

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice

INTRODUCTION

Course title	BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice
Course code	
Exit awards (if these regulations are also applicable to the exit awards)	BSc Health Studies in Perioperative Studies Diploma of Higher Education in Perioperative Studies Certificate of Higher in Perioperative Studies
Module titles and codes (if these regulations are applicable to certain modules only)	N/A
Date effective from	September 2023
Date effective to	September 2029

Admission

- 1 The requirements for admissions are those set out in the General Regulations for the Conferment of Awards; The additional requirements are set out below
- 2 All applicants are required to attend a selection day/event, participate in a values-based selection process via Interview and complete any assessments as part of the selection process.

General Entry Requirements

- 3 All applicants are to satisfy the University in relation to health clearance (including occupational health requirements) following the prescribed procedures at the time of application.
- 4 All applicants must satisfy the requirements concerning clearance in relation to criminal convictions and any other requirements specified by the University, considering 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

- 5 In addition to the entrance requirements specified in the General Regulations for the Conferment of Awards any additional requirements specified by professional or regulatory bodies' applicants to the course must have achieved at least level 2 in English and mathematics. This would normally be equivalent to grade C/4 in the GCSE examination in English and mathematics.
- 6 Successful applicants must meet communicating and comprehension skills to International English Language Testing System (IETLS), with a requirement of 7.0 with no element below 6.5 on enrolment where English is a second language.

Programme Award

- 7 The award of BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice is made upon successful completion of 360 credits over a period of 3 years full time. The only award for this course that confers eligibility to apply for registration with the UK Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC).
- 8 The classification will be derived from the average mark of the 80 graded credits at level 5 and the average mark of the 80 credits at level 6.
- 9 The average mark at Level 6 will be combined with the average
 - Where the final mark is 70% and above, the award of first-class Honours will be made
 - Where the final mark is 60-69%, the award of Upper Second-Class honours will be made
 - Where the final mark is 50-59% the award of Lower Second-Class Honours will be made
 - Where the final mark is 40-49% the award of Third-Class Honours will be made.

Default Exit awards not leading to Professional Registration

- 10 For a student who passes the theory modules and the assessment of practice in levels 4 and 5 but does not complete the final year at level 6, the Board of Examiners must consider recommending an exit award that does not lead to professional recognition.
- 11 The following exit awards are available to students not recommended for an award leading to professional registration
- 12 To qualify for a Bachelor of Science degree Health Studies in Perioperative Studies students must: pass at least 60 credits at level 6, pass level 5 and pass level 4.
- 13 To qualify for a Diploma of Higher Education in Perioperative Studies students must pass level 5, pass level 4.
- 14 To qualify for a Certificate of Higher Education in Perioperative Studies students must pass level 4.
- 15 Where an award cannot be recommended, the Board may recommend the award of institutional credits.
- 16 Aegrotat awards may be offered at the discretion of the Board of Examiners as outlined in the regulations: however, such awards do not provide eligibility to apply for admission to the relevant UK professional register.

Credit Exemption on Entry

- 17 Applicants may gain exemption from modules in line with the University's policy on the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Procedures for Admissions to Undergraduate Courses with Advanced Standing.
- 18 For Operating Department Practice students requesting transfer from another institution a transcript, reference, completed assessment of practice documentation and placement hours will be required. All applicant's past theory and practice learning will be mapped against the course's modules.

Assessment

- 19 All assessments must be passed. This includes theoretical assessments and those involved in the assessment of practice.

Compensation

- 20 The course is excluded from university regulations regarding compensation.

Trail and Progress

- 21 Trail and Progress will be allowed for 40 credits to accommodate Practice (40 Credit module) and academic modules but not both together, providing students have passed at least 80 credits of their current level of study, but have outstanding reassessment opportunities in up to 40 credits and have achieved marks in the range of 30-39% for all failed modules.

Maximum Period of Registration

- 22 The maximum period of registration is five years.

Professional Practice and Conduct

- 23 Students are required to make a formal declaration of good health and good character at the beginning of each year of the course.
- 24 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 Low-level concerns and Fitness to practice procedures for the faculty.

External Examiners

- 25 At least one External Examiner appointed to the course 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.

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