**SPECIAL REGULATIONS: GRADUATE CERTIFICATE NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBING**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. These special regulations relate only to the following programme:

Graduate Certificate in Non-Medical Prescribing

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1. All entrants must satisfy the programme’s requirements concerning clearance in relation to criminal convictions. Students on the programme must remain in good standing in relation to such requirements, including, where required, registration for the updating of certificates by the Disclosure and Barring Service.
2. In addition to the Health and Social Care Continuing Professional Development Scheme entry requirements entrants must meet the following requirements:
3. they must be a registered nurse, midwife or specialist community public health nurse and have at least three years’ experience in registered practice;
4. they must have been practising in the clinical field which there is intent to prescribe for twelve months immediately preceding the application;
5. there has to be evidence of an ability in diagnosis and physical examination to enable application of nurse prescribing skills; this can be a recognised qualification or evidence of relevant experience supported by an employer;
6. they must have a Designated Medical Practitioner who meets the eligibility criteria for the practice supervision of nurse and midwife prescribers.

**ASSESSMENT**

1. All elements of assessment must be passed.
2. The pass mark for some assessments will vary according to need but these will be returned as Pass/ Fail only. For assessments using the standard pass mark the actual mark will be returned. The module mark will only be based on assessments using the standard pass mark.

**ACCREDITATION OF PRIOR LEARNING (APL)**

1. APL is not permitted.

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