L.N. 44 of 1995

EDUCATION ACT
(CAP. 327)

THE POSTQUALIFICATION DIPLOMA IN HEALTH SCIENCE - Dip. H.Sc. - AND THE MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE - MSc. (HEALTH) - DEGREE COURSE REGULATIONS, 1995

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 30 (5) and 31 (6) of the Education Act (Cap. 327), the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following regulations made by the Senate of the University of Malta by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by sections 31 and 35 of the said Act:

Citation and Interpretation

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Postqualification Diploma in Health Science - Dip. H.Sc. - and Master of Health Science - M.Sc. (Health) - Degree Course Regulations, 1995.

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

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

"the Course" means the Course leading to the Postqualification Diploma in Health Science - Dip. H.Sc. - and the Degree of Master of Health Science - M.Sc. (Health);

"the Degree" means the Degree of Master of Health Science - M.Sc. (Health);

"the Diploma" means the Postqualification Diploma in Health Science - Dip. H.Sc.;

"Health Science" means one of the sciences listed in the Schedule to these regulations.

Applicability

2. These regulations shall be applicable to courses starting in the academic year 1992/1993 or later.

Eligibility for Diploma and Degree

3. To be eligible for the award of the Diploma a candidate shall:

(a) have been approved by the Board and registered as a regular student of the University; and

(b) have obtained a first degree in the chosen Health Science inclusive of clinical experience; or

be a mature student with a minimum of five years experience in the chosen Health Science and satisfy the Board that he can complete the Course successfully and comply with any other regulations relevant to the registration of mature students; or

have already given evidence of proficiency in research and passed a special written qualifying examination, normally in more than one subject, as may be determined by the Board; and

(c) complete the course of studies, qualify in the examinations and comply with the other requirements prescribed in these regulations; and

(d) comply with any other requirements prescribed in other relevant statutes and regulations of the University.

(2) To be eligible for the award of the Degree a candidate shall:

(a) satisfy the eligibility requirements for the award of the Diploma;

(b) satisfy the Special Course Requirements for the Degree mentioned in regulation 5; and

(c) complete a dissertation to the satisfaction of the Board.

Registration

4. (1) A candidate must register on the prescribed form within the time specified by the Registrar.

(2) On registration, the candidate shall opt to specialize in one Health Science listed in the Schedule to these regulations.

(3) A candidate who, after due warning given in writing, persistently fails to attend lectures and/or tutorials or otherwise does not carry out his academic duties, without adequate justification, may be debarred by the Board from sitting for any or all of the examinations.

Special Course Requirements

5. A candidate shall be eligible for registration in the Course for the Degree if he has obtained a Pass with an overall Grade B in the Diploma Course.

Course of studies

6. (1) The course of studies for the Diploma shall be structured in such a way that it shall be completed in a period of two years of part-time studies.

(2) The course of studies for the Diploma shall consist of:

(a) study-units for which not less than 24 credits are assigned; and

(b) a supervised individual project.

(3) A catalogue of study-units with the credits assigned to each unit shall be approved by the Board and published before the start of each semester.

(4) Some study-units may be indicated as compulsory and others as optional.

(5) Some study-units shall involve supervised practical work. This practical work shall be considered as an essential component of the course of studies for the Diploma for which credits are assigned.

Continuous assessment

7. (1) In each semester of the course of studies for the Diploma, candidates will be tested in the study-units covered during that semester in accordance with the criteria established by the Board.

(2) The following grades shall be used in the assessment of credits: A, B, C, D and F, in descending order of merit, with F indicating failure.

(3) A candidate who fails in any study-unit shall be allowed to retake the test once. If he fails the retake the candidate may be allowed to repeat any one of the study-units only once. In case of retake or repeat, the maximum grade the candidate can obtain shall be D.

Individual project

8. (1) Candidates shall be required to complete a project under tutorial supervision.

(2) The proposed title and outline of the project shall be approved by the supervisor and then submitted to the Board for final approval.

(3) The project must satisfy the Board as regards content and presentation.

(4) The project shall also fulfill the relevant guidelines as regards format and length.

(5) The project shall be submitted in its final form not later than the twentieth month from commencement of the course of studies for the Diploma, unless an extension is granted by the Board.

Final diploma examination

9. (1) Written, comprehensive examinations shall be held at the end of the course of studies for the Diploma. Only candidates who have obtained at least 20 credits shall be admitted to the examinations.

(2) Candidates may also be required to sit for a *viva voce* examination.

Final grading

10. (1) The final grading shall be based on the study-units, the project and the Final Examination.

(2) The names of candidates who have passed the Diploma shall be published in alphabetical order in the categories:

Pass with Distinction

Pass.

(3) A candidate shall not be awarded the Diploma unless he obtains a Pass in each part of the assessment (that is the study-units, the project and the Final Examination).

Dissertation for Master's degree

11. (1) On registration for the Degree programme the candidate shall submit the proposed title of his dissertation and an outline of a research project to be performed for the purpose of the Master's dissertation. The proposal shall be subject to approval by the Board which shall also nominate a supervisor for each candidate.

(2) The dissertation shall contain the results of the research project, a critical review of the relevant literature and a critical discussion of the results. The dissertation shall be between 10,000 and 15,000 words in length and shall be submitted not later

than eighteen months from the date of acceptance of the title of the dissertation, unless an extension is granted by the Board.

Final degree examination

12. (1) The dissertation shall be examined by an examining board appointed by Senate for the purpose.

(2) The candidate shall be required by the board of examiners to defend his dissertation.

Final grading

13. (1) The final result for the Degree shall be based on the assessment of the dissertation.

(2) The Degree shall be awarded in one of the following categories:

First Class or Second Class.

(3) If the dissertation does not reach the required standard, the candidate may be required to amend and resubmit the dissertation within a period not exceeding one year.

SCHEDULE

The Diploma and the Degree may be awarded in one of the following Health Sciences:

(a) Communication Therapy
(b) Dental Technology
(c) Environmental Health
(d) Health Service Management
(e) Medical Laboratory Science
(f) Midwifery
(g) Nursing
(h) Occupational Therapy
(i) Physiotherapy
(j) Radiography

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