

ADDITIONAL COURSE REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION

Course title	Operating Department Practitioner (Integrated Degree) Apprenticeship containing BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice
Course SITS code(s)	U2481001
Protected titles/awards (only available to students who pass all academic and professional requirements)	From September 2026: Operating Department Practitioner (Integrated Degree) Apprenticeship L6 containing BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice Before September 2025: Operating Department Practitioner (Integrated Degree) Apprenticeship containing BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice (Apprenticeship)
Implementation date	September 2026
Applies to	All Cohorts, except as identified below

1. The Regulations for Taught Awards apply in full to this course, except as detailed in these Additional Course Regulations. In any conflict between the two, this document shall take precedence.

PROTECTED AWARD

2. The only award for this course that confers eligibility to apply for professional registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) is Operating Department Practitioner (Integrated Degree) Apprenticeship containing BSc (Hons) Operating Department Practice. Apprentices must meet all academic and professional requirements of the course, including those related to student conduct, good health and good character, to qualify for this award.
3. Aegrotat awards do not confer eligibility to apply for admission to the relevant professional register.
4. Apprentices who are unable to meet all the academic and professional requirements may be eligible for alternative awards as set out in the approved course documentation. These awards do not confer eligibility to apply for registration with the HCPC.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

5. Where there is prior learning, the content and duration of the apprenticeship must be reduced to reflect this. The new (reduced) duration must still meet the minimum

threshold of 12 months. At least 883 of the paid hours for the new (reduced) duration must be spent on off-the-job training.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION

6. Apprentices must remain in employment for the duration of the course. Where an apprentice loses access to clinical placement or employment for more than 4 weeks, the apprentice will be required to interrupt through the University's standard or withdraw with any relevant alternative award.
7. Apprentices must make a formal declaration of good health and good character at the beginning of each year of the course.
8. Apprentices must remain in good standing in relation to fitness to practise.

HURDLES

9. All components of assessment must be passed.

RETRIEVAL FOR ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

10. Apprentices are permitted two reassessment attempts for academic modules only.
11. An apprentice's first reassessment attempt must be taken in the next available timetabled assessment period.
12. An apprentice's second reassessment attempt must be taken in the next available timetabled assessment period. This can be during the same academic year as the two initial assessment attempts.

RETRIEVAL OF PRACTICE

13. Apprentices will be permitted one reassessment opportunity for each assessment of practice.

COMPENSATION

14. Compensation is not permitted.

TRAILING CREDIT FOR STUDENTS COMMENCING THE COURSE FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

15. An apprentice may only progress from one year or one part of the course to the next on successful completion of the required practice assessment.
16. A maximum of 30 credits may be trailed.

TRAILING CREDIT FOR STUDENTS COMMENCING THE COURSE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 2026

17. An apprentice may only progress from one year or one part of the course to the next on successful completion of the required practice assessment.
18. A maximum of 40 credits may be trailed.

FITNESS TO PRACTISE

19. The employer's disciplinary or fitness to practise procedure will apply to apprentices on this course.
20. The University Fitness to Practise procedure may also apply on this course. Where an Apprentice is subject to a Fitness to Practise referral, continuation on the course, and engagement with current and future assessment or retrieval opportunities related to professional practice will only be possible:
- (i) where the Fitness to Practise process deems this to be appropriate and
 - (ii) where any precautionary measures linked to practice are lifted.

VERSION CONTROL STATEMENT

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