**SPECIAL REGULATIONS: PGDIP PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE STUDIES**

**INTRODUCTION**

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

PGDip Physicians Associate Studies

**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. All applicants are required to have:
2. a 2:1 in a relevant subject in the life sciences such as biological sciences, biomedical sciences, sports science, biochemistry and pharmacy. However, other areas may be accepted if capability is demonstrated by the applicant at interview.
3. GCSEs in Maths and English grades A-C.
4. Some experience in caring for people. This may be through voluntary or paid work such as in a hospital, care home or caring for a relative.
5. Overseas applicants whose first language is not English are required to have an overall IELTS score of 7.5 with a minimum score of 7.0 in each testing area of writing, speaking, reading and listening.
6. Due to the nature of the placements and the profession, successful students will also be required to have a clear Disclosure and Barring Service report and satisfactory occupational health clearance.

**ASSESSMENT**

1. All assessments must be passed. This includes all individual elements of theoretical assessment and those involved in the assessment of practice.

**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.

**PROGRESSION**

1. A student may only progress from one year or one stage of the programme to the next on successful completion of all individual elements of the assessment of theory.
2. Students are expected to successfully complete all assessment of practice competencies from year one before starting year two. However, in exceptional circumstances, if a student has not had the opportunity to demonstrate achievement of all practice competencies by the end of year one, these may be carried forward to year two.
3. All assessment of practice competencies must be successfully completed by the end of the programme.

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