L.N. 295 of 2009

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

Bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) Health Science – B.Sc. (Hons) Health Science - under the auspices of the Institute of Health Care

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 74(5) and 75(6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following bye-laws made by the Board of the Institute of Health Care by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by article 81 (1) of the said Act and which have been approved by the Senate of the University of Malta as required by article 81 (2) of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These bye-laws may be cited as the Bye-Laws of 2009 in terms of the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004 for the Degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) Health Science - B.Sc.(Hons) Health Science - under the auspices of the Institute of Health Care.

(2) In these bye-laws, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Board" means the Board of the Institute of Health Care;

"the Course" means the programme of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) Health Science - B.Sc. (Hons) Health Science;

"the Degree" means the degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) Health Science - B.Sc.(Hons) Health Science; and

"the Principal Regulations" means the General Regulations for University Undergraduate Awards, 2004.

Applicability

2. These bye-laws shall be applicable for courses commencing in October 2009 or later.

Requirements for Admission

3. Applicants for the Course shall be in possession of the following qualifications:

(a) the Diploma in Health Science awarded by the University of Malta; or

(b) a professional qualification deemed by Senate to be equivalent to the qualification indicated in paragraph (a);

and

(c) passes in the following ECDL Core Course Modules:
Module 2: Using the Computer and Managing Files
Module 3: Word Processing
Module 6: Presentation
Module 7: Information and Communication

4. (1) The Board shall, after approval by Senate, determine the number of applicants that may be allowed to register for the Course depending on the availability of resources. The Board, shall announce the number of available places at the time of the call for applications.

(2) If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the number of available places, the Board shall select applicants according to the following criteria:

(i) academic qualifications (45% weighting);
(a) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 75 and 100 in the Diploma in Health Science or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 45 marks;
(b) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 65 and 74 in the Diploma in Health Science or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 35 marks;
(c) applicants obtaining overall percentage marks of between 45 and 64 in the Diploma in Health Science or equivalent grade points shall be awarded 25 marks;
(d) applicants not in possession of the Diploma in Health Science holding a professional qualification deemed by Senate to be equivalent shall be awarded 20 marks;

(ii) relevant work experience in gainful employment (15% weighting);
(a) applicants having more than 15 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 15 marks;
(b) applicants having between 10 and 15 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 10 marks;
(c) applicants having between 5 and 10 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 8 marks;

(d) less than 5 years relevant work experience shall be awarded 5 marks;

(iii) currently working as a clinical supervisor in undergraduate Health Care programmes (20% weighting);

(iv) successful completion of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses during the past three years for a maximum of 5 courses (15% weighting - 3 marks per CPD) ;

(v) successful completion of other professional and/or academic related courses during the past three years for a maximum of 5 courses (5% weighting - 1 mark per course).

Course Duration

5. The Course shall extend over a period of two to four years of part-time study.

Programme of Study

6. The programme of study shall consist of study-units to which 80 credits shall be assigned. Students must register for not less than 20 credits and not more than 40 credits per year.

7. Subject to changes that the Board may, with the approval of Senate, be constrained to make, students are bound to follow the study-units and obtain the credits as indicated in the programme of study, provided this is drawn up in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Principal Regulations.

Assessment and Progress

8. (1) Students who in any academic year fail in the assessment of not more than 10 credits shall be given the opportunity to resit the failed assessment during the September supplementary examination session.

(2) Students who fail in the re-assessment of a compulsory study-unit shall be allowed to refer the failed study-unit to the following year to be done over and above the study-units for that year.

(3) In the case of non-compulsory referred study-units, the Board may allow or require students to register for alternative study-units which fall within the scope of the programme of study.

(4) A study-unit that has been accepted as an alternative to a referred study-unit shall, for the purposes of these bye-laws, be deemed to be a referred study-unit.

(5) Students who fail more than the number of credits permitted under paragraph (1) of this bye-law shall be deemed to have failed the year and shall be required to repeat the year if eligible in terms of the Principal Regulations.

(6) Students who after re-assessment of a referred study-unit fail to obtain credit for the referred study-unit, shall be deemed to have failed the course.

Classification of the Award

9. The Final Weighted Average Mark for the purpose of the classification of the Degree shall be based on the results obtained in each study-unit, all credits being weighted equally.