



FACULTY OF MEDICINE: NURSING

DATES OF TERMS

1st Year (2002 Curriculum)

Martinmas: 10th October 2002 – 20th December 2002

Candlemas: 30th December 2002 – 28th March 2003

Whitsun: 7th April 2003 – 23rd May 2003

Lammas: 27th May 2003 – 22nd August 2003

2nd Year (1995 Curriculum)

Martinmas: 16th September 2002 – 20th December 2002

Candlemas: 13th January 2003 – 21st March 2003

Whitsun: 14th April 2003 – 20th June 2003

Lammas: 23rd June 2003 – 1st August 2003

3rd Year (1995 Curriculum)

Martinmas: 23rd September 2002 – 20th December 2002

Candlemas: 13th January 2003 – 21st March 2003

Whitsun: 14th April 2003 – 27th June 2003

Lammas: 30th June 2003 – 1st August 2003

4th Year (1995 Curriculum)

Martinmas: 16th September 2002 – 20th December 2002

Candlemas: 13th January 2003 – 21st March 2003

Whitsun: 14th April 2003 – 27th June 2003

Lammas: 30th June 2003 – 25th July 2003

4th Year (Honours) (1995 Curriculum)

Martinmas: 16th September 2002 – 20th December 2002

Candlemas: 13th January 2003 – 21st March 2003

Whitsun: 14th April 2003 – 27th June 2003

Lammas: 30th June 2003 – 25th July 2003

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I Appeals by Students

The Senate is charged by the *Universities (Scotland) Acts* with a duty to superintend the teaching of the University. This is understood to include examining. The Senate has authorised the establishment of Faculty Appeals Committees to hear appeals in the first instance, as specified in the Code of Procedure for Appeals to a Faculty Appeals Committee.

A student may further appeal from the decision of the relevant Faculty Appeals Committee to the Senate.

Any appeal giving all the grounds of that appeal must be despatched in writing to the Faculty Secretary of the relevant Faculty, or to the Clerk of Senate, as appropriate, within 14 days of the intimation to the student of the decision against which he or she is appealing.

Students are advised to consult the Faculty Academic Administrator before lodging an appeal to the Faculty Appeals Committee and the Head of the Senate Office, before lodging an appeal to the Senate Appeals Committee.

The Code of Procedure for Appeals to a Faculty Appeals Committee and the Code of Procedure for Appeals to the Senate are set out in that section of the *University Calendar* entitled 'University Fees and General Information for Students', which is available either from the Faculty Office or The Registry enquiry office in the University. The address of the Faculty Academic Administrator is The Medical School Building, University Avenue, Glasgow G12 8QQ.

II Undergraduate Entry

Before applying for admission to the Faculty of Medicine, all applicants should consult the most recent edition of the University's *Undergraduate Prospectus*. The *Prospectus* sets out the normal qualifications required for admission, describes the application procedure, summarises the degree regulations and courses offered, and gives general information about the University. It is available in most U.K. schools, or it may be obtained from The Student Recruitment and Admissions Service, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ.

Information regarding the higher degree of MSc (Med Sci) in Health Care is given in the 'Graduate Studies' section of the University *Calendar*.

III DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF NURSING (1995 Curriculum)

A revised curriculum for the Degree of Bachelor of Nursing will be introduced with effect from session 2002–3 in accordance with the new requirements of the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC). Students who commenced study in October 2001 under the current regulations shown below and, who, for reasons of illness or other good cause, at any time during their studies are unable to progress directly from one year of study to the next year of study, will be required to transfer to the new curriculum.

The Degree of Bachelor of Nursing for students commencing their studies in October 1995 is governed by Resolution 437 which took effect on 12th February 1997.

- I. The Degree of Bachelor of Nursing (BN) may be conferred by the University of Glasgow.
- II. The curriculum for both the Degree and the Degree with Honours shall extend over not fewer than four academical years of full-time study.
- III. There shall be three classes of Honours to be called the First, Second and Third classes respectively. The examiners may at their discretion divide the Second Class of Honours into two divisions. The names of the candidates placed in each class or division shall be arranged in alphabetical order.
- IV. Candidates for the Degree and the Degree with Honours will be required to complete satisfactorily the clinical practice and to have passed all examinations and summative assignments detailed under the regulations.
- V. If a candidate for the Degree with Honours having duly completed the work of the final year curriculum, is prevented by illness medically certified or other good cause from attending the Honours examination or, having begun it, from completing it, the examiners may recommend to Senate that the candidate be offered a special diet of the final examinations and if successful, may graduate with Honours.
- VI. If a candidate for the Degree with Honours fails one or more of the professional examinations in the first diet or the dissertation, a resit examination or opportunity to resit the dissertation shall be offered in

order to provide the candidate with the opportunity to complete the requirements for professional accreditation. If the candidate is successful in the examination(s)/dissertation and has completed all other requirements set out in the Regulations he or she may be awarded the Degree of Bachelor of Nursing with Honours.

VII. A candidate who has attended courses and passed examinations in another institution of higher education approved by the University Court on the recommendation of the Senate may be allowed to count such attendance as qualifying towards the Degree of Bachelor of Nursing provided that:

- (i) The Senate is satisfied that the content and standard of any course or examination to be recognized is equivalent to a corresponding course or examination prescribed for the Degree.
- (ii) If admission to the Honours curriculum is sought, recognition is limited to the equivalent of such courses as satisfy the normal requirements of the Faculty of Medicine for admission to Honours.

VIII. The regulations for the Degree shall be as stated in the schedule hereto.

IX. The examiners for the Degree shall be Professors, Readers and Lecturers in the University of Glasgow whose subjects are appropriate and such internal and external examiners as may be appointed by the University Court on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine.

REGULATIONS

Length of Course

The course of study for the Degree of Bachelor of Nursing with Honours and for the Ordinary Degree shall extend over not less than four academical years of full-time study.

Exemptions

A candidate may be granted such exemption from courses and examinations as may be approved by the Senate on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine provided that he or she spends not less than two academic sessions in study at the University.

Departmental Instructions

Students shall be required to comply with such departmental instructions as are prescribed by the Course Director. Such instructions may require students: to attend specified lectures, tutorials, laboratory or practical sessions, field courses, examinations and other events; to provide themselves with such books, equipment and other materials as are necessary for the course; to submit items of work, including essays, dissertations and project reports, by such dates as may be instructed. All such instructions shall be given to the students in writing

at the beginning of the course concerned. Reasonable notice of any alteration to them will also be given. A student who fails to comply with departmental instructions may be refused enrolment in and admission to degree examinations in the subject.

Award of Credit

Credit will be awarded to candidates upon the satisfactory completion of courses as follows:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>
<i>Level 2</i>	120
Nursing II (including clinical practice)	50
Community Nursing II (including clinical practice)	40
Microbiology and Pathology	15
Human Biomolecular Sciences	15
<i>Level 3</i>	120
Nursing III (including clinical practice)	80
Research Methods	10
Human Disease	30
<i>Level 4 – BN Degree</i>	120
Nursing IV (including clinical practice)	40
Process of Nursing IV (including clinical practice)	35
<i>EITHER</i> Critical Care Nursing Option (including clinical practice)	25
<i>OR</i> Primary Health Care Nursing Option (including clinical practice)	25
Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing Practice	10
Care Study	10
<i>Level 4 – BN(Hons)</i>	120
120 credits has been allocated in total for the Honours year.	

ORDER OF STUDY AND EXAMINATION**Honours and Ordinary****Second Year Courses**

Nursing II (including Process of Nursing II and Clinical Physics);
Research Methods I;
Community Nursing II (Health Promotion and Health Education, Nursing and Health Care in the Community);
Human Biomolecular Sciences;
Microbiology and Pathology;
Clinical Experience.

Second Professional Examination

May/June: Nursing II
Human Biomolecular Sciences
Microbiology and Pathology
Summative Assignment: Community Nursing II – Health Promotion & Health Education (by essay/project)

August: Second Diet of Examinations
Resubmission of Summative Assignment

Note: Performance in the essay in Human Biomolecular Sciences will contribute 25% to the degree examination in that subject in the first diet.

Performance in the class examination in Microbiology and Pathology will contribute 25% to the degree examination in that subject in the first diet.

The carry forward elements described above will not contribute to the result of the second diet.

Third Year Courses

Nursing III (including Process of Nursing III);
Research Methods II;
Health Care Information Systems;
Community Health Studies;
Community Nursing III (Social Policy and Health);
Human Disease;
Clinical Experience.

Third Professional Examination

June: Nursing III
Human Disease
Summative Assignment: Research Methods (critique)

August: Second Diet of Examinations.
Resubmission of Summative Assignment

HONOURS DEGREE

Selection for the Degree with Honours

At the end of the third year of the course in order to proceed to the Honours degree, candidates must normally have passed each of the third year degree examinations at the first attempt with a minimum of grade 'D' in Nursing III. Candidates who proceed to the final year of the course and who fail one or more of the Honours examinations will be permitted to resit the examination and if successful will graduate BN.

Candidates who fail to be admitted to the BN (Honours) on the criteria stated above will proceed to the BN Degree in Year 4.

BN DEGREE

Fourth Year Courses

Nursing IV (including Process of Nursing IV and Nursing IV)

EITHER: Critical Care Nursing *OR* Primary Health Care Nursing.

Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing Practice

Clinical Experience

Fourth Professional Examination

Nursing IV,

Process of Nursing IV

EITHER: Critical Care Nursing *OR* Primary Health Care Nursing.

Summative Assignments:

Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing Practice (by essay) – this contributes 20% to the Process of Nursing IV degree examination

Care Study (5,000 words)

To be eligible to graduate with a Degree, a candidate must normally:

- (i) have passed all degree examinations and summative assignments;
- (ii) have submitted a satisfactory Care Study of 5,000 words;
- (iii) have satisfactorily completed clinical practice;
- (iv) have obtained the Certificate of Basic IT Competence.

DEGREE WITH HONOURS

Fourth Year Courses

Nursing IV (Honours) (including Process of Nursing IV and Nursing IV)

EITHER: Critical Care Nursing (Honours) *OR* Primary Health Care Nursing (Honours)

Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing Practice (Honours)

Clinical Experience

Fourth Professional Examinations

Nursing IV (Honours)

Process of Nursing IV (Honours)

EITHER: Critical Care Nursing (Honours) *OR* Primary Health Care Nursing (Honours)

Summative Assignments:

Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing Practice (Honours) (by essay) – this contributes 20% to the Process of Nursing IV (Honours) degree examination

Dissertation (12,000 words)

For the purposes of the classification of the Honours degree, the Dissertation will be double weighted.

To be eligible to graduate with the Degree of BN Honours a candidate must normally:

- (1) have passed all final year examinations and summative assignments;
- (2) have submitted a satisfactory dissertation of 12,000 words at the first attempt;
- (3) have satisfactorily completed clinical practice;
- (4) have obtained the Certificate of Basic IT Competence.

Progress

A student may not proceed to the next academic year of the curriculum until he or she has completed or has been granted exemption from the courses and examinations and summative assignments of the preceding year.

A student who has not achieved clinical competence appropriate to the year of study will be required to repeat the clinical experience.

EXAMINATIONS**Conduct**

Examinations in all subjects shall be conducted in writing and, where appropriate, practical, clinical and oral examinations shall also be held.

Class Records

The work done by a candidate throughout the course of study in any of the subjects may be taken into account by the Examiners.

Entry and Re-entry

A candidate must present himself or herself in all the subjects of the appropriate professional examination and summative assignments on the first possible occasion after completing the prescribed course of study. A candidate who has failed in the examination in any subject of a professional examination or in a

summative assignment must present himself or herself for re-examination in that subject on the first occasion for which he or she is eligible. The Faculty of Medicine exceptionally may permit a candidate to postpone entry to all or any of the subjects of a professional examination or a summative assignment.

Class Certificate

No candidate shall be admitted to examination in any subject who has not satisfactorily completed the prescribed course. A candidate who, for this reason, is not permitted to attempt the professional examination or summative assignment will be deemed to have failed both diets of the examination. A class certificate shall normally be valid only during the academic year in which it is issued but in special circumstances its validity may be extended by the Dean after consultation with the Head of School. Students who are required to obtain a new class certificate shall carry out such further studies and pass such examinations and summative assignments as the Head of School may require.

Absence

A student who is absent from classes due to illness should inform the Nursing & Midwifery School Office as soon as possible. (Students on clinical placements should also inform the clinical area). Absence of more than one week must be supported by a medical certificate.

Absence from a class or a professional examination due to illness requires a medical certificate (class examination) or a medical report (professional examination) to be received by the Nursing & Midwifery School Office within 7 days of the date of the examination, otherwise the candidate will be deemed to have sat and failed the examination and gained no marks on that occasion. Delayed summative assignments should similarly be supported by a medical report.

The Faculty may make further enquiries of the doctor who issued the medical certificate, through the Medical Officer of the University Health Service, who may require the student to attend for medical examination.

Absence from Clinical Experience

Students must complete at least 80% of the clinical experience. Students may be required to repeat clinical placements in order to fulfil this requirement.

Referred Study

A candidate who has failed in an examination in any subject will not be re-admitted to that examination until any conditions of further study which the Faculty of Medicine may prescribe have been fulfilled. A similar arrangement will apply to summative assignments.

EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS

Grounds

A candidate whose conduct or progress is considered not to be satisfactory may be excluded from further instruction and examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Nursing.

A candidate will normally be excluded:

- (a) if he or she fails to pass all subjects of the First Professional Examination after two attempts and the associated summative assignments after two attempts;
- (b) if he or she fails to pass at least two subjects of the Second Professional Examination, or if he or she fails any outstanding subject of the Second Professional Examination or the summative assignment after a third attempt;
- (c) if he or she is unable, or will be unable to sit the Fourth Professional Examination or complete the required final year summative assignments within five years of commencing the course.

A student whose studies have been so terminated shall have the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee of the Faculty.

IV DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF NURSING (2002 Curriculum)

The Degree of Bachelor of Nursing for students commencing their studies in October 2002 will be governed by a Resolution of the University Court which, at the time of going to press, has yet to be announced. The following regulations, therefore, are published subject to approval by the University Court.

- I. The Degrees of Bachelor of Nursing (BN) and Bachelor of Nursing with Honours (BN Hons), hereinafter termed 'the Degrees' may be conferred by the University of Glasgow.
- II. The curriculum for the Bachelor of Nursing shall extend over not fewer than three years of full-time study.
- III. The curriculum for the Bachelor of Nursing with Honours shall extend over not fewer than four years of full-time study.
- IV. The regulations for the Degrees shall be stated in the schedule hereto.
- V. The examiners for the Degrees shall be the Professors, Readers and Lecturers whose subjects are appropriate and such other internal and external examiners as may be appointed by the University Court on the recommendation of the Faculty of Medicine and of Senate.
- VI. A candidate who has attended and passed the examinations, assignments and clinical requirements of the Nursing & Midwifery Council (NMC) Foundation Programme (year 1) in another institution of higher education approved by the University Court on the recommendation of the Senate

may be allowed to count such attendance as qualifying towards the Degrees provided that the Senate is satisfied that the content and standard of any course or examination to be recognised is equivalent to a corresponding course or examination prescribed for the Degrees.

- VII. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Resolution, in recognition of the changing requirements of the NMC, the Senate may, on the recommendation of the Faculty Progress Committee, require any student whose course of study was begun before October 2002 and who was unable by reason of illness or other good cause to complete her/his study under the regulations previously in force (see *Calendar* entry for 2001–02) to offer herself/himself for the Degrees under the regulations described below.

REGULATIONS

General

Length of Course

The course of study for the Degrees shall extend over not less than three academic years for the Bachelor of Nursing Degree and four academic years for the Bachelor of Nursing with Honours.

Instructions

Students shall be required to comply with such instructions as are prescribed by the Faculty of Medicine, the Nursing & Midwifery School and Departments in other Faculties charged with delivering any component of the curriculum. All instructions shall be given to students in writing. Reasonable notice of any alteration will be given. A student who fails to comply with instructions may be refused enrolment in and admission to degree examinations/summative assignments.

Clinical Practice

Students shall not be permitted to progress to clinical practice until they have met the prevailing requirements for immunisation against Hepatitis B.

Students shall be required to attend all mandatory pre-clinical instruction sessions/briefings set down by the Nursing & Midwifery School before being permitted to attend a clinical placement.

Attendance at all timetabled clinical placements is mandatory.

Certificate of Basic IT Competence

Every candidate must normally obtain the Certificate of Basic IT Competence in her or his first year of study in order to progress to subsequent years of study.

ASSESSMENT

In year 1, clinical assessment shall be in terms of the achievement by the candidate of specified outcomes for entry to the Adult Nursing Branch. Thereafter clinical assessment shall be in terms of the achievement by the candidate of competencies for professional registration determined by the NMC. A scheme of academic assessment for each course shall be approved by the Senate.

In years 1–3 a student's assessed performance in each course shall be expressed in terms of a grade with a numerical score in accordance with the prevailing Code of Assessment.

The minimum requirements for the award of credits for a course (module) shall be specified by the Nursing & Midwifery School and given to students in writing at the beginning of the course (module). This requirement shall normally include a specified minimum level of compliance with departmental instructions in terms of attendance and completion of work and a specified minimal level of performance in assessed work and examinations including the end-of-course examination/summative assignment.

Candidates shall normally be required to sit any end-of-course (module) examination/summative assignment for a course (module) at Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 at the first available diet after completion of the course. A candidate who does not attend that examination/complete that assignment at the first diet, without good cause, shall for the purposes of these regulations have the same outcome as a student who attends the examination and is awarded a zero mark.

The examiners at their discretion may examine candidates orally in any subject of the degree programme.

A candidate who has achieved Grade D or above in the first diet of the end-of-course (module) examinations/summative assignments for a course at Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 will not be allowed to resit the examination/summative assignment. A candidate who has achieved Grade E or below shall be entitled to resit the examination/summative assignment, but normally only once and at the next available diet. The grade awarded as the result of the resit examination/resubmitted summative assignment will be no higher than Grade D and no lower than the original result.

Clinical assessment at all levels of study shall be graded in accordance with the prevailing scheme for the Faculty of Medicine. A passing standard will be required for progression at all Levels of the degree programme.

Selection for the Degree with Honours

At the end of the second year of the course, in order to proceed to the Junior Honours year of the Degree with Honours, candidates must normally have passed both of the second year degree examinations/summative assignments at the first attempt, with a minimum of grade C in Nursing and Health Studies together with satisfactory clinical performance.

Candidates who fail to be admitted to the Degree with Honours on the criteria stated above will proceed to the final year of the Bachelor of Nursing (Ordinary Degree) provided that they have fulfilled the requirements for progression.

Candidates for the Ordinary Degree shall be required to obtain a passing standard in both final year course work and practical experience assignments to qualify for graduation.

Honours Assessment

Honours are awarded in three classes but the second class may be divided into upper and lower divisions. The names of successful candidates within each class or division shall be arranged in alphabetical order. A candidate who has not been placed in any class may be recommended by the examiners for the award of an Ordinary Degree.

Honours courses will normally be assessed by written examinations, dissertation and associated clinical performance. The written papers must normally be taken at a single diet of examinations. The examiners at their discretion may further examine candidates orally. A dissertation on an approved topic shall be compulsory. The dissertation must be submitted on the due date in the year in which the final Honours examination is taken.

Aggregation across Components of the Assessed Work of an Honours Course shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the prevailing Code of Assessment. If a candidate's assessment is incomplete then the Code on Incomplete Assessment and Good Cause shall apply.

Candidates shall be required to obtain a passing standard in both course work and practical experience assignments to qualify for graduation with an Honours Degree.

Certificate of Higher Education (Foundation Nursing)

The Certificate of Higher Education (Foundation Nursing) will only be applicable to students who exit from the Bachelor of Nursing degree programme at the end of the first year of study.

To qualify for the Certificate of Higher Education (Foundation Nursing) the candidate must satisfy the following requirements:

- (i) She/he must have completed all courses of the first year of the Bachelor of Nursing programme totalling 120 credits
- (ii) She/he must have completed successfully the clinical practice components of the first year of the Bachelor of Nursing programme.

Candidates who proceed to a degree in any Faculty will not be eligible for the Certificate.

ORDER OF STUDY AND EXAMINATION

The curriculum shall comprise both theory and clinical practice in a ratio of

50:50 and shall consist of prescribed qualifying credit bearing courses. In order to progress to the next year of the curriculum, students must achieve a pass in all prescribed courses.

Students will be required to maintain a **Portfolio of Personal and Professional Development** throughout their three/four years of study.

FIRST YEAR

Year 1 forms the Foundation Programme of the three-year Bachelor of Nursing and the four-year Bachelor of Nursing with Honours degree programmes. Each period of theoretical learning is followed by at least four weeks of relevant clinical experience.

Year 1 Courses

Nursing and Integrated Biomedical & Life Sciences – 50 credits at Level 1

(comprising Nursing; Moral Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing; Anatomy; Physiology; Biochemistry; Microbiology)

Health and Nursing Studies – 25 credits at Level 1

(comprising Health, Psychology & Sociology, Health Promotion; Social Policy)

Clinical Nursing Practice – 45 credits at Level 1

(comprising Families with Children in the Community; Adults in the Community; Adult Hospital Nursing (Medical & Surgical); Older Adult)

Formative Assessment

The following formative assessment will comprise part of the curriculum. In some cases a carry forward element will apply (see **Degree Examinations/Summative Assignments** below). Examination/submission dates will be contained in the course documentation for Year 1.

Nursing and Integrated Biomedical & Life Sciences: Class Examination (2 hours) with a 20% carry forward to both diets of the degree examinations
 Moral Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing: Case Study (1000 words)
 Clinical Assignment I: Community Profile and Workbook
 Clinical Assignment II: Portfolio of Practice

Degree Examinations/Summative Assignments

Each examination/assignment will consist of integrated theoretical/experiential assessment as follows:

May/June **Nursing and Integrated Biomedical & Life Sciences** – a written examination consisting of one three-hour unseen paper:
 Weighting 80%
 Performance in the class examination will contribute 20% towards both diets of the written examination.

May/June **Health and Nursing Studies** – a summative essay (1,500 words) on a given topic: Weighting 100%

August **2nd Diet of Degree Examinations/Summative Assignments**

Assessment of Clinical Practice

Clinical practice will be assessed using the clinical assessment tool. The student is required to achieve 80% of the stated outcomes of each period of clinical practice and, by the end of the Foundation Programme, to have achieved all the outcomes for entry to the second year of study (Adult Branch Programme).

SECOND YEAR

Successful completion of the Foundation Programme is required for progression to the Adult Branch Programme. Building on the Foundation Programme, Year 2 focuses on Adult Nursing and includes both community and hospital-based clinical experience.

As in year 1, where appropriate, periods of theoretical learning are followed by at least four weeks of relevant clinical experience.

Year 2 Courses

Nursing and Health Studies – 50 credits at Level 2

(comprising Nursing (including Pharmacology and Nutrition); Research; Moral Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing; Health Promotion; Social Policy and Nursing)

Integrated Biomedical & Life Sciences – 25 credits at Level 2

(comprising Anatomy; Physiology; Biochemistry; Microbiology; Pathology)

Clinical Nursing Practice – 45 credits at Level 2

(comprising Hospital Adult Medical; Hospital Adult Surgical; Community; Public Health Nursing)

Formative Assessment

The following formative assessment will comprise part of the curriculum. In some cases a carry forward element will apply (see **Degree Examinations** below).

Examination/submission dates will be contained in the course documentation for Year 2.

Nursing and Health Studies: Class Examination (1.5 hours) with a 20% carry forward to both diets of the degree examinations

Moral Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing: Essay (1,500 words) with a 20% carry forward to the overall assessment of Nursing and Health Studies

Integrated Biomedical & Life Sciences: Class Examination (2 hours) with a 20% carry forward to both diets of the degree examinations

Degree Examinations

Each examination will consist of integrated theoretical/experiential assessment as follows:

- May/June **Nursing and Health Studies** – a written examination consisting of one three-hour unseen paper: Weighting 60%
Performance in the class examination and performance in the Moral Philosophy & Ethics essay will each contribute 20% to both diets of the written examination.
- May/June **Integrated Biomedical & Life Sciences** – a written examination consisting of one three-hour unseen written paper: Weighting 80%
Performance in the class examination will contribute 20% towards both diets of the written examination.
- August **2nd Diet of Degree Examinations**

Clinical Nursing Practice

Clinical practice will be assessed using the clinical assessment tool. The student is required to complete at least 98% of the placement hours and achieve at least 80% of the stated outcomes. An overall grading of ‘satisfactory’ for the placement is required.

THIRD YEAR

Year 3 will be the final year of study for the student working towards the degree of Bachelor of Nursing. For the student selected to study for the degree of Bachelor of Nursing with Honours, Year 3 will comprise the Junior Honours year which will be followed by a fourth (Honours) year of study. Year 3 adopts an holistic approach to the in-depth study of adult patients and human diseases.

As in previous years, where appropriate, periods of theoretical learning are followed by a period of relevant clinical experience.

Year 3 Courses (graduating students)

Nursing – 50 credits at Level 3

(comprising Nursing (including Clinical Pharmacology); Moral Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing; Management of Care)

Research Methods – 10 credits at Level 3

Pathology and Human Disease – 20 credits at Level 2

Clinical Nursing Practice – 35 credits at Level 3

(comprising Adult Specialist Nursing (Medical); Adult Specialist Nursing (Surgical); Adult Critical Care Nursing)

Clinical Consolidation Practice (*Graduating students only*) – 20 credits at Level 3

Formative Assessment

The following formative assessment will comprise part of the curriculum. Examination dates will be contained in the course documentation for Year 3.

Nursing: Class Examination (2 hours)

Pathology and Human Disease: Class Examination (2 hours)

Degree Examinations/Summative Assignments

Each examination/summative assignment will consist of integrated theoretical/experiential assessment as follows:

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| March | Research Methods – a comparative critique of two research articles (3,000 words): Weighting 100% |
| May/June | Nursing – a written examination consisting of one three-hour unseen paper on specified topics: Weighting 100% |
| May/June | Pathology and Human Disease – a written examination consisting of one two-and-a-half-hour unseen written paper: Weighting 100% |
| August | 2nd Diet of Degree Examinations/Summative Assignments |

Assessment of Clinical Practice

Clinical practice will be assessed using the clinical assessment tool.

Junior Honours Courses

Nursing – 3H – 50 credits at Level 3

(comprising Nursing (including Clinical Pharmacology); Moral Philosophy & Ethics in Nursing; Management of Care)

Research Methods – 3H – 15 credits at Level 3

Pathology and Human Disease – 20 credits at Level 2

Clinical Nursing Practice – 3H – 35 credits at Level 3

(comprising Adult Specialist Nursing (Medical); Adult Specialist Nursing (Surgical); Adult Critical Care Nursing)

Formative Assessment

The following formative assessment will comprise part of the curriculum. Examination dates will be contained in the course documentation for Year 3.

Nursing: Class Examination (2 hours)

Pathology and Human Disease: Class Examination (2 hours)

Degree Examinations/Summative Assignments

Each examination/summative assignment will consist of integrated theoretical/experiential assessment as follows:

March	Research Methods – 3H - a comparative critique of two research articles (3,000 words): Weighting 100%
May/June	Nursing – 3H – a written examination consisting of one three-hour unseen paper on specified topics: Weighting 100%
May/June	Pathology and Human Disease – a written examination consisting of one two-and-a-half-hour unseen written paper: Weighting 100%
August	2nd Diet of Degree Examinations/Summative Assignments

Assessment of Clinical Practice

Clinical practice will be assessed using the clinical assessment tool.

FOURTH YEAR (Honours)

To progress to the Honours year candidates require to have passed both degree examinations and the written assignment of Year 3. Candidates must also have completed 98% of each of the specialist medical, specialist surgical and critical care nursing placements, have achieved 80% of the clinical competencies in each Year 3 placement, achieve 80% of the clinical competencies in each placement and obtain a ‘satisfactory’ overall rating for each.

Fourth year comprises two terms of University based study and a third term of clinical experience for Consolidation purposes.

Senior Honours Courses

Nursing Policy in Context – 4H – 30 credits at Level 4

Management for Health Care – 4H – 30 credits at Level 4

Dissertation – 4H – 30 credits at Level 4

Clinical Consolidation Practice – 3H – 30 credits at Level 3

(comprising Mentorship Preparation and 12 weeks of Clinical Consolidation)

Formative Assessment

The following formative assessment will comprise part of the curriculum. Examination dates will be contained in the course documentation for Year 4.

Mentorship Preparation: a 2,500 word teaching package

Degree Examinations/Summative Assignments

Each examination/summative assignment will consist of integrated theoretical/experiential assessment as follows:

Month	Nursing Policy in Context – a 2,500 word assignment – weighting 100%
Month	Management for Health Care – a 2,500 word essay on a selected topic – Weighting 100%

Month **Dissertation** – a 10,000-word literature-based dissertation related to an area of patient care – Weighting 100%

Assessment of Clinical Practice

Clinical practice will be assessed using the clinical assessment tool.

PROGRESS

A student may not proceed to the next academic year of the curriculum until she or he has completed the courses and examinations/summative assignments of the previous year.

A student who has not achieved clinical competence appropriate to the year of study will be required to repeat the clinical experience.

Withdrawal from the final Honours year

A student who chooses to withdraw from Year 4 of the course before completing the Honours examinations/summative assignments will be eligible for the award of the Degree of Bachelor of Nursing upon satisfactory completion of a 12-week period of clinical consolidation as required by the NMC.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRESSION

A student may not proceed to the Adult Branch Programme until the statutory requirements of the Foundation Programme have been met.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY TO THE PROFESSIONAL REGISTER

Candidates must have completed 4,600 hours of study (2,300 theoretical; 2,300 clinical (including a 12-week period of clinical consolidation)) and must have achieved all the NMC competencies by the end of their final year of study.

A student will not be eligible for the Registered Nurse qualification until the statutory requirements of the Adult Branch Programme have been met.

EXAMINATIONS

Conduct

Examinations in all subjects shall be conducted in writing and, where appropriate, practical, clinical and oral examinations shall also be held.

Class Records

The work done by a candidate throughout the course of study in any of the subjects may be taken into account by the Examiners.

Absence

A student who is absent from classes due to illness or other good cause should

inform the Nursing & Midwifery School Office on the first day of absence. Students on clinical placement should also inform the clinical area. Absence of more than one week must be supported by a medical certificate or letter of explanation in accordance with the procedures detailed in Annexe B of *The Registry – A Student Guide*.

A student who is absent from a class examination or fails to submit a formative assignment by the published date due to illness or other good cause should inform the Nursing & Midwifery School Office that day and submit a medical certificate or letter of explanation in accordance with the procedures detailed in Annexe B of *The Registry – A Student Guide* within 7 days of the date of the examination/formative assignment.

A candidate who is absent from a degree examination or fails to submit a summative assignment by the published date due to illness or other good cause should inform the Nursing & Midwifery School that day and submit a doctor's medical report or letter of explanation in accordance with procedures detailed in Annexe B of *The Registry – A Student Guide* within 7 days of the date of the examination/formative assignment. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the award of no credit.

Absence from Clinical Experience

Foundation Programme:

Students must complete 98% of each period of clinical experience.

Adult Branch Programme:

Students must complete at least 98% of each period of clinical experience.

Students may be required to repeat clinical placements in order to fulfil the above requirements.

Referred Study

A candidate who has failed a degree examination/assignment in any subject after two attempts will not be readmitted to that examination/assignment until any conditions of further study which the Faculty of Medicine may prescribe have been fulfilled.

EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS

Grounds

A candidate whose conduct or progress is considered not to be satisfactory may be excluded from further instruction and examination for the Degree of Bachelor of Nursing.

A candidate will normally be excluded:

- (a) if she/he fails to pass all degree examinations and assignments of any year (with the exception of Honours) after two attempts;

- (b) if she/he is unable, or will be unable to sit the Final Year degree examinations or complete the required final year summative assignments within five years of commencing the course.
- (c) if she/he fails to meet the statutory requirements of the Common Foundation Programme in Nursing.

Appeals

A student whose studies have been so terminated shall have the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee of the Faculty.

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