

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.	Programme Title:	BSc (Hons) Orthoptics
2.	Final Award:	BSc (Hons) Orthoptics
3.	Exit Awards:	Level 1: Certificate of Higher Education in Eye Care Support Level 2: Diploma of Higher Education in Eye Care Assistance Level 3: BSc Eye Care Assistance Level 4 Final Award: BSc Hons Orthoptics
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:	B520
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:	21/3/2018

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.
- (vi) Be able to administer and supply medicines in line with the use of exemptions by Orthoptists legislation

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		
<i>Module Code</i>	<i>SCQF Level</i>	<i>Module Title</i>	<i>Credit</i>
M1B022653 M1B521880 M1B522293 M1B522294 M1B521541 M1B522298 M1B521543	7 7 7 7 7 7 7	Foundations for Interprofessional Practice Refraction and Binocular Vision I Ophthalmic Anatomy and Physiology A Ophthalmic Anatomy and Physiology B Child Development and Health Optics II Clinical Practice Education 1	20 20 20 20 20 10 10
Exit Award- University certificate in Eye Care Support			120 @L1
M2B521591 M2B521593 M2B524297 M2B525200 M2B521592 M2B522306	8 8 8 8 8 8	General Systemic Pathology/ Physiology and Microbiology Refraction and Binocular Vision II Clinical Practice Education 2 General Pharmacology and Ocular Diagnostic Pharmacology Diagnostic techniques Introductory Ocular Disease	20 20 10 20 40 10
Exit Award – University Diploma in Eye Care Assistance			120 @ L2 120 @ L1 Total 240
M3B523852 M3B521596 M3B523854 M3B522376 M3B522381 M3B524128	9 9 9 9 9 9	Incomitant Strabismus Advanced Orthoptics 1 Advanced Orthoptics 2 Clinical Research Methods Clinical Ophthalmology Clinical Practice Education 3	10 20 20 10 30 30
Exit Award – BSc Eye Care Assistance			120 @ L3 120 @ L2 120 @ L1 Total 360
MHB525111 MHB523855 MHB424315 MHB521637	10 10 10 10	Project / Dissertation Advanced orthoptics-3 Investigating Management in Healthcare Clinical Practice Education 4	30 20 20 50
Final Award – BSc (Hons) Orthoptics			120 @L4 120@L3 120@L2 120@L1 Total 480

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

All 50 credits of the final clinical placement module will count towards degree classification

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

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- 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

9. INDICATORS OF QUALITY AND STANDARDS

Details of validation and professional accreditation events as organised by the School of Health and Life Sciences

Programme Board statements on modules

Annual Programme Analysis

Professional and Regulatory Body accreditation visits and reports

Enhancement-led internal subject reviews

External Examiners Reports

10. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

This specification provides a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve and demonstrate if he/she takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information on the learning outcomes, content and teaching, learning assessment methods of each module can be found in the University Module catalogue which can be accessed from the University web-site. The accuracy of the information in this document is reviewed by the University and may be checked by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education.

