

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: FOUNDATION DEGREE IN SOCIAL CARE STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

1 The Special Regulations relate only to the following programme:

- Foundation Degree in Social Care Studies

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

2 The requirements for admissions are those set out in the General Regulations for the Conferment of Awards with the exception of the following.

3 In addition to the University's standards entry requirements for undergraduate awards applicants must either:

- i. be employed for at least 15 hours per week working in the social care sector; and
 - ii. have the support of their employer who will be required to sign their application form;
- or:

- iii. undertake equivalent activity by working in a voluntary capacity in a social care setting. 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. The programme will not normally be appropriate for self-employed individuals. However, in exceptional circumstances applicants will be considered if they can prove that they have a mentor, who works in a suitable field of work, willing and able to provide objective support.

4 In addition applicants must normally have certificated evidence of Level 2 literacy and numeracy.

5 Candidates without the qualifications detailed in the General Regulations 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.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

6 Candidates must retain access to appropriate work-based activities throughout their studies. If this proves to be impossible then a candidate may be asked to withdraw or transfer to a different pathway.

SELECTION PROCEDURES

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

ASSESSMENT

- 8 Students must pass the Work Place Evidence Tool (WPET). These will be marked as either 'Pass (P)' or 'Fail (F)'.

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