

PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION PRO-FORMA

1. GENERAL INFORMATION		
1.	Programme Title:	MSc Investigative Ophthalmology and Vision Research
2.	Final Award:	MSc Investigative Ophthalmology and Vision Research (Therapeutics) MSc Investigative Ophthalmology and Vision Research (Diabetes) MSc Investigative Ophthalmology and Vision Research
3.	Exit Awards:	PG Diploma Investigative Ophthalmology and Vision Research PG Certificate Investigative Ophthalmology and Vision Research
4.	Awarding Body:	Glasgow Caledonian University
5.	Approval Date:	11 th October 2011 / 2 June 2017
6.	School:	Health and Life Sciences
7.	Host Division/Dept:	Vision Sciences
8.	UCAS Code:	n/a
9.	PSB Involvement:	n/a
10.	Place of Delivery:	GCU
11.	Subject Benchmark Statement:	n/a
12.	Dates of PSP preparation/revision:	July 2020

2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The MSc Investigative Ophthalmology and Vision Research aims to:

- Provide students with advanced knowledge of a range of ocular abnormalities, their diagnosis and management.
- Develop the students' clinical skills and train students to apply these skills in the context of diagnosis and management of ocular abnormalities.
- Provide training in the formulation of a research project based on the logical development of hypotheses.
- Produce graduates who have developed the skills, knowledge and opportunity to pursue careers in research or more senior roles on the optometric industry.
- Produce graduates who are able to integrate theory and clinical practice and who are critical, reflective thinkers.
- Foster an ethos of career-long self-directed learning through continuous professional development.
- Develop further the student's ability to critically analyse published material including supportive data.
- Develop the student's ability to analyse complex scientific research.
- Increase the proficiency of the student in effective communication of scientific knowledge.
- Provide students with a supportive learning environment.
- Be inclusive of all sectors of society and be responsive to the needs of individuals, employers and stakeholders.

PG Diploma Exit Award Objective: This bridging award will be available to students who have completed appropriate theoretical and clinical modules, but not the research project. Students may return to University at a later stage to carry out the research project.

PG Certificate Exit Award Objective: Following completion of three modules that are the basis of the course "Therapeutic Prescribing for Optometrists" students will have accumulated a wide knowledge on common eye conditions and their treatment. Students exiting at this level will generally be aiming for the independent prescriber qualification enabling them to treat a range of ocular conditions independently in their own optometric/ hospital-based practice.

4. PROGRAMME STRUCTURES AND REQUIREMENTS, LEVELS, MODULES, CREDITS AND AWARDS

Note: Some students will be eligible for credits through RPL (i.e. by being GOC-registered). Therefore, some students will have to obtain more M-level credit points than others. Various options will be available to students to accumulate the required number of credits. The minimum number of modules a GOC-registered student without any previous completion of Therapeutics-training would have to complete is three modules worth 20 credits each for a total of 60 credits (e.g. the three Therapeutics modules).

SHEM Level		
Module Code	Module Title	Credit
MMB526587	Introduction to Primary Care Management (optional)#	20
MMB526591	Glaucoma and Advanced Primary Care Management (optional)#	20
MMB626592	Independent Prescribing and Systemic Disease (optional)#	20
Exit Award – PG Certificate IOVR (Therapeutic Prescribing)		60
MMB521439	Advanced Clinical Investigation*	20
MMB521440	Advanced Binocular Vision*	20
M3B525791	Clinical Ophthalmology (optional)	30
MMC126416	Diabetes Care- A Multi Professional Approach (optional) *	20
MMC125884	Chronic Complications of Diabetes (optional) *	15
Exit Award – PG Diploma IOVR		120
MMB521441	Research Project*#	60
MMC926594	M-Skills for Vision Sciences (Optional)	15
MMB526590	Advanced Research Methods for Vision Sciences *#	20
MMB726806	Health Economics (optional)	15
MMB725029	Principles and Theory of Public Health (optional)	15
Other credit-worthy qualifications (via RPL)		
UK GOC registration		40

* Compulsory for Diabetes pathway of the programme

Compulsory for Therapeutics pathway of the programme

8. ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

The Glasgow Caledonian University Regulations apply to this programme.

http://www.gcu.ac.uk/media/gcalwebv2/theuniversity/gag/gagfiles/University_Assessment_Regulations_2016_17_Taught%20Postgraduate.pdf