SPECIAL REGULATIONS: POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA / MA YOUTH WORK AND COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

1 In these special regulations, 'the University' refers to Canterbury Christ Church University and 'the College' to YMCA George Williams College.

2 These special regulations relate to the following programmes:

(a) Postgraduate Diploma Youth Work and Community Learning and Development
(b) M.A. Youth Work and Community Learning and Development

3 All programmes are presented only at the College. The Post Graduate Diploma is available as both a qualifying and a non-qualifying programme. The qualifying route is approved by the NYA and the CLD Scotland and is endorsed by the JNC.)

DUTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC REGISTRAR PERFORMED BY THE COLLEGE

4 The nominee of the Principal of the College will perform the duties of the Academic Registrar of the University set out in the Regulation and Credit Framework for the Conferment of Awards.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5 Entrants must be able to demonstrate that they will be able to meet the practice requirements for the full duration of the programme.

6 Entrants must provide written evidence of the full support of their employer, including the release from normal duties to undertake their studies and the participation of their line manager in the assessment process.

7 Entrants must be able to demonstrate through their applications and interviews:

(a) experience in the field of youth and work and community learning and development, playwork, social work or a related area;
(b) the ability to reflect critically upon their experience and learn from it;
(c) the capacity to participate in the learning processes of the programme
(d) the ability to work constructively with the experiences of others;
(e) an informed commitment to work for equal opportunities and justice for all;
(f) the ability to manage different aspects of their lives; and
(g) the ability to communicate with others both face-to-face and in writing.

8 In addition to these requirements, applicants must be able to demonstrate:

(a) The ability to study and practice at postgraduate level. This will normally be demonstrated through the possession of a first degree (2.ii or above);
(b) The relevance of that degree to the subject of youth and community learning and development, play work, social work or a related area; for applicants who

have substantive experience and understanding of these fields, it may be possible to allow entry if the first degree is not in a directly related field;

(c) Demonstrate that they are working in an appropriate practice environment to the necessary level for the qualification they are applying for. Applicants for the qualifying route will need to work for at least 12 hours a week for the duration of the PGDip programme;

9 Entrants must satisfy the requirements concerning clearance in relation to criminal convictions and any other requirements specified by the University and the College, 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.

ADMISSIONS AND SELECTION

10 All short-listed applicants will be called for interview. Details of the interview, which is part of the selection process, will be made available to the potential students.

11 At least two references, one academic and one practice-based, will normally be required before an offer of a place is made.

PROFESSIONAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

12 Students on the qualifying route of the Post Graduate Diploma must successfully meet the requirements concerning attendance and professional practice.

13 These students must engage in 592 hours of approved professional practice hours of which 296 hours must be with young people aged 13 – 19 years.

14 All students must attend a minimum of 80% of all College-based sessions. In mitigating circumstances students may fulfil the attendance requirement with 70% attendance.

15 The attendance requirement for professional practice is 100%. Normally there is no mitigation for not meeting the attendance requirement for professional practice.

Approved by Academic Board, on 10 September 2012.