**SPECIAL REGULATIONS: BSc (HONS) MIDWIFERY (APPLIED)**

**INTRODUCTION**

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

BSc (Hons) Midwifery (Applied)

**PROGRAMME AWARD**

1. The award of BSc (Hons) Midwifery (Applied) is made upon successful completion of 480 credits over a period of 4 years full-time or 8 years part-time.
2. The programme is structured as follows:
	1. Year 1 - 120 credits at level 4
	2. Year 2 – 120 credits at level 5
	3. Year 3 – 120 credits at level 6
	4. Year 4 – 120 credits at level 6 (including a 30 credit placement module – see below)
3. To qualify for a Bachelor’s degree with honours in Midwifery (Applied) students must:
	1. pass at least 480 credits of which 240 credits must be at level 6
	2. pass level 5
	3. pass level 4

**DEFAULT AWARDS NOT LEADING TO PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION**

1. For a student who passes the theoretical elements of all modules and the assessment of practice in years 1, 2 and 3 but does not complete the final year, the Board of Examiners must consider recommending an exit award that does not lead to professional recognition.
2. The following exit awards are available to students not recommended for an award leading to professional registration.
	1. To qualify for a Bachelor’s degree with honours in Healthcare students must:
		1. pass at least 360 credits of which 120 credits must be at level 6
		2. pass level 5
		3. pass level 4
	2. To qualify for a Bachelor’s degree in Healthcare students must:
		1. pass at least 300 credits of which 60 credits must be at level 6
		2. pass level 5
		3. pass level 4
	3. To qualify for a DipHE in Healthcare students must:
		1. pass level 5
		2. pass level 4
	4. To qualify for a CertHE in Healthcare students must:
		1. pass level 4
3. 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.

**CLASSIFICATION**

1. In calculating the honours degree class the marks for each module are weighted according to their credit rating and the level of the module, with Level 6 marks weighted to Level 5 marks in the ratio 60:40.
2. For the classification of a Bachelor’s degree with honours in Midwifery (Applied) a weighted average of the marks of the best 100 credits at Level 5 (year 2) and the marks of the best 100 credits at each year of Level 6 (years 3 & 4) will be used and rounded to the nearest integer, as follows:
	1. where the final mark is 70% and above, the award of First Class Honours will be made;
	2. where the final mark is 60% - 69%, the award of Upper Second Class Honours will be made;
	3. where the final mark is 50% - 59% the award of Lower Second Class Honours will be made;
	4. where the final mark is 40% - 49% the award of Third Class Honours will be made.
3. The classification for a Bachelor’s degree with honours in Healthcare is calculated as per the University regulations as outlined in the Regulation and Credit Framework for the Conferment of Awards

**MODULE CREDITS**

1. Students may take a 30 credit module at level 6 as this will enable them to meet the Greek professional body’s (SEMMA) requirements. The 30 credit module cannot be discarded for the purpose of classification.

**CREDIT EXEMPTION ON ENTRY**

1. Entrants may gain exemption from modules in line with the University’s policy in the Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) however no Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) is permitted.

**ASSESSMENT**

1. All assessments must be passed. This includes theoretical assessments and those involved in the assessment of practice.
2. Assessment of Practice will receive a mark.

**REASSESSMENT RESTRICTIONS**

1. A student may be reassessed in a practice assessment on one occasion only for each assessment of practice.
2. A student who fails a practice assessment after all module reassessment opportunities have been exhausted will not be allowed to repeat the module and will be required to withdraw from the programme.

**COMPENSATION**

1. The programme is excluded from University regulations regarding compensation.
2. There will be no compensation for failure in the assessment of practice and there can be no compensation between theory and practice. Students must pass successfully all elements of practice learning.

**PROGRESSION**

1. A student may only progress from one year or one stage of the programme to the next on successful completion of the required practice assessment.
2. Students on the programme are excluded from the University trail & progress regulations however may continue into the next stage of the programme with outstanding reassessment opportunities provided this is in exceptional circumstances only and the final reassessment opportunity for the referred credits must occur and be confirmed within 12 weeks of entering the next stage of the programme.

**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE AND CONDUCT**

1. As a condition of a professional award, students must meet successfully the requirements concerning attendance and professional practice, together with the requirements of the regulatory bodies relating to student conduct, good health and good character. Breaches of professional conduct will be subject to the fitness to practise procedures for the Faculty.

**EXTERNAL EXAMINERS**

1. At least one external examiner appointed to the programme/pathway must be appropriately experienced and qualified in the relevant area of practice.

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**SCHEDULE ONE**

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

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