

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: BSc (HONS) NURSING (ADULT) PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION

1. These Special Regulations relate only to the following programme:
 - BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult) - September 2019 validation

ADMISSION

2. The requirements for admissions are those set out in the General Regulations for the Conferment of Awards; the additional requirements are set out below.
3. All entrants are required to attend a selection day/event, and complete any assessments prescribed as part of the selection process.

GENERAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

4. All entrants are to satisfy the University in relation to health clearance (including occupational health requirements) following the prescribed procedures at the time of application.
5. All entrants must satisfy the requirements concerning clearance in relation to criminal convictions and any other requirements specified by the University, taking account of the requirements of the regulatory bodies, in relation to the protection of vulnerable persons. 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.

ADDITIONAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

6. In addition to the entrance requirements specified in the General Regulations for the Conferment of Awards and any additional requirements specified by professional or regulatory bodies entrants to the programme must obtain the required UCAS tariff points. This should normally comprise three A-levels at grades BCC or above OR equivalent qualification and two GCSEs grade 4-9 to include Maths and English Language OR Functional Skills Level 2 OR equivalent qualification.
7. The Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) specify requirements to ensure, in the interests of public protection, that entrants to pre-registration programmes have a foundation of literacy and numeracy skills.
8. Where the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) is offered as evidence the University will apply the NMC requirements for overseas applicants to the register. In these cases, the NMC require a minimum overall level of 7 in the test. However, a level 6.5 in writing will be accepted alongside a level 7 in reading, listening and speaking.

PROGRAMME AWARD

9. The award of BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult) is made upon successful completion of 360 credits over a period of 3 years full-time. This is the only award that infers eligibility to apply for registration with the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC).

CLASSIFICATION

10. In calculating the honours degree class the marks for each theory module are weighted according to their credit rating and the level of the module, with Level 6 marks weighted to Level 5 marks in the ratio 60:40.
11. For the classification of a BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult) a weighted average of the marks of the 4 theory modules at Level 5 (year 2) and the marks of the 4 theory modules at Level 6 (years 3) will be used and rounded to the nearest integer, as follows:
 - a. where the final mark is 70% and above, the award of First Class Honours will be made;
 - b. where the final mark is 60% - 69%, the award of Upper Second Class Honours will be made;
 - c. where the final mark is 50% - 59% the award of Lower Second Class Honours will be made;
 - d. where the final mark is 40% - 49% the award of Third Class Honours will be made.

DEFAULT EXIT AWARDS NOT LEADING TO PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

12. For a student who passes the theory modules and the assessment of practice in years 1 and 2 but does not complete the final year, the Board of Examiners must consider recommending an exit award that does not lead to professional recognition.
13. The following exit awards are available to students not recommended for an award leading to professional registration.
 - a. To qualify for a Bachelor of Science degree in Adult Wellbeing and Care students must:
 - i. Pass at least 60 credits at level 6
 - ii. Pass level 5
 - iii. Pass level 4
 - b. To qualify for a Diploma of Higher Education in Adult Wellbeing and Care students must:
 - i. Pass level 5
 - ii. Pass level 4
 - c. To qualify for a Certificate of Higher Education in Adult Wellbeing and Care students must:
 - i. Pass level 4

14. Where an award cannot be recommended, the Board may recommend the award of institutional credits.
15. Aegrotat awards may be offered at the discretion of the Board of Examiners as outlined in the regulations; however, such awards would not provide eligibility to apply for admission to the relevant professional register.

CREDIT EXEMPTION ON ENTRY

16. Entrants may gain exemption from modules in line with the University's policy in the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).
17. For applicants other than those who have a current registration at first or second level with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), RPL of up to a maximum of 50% of the programme will be considered, provided all the requirements are met in full.
18. For applicants who have a current registration at first or second level with the NMC, unlimited RPL will be considered providing that all requirements are met in full.
19. For nursing students requesting transfer from another institution, a transcript, reference, completed assessment of practice documentation and validated record of placement hours will be required. All applicants' past theory and practice learning will be mapped against the programme's modules.

PERIODS OF REGISTRATION

20. The programme is full-time comprising 2,300 hours theory and 2,300 hours practice experience.
21. The minimum and maximum period of registration for students recommended for a professional award, including periods for interruption and reassessment, together with credits transferred from another higher education institution or programme at the University, are as follows:
 - a. 3 years minimum and 6 years' maximum for full time students;

MODULES

22. Students on this programme will not be able to choose starred modules.

ASSESSMENT

23. All assessments must be passed. This includes theoretical assessments and those involved in the assessment of practice.
24. Assessment of Practice will be assessed on a pass/fail basis.

COMPENSATION

25. The programme is excluded from University regulations regarding compensation.

26. There can be no compensation for failure in the assessment of practice and there can be no compensation between theory and practice. Students must pass successfully all elements of practice learning.

PROGRESSION

27. A student may only progress from one year or one part of the programme to the next on successful completion of the required practice assessment.
28. The programme is excluded from University regulations regarding trail and progress.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND CONDUCT

29. Students are required to make a formal declaration of good health and good character at the beginning of each year of the programme.
30. As a condition of a professional award, students must successfully meet the requirements concerning attendance and professional practice, together with the requirements of the regulatory bodies relating to student conduct, good health and good character. Potential breaches of professional conduct will be subject to the fitness to practise procedures for the Faculty.

EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

31. At least one External Examiner appointed to the programme must be appropriately experienced and qualified in the relevant area of practice and, unless other arrangements are agreed with the appropriate regulatory body, be from the relevant part of the Register.

Approved by Academic Board, 14 June 2019.