**SPECIAL REGULATIONS: POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA MIDWIFERY (SHORTENED PROGRAMME)**

**INTRODUCTION**

1. The Special Regulations relate only to the following programme:

Post Graduate Diploma Midwifery (Shortened Programme)

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1. In addition to the University’s standard entry requirements for postgraduate awards the following will apply. An applicant must:
2. be registered as adult nurses (level 1) with the NMC, with a minimum of one year in clinical practice; and
3. must make a declaration of good health and good character on admission to, during and on completion of the programme.
4. All applicants who satisfy the entry requirements will be interviewed. An applicant must be successful at the interview to be awarded a place on the programme. Interviews are conducted in partnership with representatives from the NHS Trust hospitals who provide the clinical placements. Applicants are made aware of the selection criteria before attending interview.
5. The offer of a place on the programme is dependent on entrant satisfying the programme’s requirements concerning clearance in relation to criminal convictions, conducted by the placement providers and shared with the University. Failure to pass CRB or occupational health clearance will result in the offer of the place being revoked
6. All entrants must satisfy the 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.

**DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME**

1. This is a full-time programme lasting 78 weeks.

**INTERRUPTIONS**

1. Students are able to take an interruption from the programme but they must complete the programme within two years and six months of the commencement date.
2. If the interruption is for maternity leave, then students must complete the programme within three years and six months.
3. Return to the programme will be dependent upon clearance by Trust occupational health.
4. Students returning from interruption must have a period of orientation to practice dependent upon the length of interruption.

**WITHDRAWALS**

1. Students who choose to withdraw from the programme are required to inform the programme director and the employing NHS Trust in writing of their decision giving one month’s notice, in accordance with NHS Trust policy.

**PROGRESSION**

1. The student must pass all elements of practice and complete all the statutorily required clinical experiences.

**ASSESSMENT RELATING TO THE MODULE 'ADVERSE EVENTS IN CHILDBEARING'**

1. Students will undertake an unseen objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) of two work stations and will be required to pass both components of this OSCE.
2. 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.

**EXTERNAL EXAMINERS**

14 At least one external examiner appointed to the programme/pathway 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, 10 September 2012.