

Faculty of Science and Health

Department of Health & Social Care Milestones for Professional Doctorate Students – 2021-22 Entry

Milestones	Criteria for progress	Deliverables	Deadline
M1: Progress to Year 2	A: Assess training needs and knowledge required to undertake programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training Needs Analysis to be completed. ▪ Review Proficio courses. 	Term 1
	B: Choose/narrow down the research topic	<p>Research Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write central research problem/questions to be answered. • Identify interest, sources and access to data and ethical considerations • Explore potential methodological approaches to topic. 	Term 3 - By Supervisory Panel
	C: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 2. ▪ Produce 1000 word supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style 	Term 3 - By Supervisory Panel
	D: Subject-specific milestones	<p>Professional Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at bi-termly taught sessions • Successfully complete HS995 <p>Research preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at bi-termly taught sessions • Successfully complete HS945 • Present poster at HSC Annual Staff- Student Research Conference. 	Term 3
M2: Progress from Year 2 to Year 3	A: Review training needs and knowledge required to continue with research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Term 6



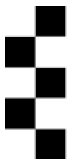
	project and complete the thesis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce 3000-word supervisory panel report 	Term 6 - by Supervisory Panel
	C: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 3. Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style 	Term 6 - by Supervisory Panel
	D: Subject-specific milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present poster at the HSC Annual Staff- Student Research Conference Complete all taught modules 	Term 6

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M3: During Year 3	A: Ability to reflect on skills and knowledge development and its application to the research project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Needs Analysis reviewed 	Term 9 – by Supervisory Panel
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 3 (or equivalent for part-time students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce 3000-word supervisory panel report Evidence of written work of doctoral level e.g. submit draft introduction and/or literature review chapter(s) 	Term 9 - By Supervisory Panel
	C: Demonstrate clear evidence of progress towards submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style 	Term 9 - By Supervisory Panel
	D: Subject-specific milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure of thesis determined Ethical approval attained Present research at HSC Conference 	Term 9



M4	A: Ability to reflect on skills and knowledge development and its application to the research project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed. • Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. 	Term 12
	B: Demonstrate work of satisfactory quality and quantity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce 3000-word supervisory panel report written in a clear and self-reflective style 	Term 12
	C: Demonstrate clear evidence of progress towards submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference 	Term 12
	D: Subject-specific milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submit draft Chapters equivalent to approx..70% of overall thesis. 	Term 12
M5	A: Ability to reflect on skills and knowledge development and its application to the research project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Needs Analysis reviewed 	Term 15
	B: Demonstrate work of the quality and quantity expected at the end of Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research completed 	Term 15
	C: Demonstrate clear evidence of progress towards submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s)/ supervisory panel comment • Produce supervisory panel report written in a clear and self- reflective style 	Term 15
	D: Subject-specific milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present thesis research at the HSC Conference 	Term 15
M6: If required Request to Enter Completion Period	<p>A: Clear evidence of progress towards submission</p> <p>B: Clear plan to submission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Timeline of work needing to take place before submission • Submit approval of thesis title form • Timeline of work needing to take place before submission • Submission date agreed 	Timeline agreed by Supervisory panel.



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