**SPECIAL REGULATIONS: FOUNDATION DEGREE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (AND ALL NAMED PATHWAYS)**

**INTRODUCTION**

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

Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care (and all named pathways)

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1. The requirements for admissions are those set out in the Regulation and Credit Framework for the Conferment of Awards with the exception of the following.
2. In addition to the University’s standards entry requirements for undergraduate awards applicants must either:
3. (i) be employed for at least 15 hours per week working in the health and social care sector; and
4. where required by a programme/ pathway have the support of their employer who will be required to sign their application form;

or:

1. undertake equivalent activity by working in a voluntary capacity. The precise details can be negotiated but there will still be a requirement for 15 hours per week of relevant work experience and appropriate arrangements in place to provide suitable work-based experiences.
2. In addition applicants must normally:
3. have been working for at least one year in the health and social care sector prior to entry in a paid or voluntary capacity;
4. have certificated evidence of Level 2 literacy and numeracy.
5. Candidates without the qualifications detailed in the Regulation and Credit Framework for the Conferment of Awards may be eligible for entry to the Foundation Degree if they can demonstrate an ability to study at a suitable level.
6. In addition, those candidates applying to the Paramedic Practice pathway will need to demonstrate:
	1. Employment with South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECAmb)
	2. 5 GCSE’s (or equivalent) to include Science, English Language and Mathematics at grade C or above.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. Candidates must retain access to appropriate work-based activities throughout their studies.
2. Candidates on the Paramedic Practice pathway must maintain the terms and conditions of employment with SECAmb or they may be asked to withdraw or transfer to a different pathway.

**SELECTION PROCEDURES**

1. Candidates who satisfy the Entry Requirements will be required to attend a selection interview. The process of acceptance may also include additional aptitude tests.

**ASSESSMENT**

1. Students must pass all ‘work place evidence tools’. These will be graded as either 'Pass (P)' or 'Fail (F)'.
2. Students must pass all individual assessments.

**COMPENSATION**

1. All pathways within the programme are excluded from compensation.

**RESIT ARRANGEMENTS**

1. Students on the Paramedic Practice pathway are only eligible for one practice assessment resit opportunity at both levels 4 and 5.

**PARAMEDIC PRACTICE EXIT AWARDS NOT LEADING TO PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION**

1. 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 Health & Care Professions Council register.

**EXTERNAL EXAMINERS**

1. At least one external examiner appointed to the Paramedic Practice pathway must be appropriately experienced and qualified in the relevant area of practice and, unless other arrangements are agreed with the Health & Care Professions Council, be from the relevant part of the Register.

Approved by Academic Board, 24 June 2015.

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**SCHEDULE ONE**

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

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| **Amendment** | **Date Approved** | **Effective From**  |
| Inclusion of additional entry requirements for the Paramedic Practice pathway |  | September 2015 |
| Amendment of ‘Practice Portfolio’ to ‘Work Place Evidence Tools’ |  | September 2015 |
| Exclusion of the programme (all pathways) from compensation |  | April 2015 |
| Inclusion of a statement that stipulates students on the Paramedic Practice pathway are only eligible for one resit attempt at practice assessment in levels 4 and 5. |  | September 2015 |
| Addition of a statement that clarifies aegrotat awards do not provide eligibility to apply for entry to the professional register. |  | September 2015 |
| Addition of a statement that clarifies at least one external examiner should be on the appropriate part of the relevant professional register. |  | September 2015 |