

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

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| <b>1. Programme title</b>                     | BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition & Dietetics  |
| <b>2. Final Award:</b>                        | BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition & Dietetics<br>With eligibility for HCPC registration in dietetics   |
| <b>3. Exit Awards:</b>                        | Level 1: Certificate of Higher Education in Human Nutrition<br>Level 2: Diploma of Higher Education in Human Nutrition<br>Level 3: BSc in Applied Nutrition |
| <b>4. Awarding Body:</b>                      | Glasgow Caledonian University   |
| <b>5. Approval Date:</b>                      | 25th March 2015   |
| <b>6. School:</b>                             | School of Health & Life Sciences  |
| <b>7. Host Department:</b>                    | Department of Health & Life Sciences  |
| <b>8. UCAS Code:</b>                          | B400  |
| <b>9. PSB Involvement:</b>                    | Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC), British Dietetic Association (BDA)  |
| <b>10. Place of Delivery:</b>                 | Glasgow Caledonian University   |
| <b>11. Subject Benchmark Statement:</b>       | QAA Emerging Health Professions Framework<br>QAA Healthcare Programmes: Dietetics<br>BDA Curriculum Framework 2013  |
| <b>12. Dates of PSP Preparation/Revision:</b> | March 2015/Revised November 2015  |

## 2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The core educational aim of the BSc (Hons) in Human Nutrition and Dietetics is to produce Honours graduates who have specialist knowledge in the field of applied nutrition and therapeutic dietetics, practical skills in the area of clinical nutrition, an in depth understanding of an appropriate range of biological sciences such as biochemistry, microbiology, physiology and pharmacology, together with a sound appreciation for the social sciences of Sociology and Psychology promoting intellectual skills of reasoning and communication skills such as empathy, listening and reflection. We aim to produce Honours graduates who satisfy the QAA Benchmarking Statements and BDA curriculum framework, who meet the HCPC standards of proficiency for knowledge and professional skills and who are fit to practise and embrace lifelong learning.

Honours graduates in dietetics are suitable for work in the NHS, private practice, industry, education, research, sport, media, public relations, publishing, non-government organisations and government. Their advice influences food and health policy across the spectrum from government to local communities and individuals

### **The educational aims of the BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition & Dietetics programme are:**

- To acquire a sound knowledge and understanding of the principal theories, concepts and principles of the biological and social sciences which underpin expertise in nutrition and dietetics.
- To instil confidence in self and personal abilities to enable students to develop their full academic potential and accept significant responsibility for life-long learning.
- To develop strong interpersonal skills appropriate to a wide variety of settings, enabling effective communication with professional level peer, senior colleagues and specialists.
- To develop analytical skills and a logical approach to problem solving.
- To acquire appropriate skills in the use of information technology and the searching and handling of sources of scientific information
- To develop original thought, independent judgment and skills of reflection.
- To enable students to apply theoretical concepts and principles of nutrition to dietetic practice.

On successful completion of level 1, students will have a broad knowledge of nutrition as it relates to health, and be familiar with macronutrients, micronutrients, why they are required by the body and dangers of deficiency or excess. They will have been introduced to key aspects of nutrition and dietetic practice, have undertaken fundamental physiology and cell biology and in tandem with these subjects, they will have a basic understanding of psychological influences on health and an awareness of what multi-disciplinary working means within the health arena.

Exit Award (120 credits) University Certificate in Human Nutrition.

On successful completion of level 2, students will have an understanding what is required in terms of nutrition at each stage in the lifecycle and will have gained further insight into assessment of nutritional status, recipe adaptation energy expenditure and body composition. They will also be familiar with research methods and will have covered introductory modules in microbiology and food science. They will also have undertaken both the campus and placement tasks associated with Placement A and meeting the revised (Oct 2015) placement A competencies.

Exit Award (240 credits) University Diploma in Human Nutrition.

On successful completion of level 3, students will have gained knowledge of individual nutritional assessment, therapeutic diets and dietary management of specific disease states. They will have covered Public Health, basic pharmacology, pathophysiology of disease states and counselling skills.

Exit Award (360 credits) BSc Applied Nutrition.

On successful completion of level 4, students will have experienced a minimum of 24 weeks of practical experience in a dietetic department. They will have undertaken their Honours dissertation and presented the findings via a research poster. They will be eligible to apply for registration with the HCPC as a registered Dietitian.

Exit Award (480 credits) BSc Hons Human Nutrition & Dietetics.

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

Level 1	Module Code		Credits
<b>SHE1 Level</b>			
A/B	M1B102521	Fundamentals of Human Physiology (FHP)	20
A	M1B420283	Essentials of Nutritional Science - Dietetics*(ENS)	20
A	M1C822905	Foundations in Psychology (Foun Psyc)	20
B	M1B423300	Introduction to Nutrition & Dietetic Practice*(INDP)	20
A/B	M1B022653	Foundations for Interprofessional Practice (FIP)	20
A/B	M1C723490	Cells and Biomolecules (CAB 1)	20
<b>SHE2 Level</b>			
A	M2C723491	Mechanisms of cellular regulation (CAB2)	20
A	M2C520233	Introduction to Microbiology (ItM)	20
A	M2B423291	Nutrition through the Lifecycle - UG*(NTLC)	20
B	M2C823059	Introduction to Research in Psychology (IRP)	20
B	M2D602537	Food Science (FS)	20
B	M2B423296	Energy Expenditure and Body Composition*(EEBC)	20
A/B	M2B420669	Clinical placement A (PI A)	0
<b>SHE3 Level</b>			
A/B	M3B423788	Applied Clinical Studies*(ACS)	20
A	M3B423292	Therapeutic Dietetic Studies 1*(TDS1)	20
A	M3B220853	Fundamental Pharmacology (FP)	20
A/B	M3B423294	Introduction to Counselling Skills 1 (CS1)	10
	M3B423295	Introduction to Counselling Skills 2 (CS2)	10
B	M3B423290	Nutrition & Public Health - UG*(NPH)	20
B	M3B423293	Therapeutic Dietetic Studies 2*(TDS2)	20
<b>Level 4</b>			
A	MHB420361	Placement B * (PI B)	40
A	MHB423238	Placement C * (PI C)	40
B	MHB420330	Honours Project Nutrition/Dietetics (Hons Proj)	40

Core modules are indicated with an \*.

Abbreviations in brackets apply to mapping document at end of PSP.

#### Exit Awards

Level 1	Certificate of Higher Education in Human Nutrition	(120 credits)
Level 2	Diploma of Higher Education in Human Nutrition	(240 credits)
Level 3	BSc in Applied Nutrition	(360 credits)
Level 4	BSc (Hons) in Human Nutrition & Dietetics (With eligibility for HCPC registration in Dietetics)	(480 credits)

## 8 ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

The Glasgow Caledonian University Assessment Regulations

### **Undergraduate Programmes**

<http://www.gcu.ac.uk/media/gcalwebv2/theuniversity/gaq/gaqfiles/assessmentregulations/University%20Assessment%20%20Regulations%202015-16%20Undergraduate.pdf>

The Glasgow Caledonian University Assessment Regulations apply to this programme, **with the following approved exceptions:**

#### *1. Attendance Requirements*

Students are required to attend a minimum of 80% of all formal classes. Any student who has less than this attendance rate, without due documented reason, will not be allowed to undertake module assessments and may be required to retake the module with attendance prior to progressing to subsequent levels of the Programme. Unauthorised absence from a module may result in the student being required to withdraw from the Programme. The justification for this requirement is that one of the PSB requirements for students on an HPC registered programme is that they attain a minimum of 80% attendance. This is to ensure that all students have satisfied all learning outcomes of the modules, especially in relation to Standards of Proficiency and Fitness to Practice, and to instil an ethos of professionalism in the students which will underpin their work in Practice Placements. All students will be made fully aware of this requirement in all Programme and Module handbooks and other documentation, as well as on commencement of the programme.

#### *2. International Student's English Language requirements*

International applicants have to demonstrate, and provide evidence of, a proficiency in English to at least level 7 of IELTS (or equivalent), with no element below 6.5, as per HCPC requirements.

#### *3. Compensation*

Compensation for failure in a single module when students have passed all other modules at any one level will not normally apply to core modules. Within these core modules students must achieve the minimum pass mark of 40% in each component of the assessment. The core modules in the programme have been identified as:

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- Essentials of Nutritional Science - Dietetics (Level 1)
- Introduction to Nutrition & Dietetic Practice (Level 1)
- Nutrition through the Lifecycle - UG (Level 2)
- Energy Expenditure and Body Composition (Level 2)
- Therapeutic Dietetic Studies 1 (Level 3)
- Therapeutic Dietetic Studies 2 (Level 3)
- Nutrition & Public Health - UG (Level 3)
- Applied Clinical Studies (Level 3)

- Placement B (Level 4)
- Placement C (Level 4)

This is to ensure all students have met the required Standards of Proficiency in clinical subject areas. In addition, students on the BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition and Dietetics cannot be compensated for failure in the Practice Placement module.

#### 4. *Carrying of failed modules into subsequent levels*

GCU assessment regulations allow for the carrying of up to two failed modules into subsequent levels of the Programme. The BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition and Dietetics Programmes will not normally permit this to occur. The rationale for this is that it must be ensured that necessary Standards of Proficiency which underpin subsequent higher level modules have been attained by students before progressing to the next level of the Programme.

#### 5. *HCPC Registration*

Students who are awarded a BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition & Dietetics will be eligible to apply for registration with HCPC.

#### 6. Honours classification – BSc (Hons) Human Nutrition & Dietetics.

The classification of the award of the Degree with Honours will be based upon the best 180 from 240 marks obtained in Level Three (120 credits) and Level Four (120 credits) as per the guidance given in *Section 19.7.1, of the University Assessment Regulations 15-1*.

*“The credit-weighted average mark to be used is that from a set of SCQF 10 and SCQF 9 modules that comprise 180 credits in total, and produce the highest credit-weighted average mark. The set of modules (termed the Calculation Set) must include at least 90 credits at SCQF 10, and include a Dissertation if it is part of the programme”.*

#### 7. *Non-Honours Awards*

Students who exit the Programme at levels 1, 2 or 3 will not be eligible for the award title *Human Nutrition and Dietetics*, nor will they be eligible to register with the HCPC. They will however be conferred the following Exit Awards: Level 1 University Certificate in Human Nutrition (120 credits); Level 2) University Diploma in Human Nutrition (240 credits); Level 3 BSc in Applied Nutrition (360 credits).