for data analysis and interpretation, data storage and governance within their laboratory.
- **Communication** with **multidisciplinary teams** including clinical scientists, clinical geneticists, other specialty clinicians and genetic counsellors, and advise colleagues with respect to interpretation of genetic data that will inform patient care also **external solution providers** and training of other **staff** and **informing the public**

Clinical Bioinformatician (Health Informatics)

- You will **advise other healthcare professionals**, and **lead and develop strategies** in the following areas:
 - **Data management** - collection, quality, representation
 - **Governance** –Security, patient confidentiality
 - **Systems** design and development, and technologies
 - **Data analysis**, interpretation and reporting
- Work as a **multi-disciplinary team**
- **Strong communication skills** to influence decision-making to ultimately improve the delivery of healthcare.

Bioinformatician (Physical Sciences)

- Combines **computer science, statistics, mathematics**, and engineering to study and process biological data.
 - creating **computer-related interfaces** to control specialist medical equipment
 - **commissioning** (and approving) computer-related interfaces for clinical use
 - ensuring that the equipment and computer-related interfaces are continually fit for purpose
 - **constructing software**, either to model biological processes, investigations and treatments or to investigate and manipulate data produced by medical devices.

University of Manchester

- **Andy Brass** – *Programme Co-Director of Clinical Bioinformatics*
- **Ang Davies** – *Programme Co-Director of Clinical Bioinformatics*
- **Andrew Devereau** – *Clinical Lead of Clinical Bioinformatics*
- **Evangelos Kontopantelis** E.Kontopantelis@manchester.ac.uk - *Pathway Lead Health Informatics*
- **Manoj Mistry & John**– *Lay representatives*
- **Fern Johnson, Samuel Rowston, Adriana Toutoudaki, Christine Hicks** *Student representatives*

University of Liverpool

- **Paul Nolan** – *Pathway Lead Medical Physics*
- **Azzam Taktak**
- **Tony Fisher** – *Clinical Lead Medical Physics*

Administrators

- **Natalia Rossi**– *Clinical Bioinformatics*
- **Kate Evans and Amanda Benson** - *MAHSE*

Timelines

Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug

Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Teaching block in Manchester



Assignment deadline



Exam



Teaching block in Manchester/Liverpool



Project idea / research proposal submitted



Dissertation deadline

Credit weightings

- **180 credits in total**
 - 120 credits taught
 - 60 credits research project
 - 1 credit = 10 hours study
- **National School stipulates 1 day/week academic work**
 - Does not include completion of OneFile
 - Does not include time in Manchester

Flipped Problem-based Learning

- What is it?
 - It's a way of combining online learning with case-based scenarios studied in small groups
- What are the benefits?
 - To teach students how to work in groups and manage group projects
 - To improve and develop transferable skills of students
 - To develop problem solving skills of students
 - To encourage self-motivation, curiosity and thinking
 - **Creation of communities of practice**

Genomics Projects

- VASA: An ACMG **V**ariant **S**coring **A**ssistant for genetic variant classification, variant review and teaching
- Development of a Clinical Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) **variant database**
- Next Generation **C**opy **N**umber **V**ariation (**CNV**) **A**nalysis: Using whole genome sequencing to develop a sensitive diagnostic test for structural variants
- Machine learning to predict chronological age from metabolomic, genomic and glycomic data.
- Investigate the use of unique molecular identifiers to improve the sensitivity of detection of somatic variants in myeloma

Health Informatics Projects

- iMerseySide – I'M MOBILE
 - Delivers bespoke apps, developed in-house to community-based clinicians with access to clinical/patient data from a tablet device
- Salford Lung Study – pragmatic clinical trial
 - Focuses on COPD and Asthma patients in Salford GP practices
 - Uses EHR to monitor patients in the trial in real-time with minimal intrusion
- WW&L Trust - Linking Health and Social care records
- Bibhas Roy - Shoulder Surgeon and PROMs
 - Design an interface/system to ensure patients are monitored after surgery via online questionnaires
 - ACTION can link to other technologies

Our graduates

- 31 students: 24 distinctions and 7 merits
- Most secured band 7 clinical scientist roles/other NHS roles/HSST posts



Further Information

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- Being a Clinical Bioinformatician: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=scESiT3hygs>
- <https://www.genomicseducation.hee.nhs.uk/news/item/454-your-invaluable-genome/>
- Twitter - @MSCclinbioinf
- Twitter - @HI_Education @HeRC_Farr #datasaveslives
- MOOC (FutureLearn): Clinical Bioinformatics: unlocking genomics in healthcare: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/bioinformatics>
- <https://stpperspectives.wordpress.com/>
- Article: <http://www.frontlinegenomics.com/news/24628/developing-a-new-profession-introducing-the-clinical-bioinformatician/>