

SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF LIFE SCIENCES

BSc Ophthalmic Dispensing

Glasgow Caledonian University Programme Specification Pro-forma

1.	GENERAL INFORMATION	
1.	Programme Title:	BSc Ophthalmic Dispensing
2.	Final Award:	BSc Ophthalmic Dispensing
3.	Exit Awards:	BSc Life Science University Certificate in Eye Care Support University Diploma in Eye Care Assistance University Diploma in Ophthalmic Dispensing
4.	Awarding Body:	Glasgow Caledonian University
5.	Approval Date:	BSc September 2001, DipHE September 1972
6.	School:	Health and Life Sciences
7.	Host Dept:	Life Sciences
8.	UCAS Code:	B502
9.	PSB Involvement:	General Optical Council
10.	Place of Delivery:	GCU, Private Ophthalmic Practice, Hospital and Charitable Eye-care Units.
11.	Subject Benchmark Statement:	None Applicable
12.	Dates of PSP preparation/revision:	January 2012

2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The Ophthalmic Dispensing Programme aims to:

(i) provide an understanding of the scientific investigation of human health and disease, and evidence-based practice;

(ii) produce graduates who have developed the skills, knowledge and competence to practice in Ophthalmic Dispensing at Assistant and Practitioner level;

(iii) produce graduates who are able to integrate theory and practice and who are critical, reflective thinkers;

(iv) foster an ethos of career-long, self-directed learning through continuous professional development;

(v) provide students with a supportive learning environment both be inclusive of all sectors of society and be responsive to the needs of individuals, employers and stakeholders;

(vi) encourage the development of high-level communication skills with all

sectors of society.

(vii) envisage new opportunities for the themselves and for the profession of Ophthalmic Dispensing

The assessment elements are as follows:

SECTION 4: PROGRAMME STRUCTURES AND REQUIREMENTS, LEVELS, MODULES, CREDITS AND AWARDS		
Module Code	Module Title	Credit
M1B521613	Foundations of Optics	40
M1B521616	Ophthalmic Materials	20
M1B521615	Optical Appliances	20
M1B521614	Ophthalmic Anatomy and Physiology	20
M1B521589	Refraction and Binocular Vision I	20
Exit Award- University Certificate in Eye Care Support		120 @L1
M2B521620	Clinical Dispensing Practice and Communication	20
M2B521618	Diagnostic Techniques (DO)	20
M2B521593	Refraction and Binocular Vision 2	20
M2B521619	Ophthalmic Pathology and Pharmacology	20
M2B521621	Lighting, Colour and Optical Devices	20
M2B521622	Ophthalmic Professional Studies, Law & Management	10
M2B521617	Low Vision	10
Exit Awards – University Diploma in Eye Care Assistance		120 @ L2
University Diploma in Ophthalmic Dispensing		120 @ L1
		Total 240
M3B521623	Dispensing Practice 1	40
M3B521624	Dispensing Practice 2	40
M3B521625	Investigating Management in Healthcare	20
M3B521626	Management planning in Healthcare	20
M2B913250	Advanced Orthoptics 1	20
MHB920224	Contact Lenses	20
M3B521596	Investigating Management in Healthcare	20
M3N123210	New Venture Creation	20
M3B512448	Clinical Studies & Review	20
M3B513316	DIRECTED LITERATURE AND CASE REVIEW	20
Exit Award – BSc in Life Science		Total 360
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ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

The Glasgow Caledonian University Assessment Regulations have been approved and apply to this programme with the following exceptions:
Students may not be compensated in core Clinical Practice Education Module(s) essential to Ophthalmic Dispensing practice, namely Dispensing Practice 1 & 2.
A student who fails / voids Clinical Practice Education Module(s) will normally be required to re-enter these modules either during the students' summer recess, or as an attached student as determined by the Programme Assessment Board. The specific dates will be determined by placement availability and opportunity for a period of learning

Students are required to successfully complete all specific GOC competency assessments in levels 1 and 2 before progressing to level 3

A student who fails competency assessment in level 1 or 2 will normally be permitted to take these individually up to a maximum of 4 attempts in total.

Failure to attend a minimum of 80% of scheduled public clinics at GCU or elsewhere will normally result in the failure of the level 2 module *Clinical Dispensing Practice and Communication*.

On successful completion of the programme, and with no more than 40 credits of modules replaced, the student will be eligible for the exit award of: BSc Life Sciences

The award above will not bring eligibility to apply for inclusion in the General Optical Council register or be a route to such.

On successful completion of Level Three of the full Ophthalmic Dispensing programme the following exit awards are possible. :

- i. BSc Ophthalmic Dispensing. This award requires completion of a separate Scheme for Registration.
- ii. In accordance with standards agreed by the General Optical Council, an aegrotat degree, awarded at Level Three, WILL NOT allow a candidate to register with the Health Professions Council. Such an aegrotat award will carry no other title than Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Life Science.