

Programme Specification

Glasgow Caledonian University Programme Specification Pro-forma

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.	Programme Title:	BSc (Hons) Orthoptics
2.	Final Award:	BSc (Hons) Orthoptics
3.	Exit Awards:	University Certificate in Eye Care Support University Diploma in Eye Care Assistance BSc Life Science
4.	Awarding Body:	Glasgow Caledonian University
5.	Approval Date:	October 2011
6.	School:	Health and Life Sciences
7.	Host Dept:	Life Sciences
8.	UCAS Code:	N/A
9.	PSB Involvement:	Health and Care Professions Council for Orthoptics (HCPC)
10.	Place of Delivery:	GCU, NHS Eye Departments in various hospitals.
11.	Subject Benchmark Statement:	QAA Orthoptics
12.	Dates of PSP preparation/revision:	21/7/2015

2. EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE PROGRAMME

The Orthoptics Programme aims to:

- (i) provide an understanding of the scientific investigation of human health and disease;
- (ii) produce graduates who have developed the skills, knowledge and competence to practice in Orthoptics at Assistant and Practitioner level and who are eligible for registration with HCPC;
- (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.

In addition, honours students undertaking the project will:

- Conduct a literature survey to support an investigative dissertation/project;
- Propose reasoned lines of further investigation:
- Design and prepare a project / dissertation under supervision

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

Module Code	Module Title	Credit
M1L513249	Foundations in Practice in Health and Social Care	20
M1B521880	Refraction and Binocular Vision I	20
M1B522293	Ophthalmic Anatomy and Physiology A	20
M1B522294	Ophthalmic Anatomy and Physiology B	20
M1B521541	Child Development and Health	20
M1B522298	Optics II	10
M1B521543	Clinical Practice Education 1	10
Exit Award- University certificate in Eye Care Support		120 @L1
M2B521591	General Systemic Pathology/ Physiology and Microbiology	20
M1B521593	Refraction and Binocular Vision II	20
M2B521590	Clinical Practice Education 2	10
M2B521594	General And Ocular Diagnostic Pharmacology	20
M2B521592	Diagnostic techniques	40
M2B522306	Introductory Ocular Disease	10
Exit Award – University Diploma in Eye Care Assistance		120 @ L2 120 @ L1 Total 240
M3B523852	Incomitant Strabismus	10
M3B521596	Advanced Orthoptics 1	20
M3B523854	Advanced Orthoptics 2	20
M3B522376	Clinical Research Methods	10
M3B522381	Clinical Ophthalmology	30
M3B521599	Clinical Practice Education 3	30

		120 @ L3 120 @ L2 120 @ L1 Total 360
Exit Award – BSc in Life Science		
MHB512517	Honours Project / Dissertation	40
MHB523855	Advanced orthoptics-3	20
M3B523871	Investigating Management in Healthcare	20
MHB521637	Clinical Practice Education 4	40
		120 @L4 120@L3 120@L2 120@L1 Total 480
Final Award – BSc (Hons) Orthoptics		

8. ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS

The Glasgow Caledonian University Assessment Regulations apply to this programme with the following deviations:

Students may not be compensated in core modules essential to orthoptic practice, namely Child Health, Advanced Orthoptics 1,2 and 3 or any clinical practice education modules

Students are required to complete around 1000 hours successful placement experience.

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

Failed practice education hours will not count towards the minimum hours required by the professional body and cannot be compensated

On successful completion of the Honours project and with no more than 40 credits of modules replaced (not because of failing a module) the student will be eligible for the exit award of: BSc (Hons) Life Sciences

The awards above will not bring eligibility to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council register.

On successful completion of Level Four of the full Orthoptics programme the following exit awards is possible. Completion of this award routes provides the graduate with eligibility to apply for registration with the Health Professions Council

: BSc (Hons) Orthoptics

- i) In accordance with standards agreed by the Health Professions Council, an aegrotat degree, awarded at either Level Three or Level Four, WILL NOT allow a candidate to register with the Health Professions Council. In line with other allied health programmes within the School, such an aegrotat award will carry no other title than Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Life Sciences