



MASTER OF HEADACHE DISORDERS

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University of Copenhagen and the Danish Headache Center have developed the Master of Headache Disorders to educate headache professionals.

The Master of Headache Disorders provides you with solid scientific and clinical expertise in headache treatment and an opportunity to develop your competencies in the diagnosis, treatment, and management of headache disorders.

The Master's programme started in 2016 and is now well established. We are inviting health care professionals to apply for the 6th Master of Headache Disorders.

World-class scientists and practitioners

The programme offers a faculty consisting of well-known and respected international headache specialists, who excel in teaching

headache medicine. You will get a unique opportunity to learn from some of the best and most internationally recognised experts who cover every aspect of headache science.

Programme structure

The Master of Headache Disorders is a 60 ECTS postgraduate programme, designed to be completed over two years of part-time study alongside full-time employment.

Courses and learning methods

The programme uses a variety of learning methods designed to provide you with the optimal learning environment. The first four modules are blended learning courses, combining an e-learning module with a week of intensive on-campus study.

As a part of the programme, you will participate in three weeks of clinical education with case presentations and best practices at the Danish Headache Center.

"This programme is truly unique, and I wholeheartedly recommend it to anyone interested in learning more about headache disorders. It's led by world-class experts and brings together students from various backgrounds, including doctors, osteopaths, pharmacists, physiotherapists, and more."

- Kylie Rose Petrarca,
Registered Nurse from the
United States



Semester 1

Course 1: Epidemiology and Diagnosis of Headache and Facial Pain 7.5 ECTS

Course 2: Mechanisms and Comorbidities of Headache and Facial Pain 7.5 ECTS

Semester 2

Course 3: Investigations and Management of Headache and Facial Pain 7.5 ECTS

Course 4: Organization of Headache Care and Clinical Practice 7.5 ECTS

Semester 3

Course 5: Clinical Course at a Specialized Headache Center 10 ECTS

Semester 4

Course 6: Master's project 20 ECTS

"The tutors and course leads are fantastic and their enthusiasm for headache medicine and your education is a real highlight of this course for me."

- Michael Long, GP with special interest in Headache from the UK



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEADACHE CARE

The Impact of the Master of Headache Disorders.

A recent survey of MHD graduates shows that, with 80 students from **36 countries** and a wide range of professional backgrounds, the programme is empowering healthcare professionals to drive change, improve diagnosis and treatment, and expand access to specialised care worldwide.

96% reported career advancement, with nearly half seeing a salary increase

69% are actively involved in headache care, and **90%** regularly share their expertise

42% now work in specialized headache clinics, while **23%** have opened their own services

58% are contributing to headache research, with many involved in clinical trials and publications



For healthcare professionals who care for headache

Excellence in headache treatment relies on multidisciplinary collaboration. Neurologists and other doctors, specialised nurses, psychologists, psychiatrists, pharmacists, dentists and physiotherapists are all part of modern tertiary headache centres. Applicants with one of the above or similar degrees and a minimum of 2 years experience in the field of headache and pain medicine are

invited to apply for admission to the Master of Headache Disorders. The programme takes place from October 2026 to June 2028.

Grants

You can apply for a grant to help cover part of the tuition fee and the travel expenses. Read more at: **mhd.ku.dk**

Application deadline 1 May 2026

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