

SCHEME OF AWARD: Three Year Full Time DClinPsy

1. Requirements for Pass

In order to achieve a Pass overall on a Master's programme, candidates must achieve an average mark of at least 50%, a mark on the dissertation of at least 50% and must additionally meet the requirements prescribed by the relevant Board of Examiners for the programme being examined

In order to be awarded the DClinPsy, candidates must pass all elements of assessment as detailed below.

1.1 Please list below each element of assessment for the programme and each component of each element (where applicable) with their relative weightings. If the weighting of the dissertation is below 25%, please provide an explanation

On a modular programme an element is defined as each module which is assigned a credit value. Schemes of Award for non-modular programmes shall specify which items of assessment constitute separate elements; normally, separate elements will be items of assessment which are separately weighted in the Scheme of Award, but a different basis for defining them may be used. The dissertation shall always be a separate element. The taught part of the programme shall be assessed by at least two separate elements and shall normally be assessed by at least three.

The minimum weighting of a dissertation in the overall weighting of a taught Master's programme should normally be 25%, although a lower weighting may be acceptable if it can be justified by the demands of the discipline. In many instances, the weighting will be considerably higher than 25%.

On a modular programme the credit value of the dissertation is 40, i.e. one third of the total credit value.

There are four elements of assessment. All elements, and their sub-components, must be passed. There is no weighting.

1. Written Examinations: Papers 1- 4

2. Doctoral thesis

3. Clinical Reports and Service-Related Research: 3 clinical reports and 1 service-related research report

4. Clinical Placements: 6 placement assessments

1.2 If all elements must be passed at Master's level (50% or above), please state this below. If some elements may be passed at Diploma level (between 40 and 49%) please give below the percentage and indicate if any elements or components of elements must always be passed in order for a Pass to be awarded. The dissertation must always be passed at 50% or above

A Board of Examiners may allow the possibility of a condoned pass at Diploma level in one or more elements of assessment provided (i) that the mark achieved in the element(s) of assessment in question is at least 40% and (ii) that the element in question is not the dissertation and (iii) that the percentage of condoned Pass at Diploma level allowed does not exceed 20-25% of the total weighting of the elements of assessment for the programme.

Written examination papers must be passed at 50%. All other elements are assessed on a Pass/Fail basis. There is no compensation between elements.

1.3 Please indicate any other requirements which must be satisfied in order for a Pass to be awarded, e.g. any requirements for a placement to be completed, any formative assessment which must be completed etc.

2. Requirements for Distinction

For Master's, Graduate Diploma and Diploma programmes, examiners shall have discretion to award a Distinction to a candidate who has achieved an average mark of at least 70% and has additionally met the requirements prescribed by the relevant Board of Examiners for such an award in the programme being examined. It is expected that for a Master's degree these requirements will normally include a mark of 70% or more in the dissertation. Where that is not the case, a minimum permissible mark for the dissertation shall be specified. No mark of distinction shall normally be awarded to a candidate who has failed any component of the examination

2.1 If you do not wish to award Distinction on this programme, please state your reasons below. Otherwise, please go to 2.2

Distinctions are not awarded on this professional doctorate programme. The programme emphasises collaborative learning; a Distinction would introduce an undesirable competitive element that would risk undermining the cooperative ethos required.

2.2 If you wish to award Distinction on this programme, please indicate below whether the requirements include the Dissertation being passed at 70% or whether a lower mark (which you should specify) would be acceptable for the Dissertation, provided that the overall average is 70%