

Healthcare Ethics and Law (Part-time, online)

An Interview with...

George Georgantidis

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George Georgantidis' career to date has been a journey between healthcare and law. In his current role as a Forensic Physician for the Dorset Police, George balances healthcare duties to the force and legal duties to the court so choosing the Healthcare Ethics and Law online course felt like an ideal fit.

Through the course, George wanted to explore ethical and legal issues surrounding healthcare law and improve his argumentation and critical analysis skills.

The course mirrors his emerging and evolving interests in healthcare law, while helping him to progress his career and pursue professional registration.

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO LEARNING

Having previously completed a Certificate in Justice and a Diploma of Legal Medicine, George wanted to get into the heart of healthcare law and examine the correlation between ethical and political philosophy. When applying for the course, the ethical side of healthcare was an aspect that stood out to him.

"The LLM is brilliant, as it provides a combination of subjects spanning ethics and law," he says. The course content takes an interdisciplinary approach and provides an opportunity to explore topics of healthcare ethics, philosophy and law, while helping George apply his learning into his workplace.

"Now, I have a deeper understanding of the level of protection that the law offers to detainees during police interviews when conducting fitness for interview assessments."

Opening his mind to specialised expertise and perspectives is of critical importance to George. "I can make better decisions in my day-to-day responsibilities, for example, when referring individuals to be detained under sections of the Mental Health Act."

He feels that engaging with topics he is passionate about and developing his research skills will fill his knowledge gaps and enhance his decision-making.

The Healthcare Ethics and Law online course helps him broaden his logical reasoning skills and formulate clear and robust arguments.

STUDYING ONLINE

The prestige of the LLM from The University of Manchester coupled with the online and flexible design of the course, was hugely important to George.

He is enthusiastic about the online tools and resources available. "Having access to the University of Manchester's extensive online library is brilliant.

The virtual learning environment, hosted on Blackboard, consists of interactive activities and is easy to use and navigate around."

INVALUABLE SUPPORT NETWORK

The tutor support proved to be extremely valuable to George. "I truly benefited from the continuous support of the tutors and the inspiring discussions with fellow students.

The tutors are always here for us and they will go the extra mile to boost our confidence and help us with any issues.

I particularly enjoyed communicating with other professionals from around the world and discussing issues raised in the course materials," he adds.

He encourages prospective students to seek this extra help from tutors and other students, as finding a good balance between studying and working full-time is challenging. To be able to do both, discipline and planning is key.

He advises other students to organise their schedule in advance and invest time in assignments and the dissertation.

NEW WAYS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING

Through studying the LLM, George hopes to broaden his skills and advance his career.

The course is exactly what he expected. "My goal is to take the fellowship exam in forensic medicine so that I can achieve specialist registration," he says.

He also doesn't stand still when it comes to learning. Following the fellowship's exams and after the completion of a Diploma in Occupational Medicine, he is looking to start a second master's in occupational medicine – his second specialty along with forensic and legal medicine. Continuous learning is a life goal for George.

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