

DEPARTURES AND VARIATIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY'S REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK:

BSc Hons Healthcare Science (Cardiac Physiology) (FT) (JN)

BSc Hons Healthcare Science (Respiratory and Sleep Physiology) (FT) (JN)

COVER SHEET

Presenter: Professor A McKillop

Action is required of the Committee as indicated below.

To consider a request from the Faculty of Life and Health Sciences regarding a variation to regulations relating to exit award titles.

This request has been approved by the Associate Dean (Education) on behalf of the Faculty.

UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

4 June 2020

Proposed departures from University regulations - Revalidation Unit 28B Healthcare Science and Health Physiology (UG)

Following the revalidation event for the above revalidation unit on 30 April 2020, consideration of approval by the Academic Standards and Quality Enhancement Committee is sought in respect of departures from the normal University regulations within the following programmes.

- BSc Hons Healthcare Science (Cardiac Physiology) (FT) (JN) (with AB Healthcare Science (Cardiac Physiology) and CertHE Health Physiology exit awards)
- BSc Hons Healthcare Science (Respiratory and Sleep Physiology) (FT) (JN) (with AB Healthcare Science (Respiratory and Sleep Physiology) and CertHE Health Physiology exit awards)

The Healthcare Science programmes are accredited by the National School of Healthcare Science which is part of Health Education England.

Proposals for departure:

1. To permit a different CertHE exit award title to that of the primary Honours degree in each of the two Healthcare Science programmes.

Healthcare Science is a protected title based on the academic requirements of the National School of Healthcare Science, the accrediting body for each of the programmes. Consequently, the use of the title is not permitted in the Certificate of Higher Education exit award since level 4 study would not entail enough study of the relevant specialism to warrant the same exit award title as that of the main award. Students exiting each programme having successfully completed all required level 4 modules would exit with a CertHE in Health Physiology.

2. To permit a departure from the normal progression rule arising from the consequences of failure at the second attempt in respect of a 10-credit point Work-based Learning module taken in each of the programmes during semester 3 at the end of year 2. The modules concerned are:
 - CLS 344 Cardiac Work Based Experience
 - CLS345 Respiratory and Sleep Work Based Experience

The departure is sought in order to prohibit progression into final year of the programme having failed the module at the second attempt.

Students undertake a 9-week placement between May and July. Failing students would have a resit opportunity between the end of semester 3 and the beginning of final year at the end of September. Upon failure at the second attempt, normal progression into final year would not be permitted because students embark in semester 1 of final year on a 40-credit point Work-based Learning module taken over semesters 1 and 2. It would therefore not be permitted to carry a failed WBL module into final year. In addition, the time and workload required to complete the failed module would impact negatively on their ability to complete final year modules.

The above proposals are supported by the Associate Dean (Education).

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