

**UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX
GRADUATE SCHOOL**

**RULES OF ASSESSMENT FOR TAUGHT MASTERS DEGREES, POSTGRADUATE
DIPLOMAS AND POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES 2011/12**

HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES
PG Cert Psychological Well-being Practitioner (Low Intensity)

1 PREAMBLE

- a) These rules apply to the Postgraduate Certificate Psychological Well-being Practitioner (Low Intensity). The rules should be read in conjunction with the relevant Programme Structure, Programme Specification and on-line Module Directory entries. The Module Directory will give detail of assessment arrangements. The Programme Structure will identify which modules are core for the Course.
 - b) A core module must be taken as part of the programme structure and passed, with no condonement of marks below a pass allowed.
 - c) It is for the Board of Examiners to determine whether the criteria for an award have been satisfied.
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2 PASS MARK

- a) The pass mark for all components is 50.
 - b) For the purposes of these rules taught module averages will be rounded to the nearest whole number – i.e. 49.5 will count as 50, 49.4 as 49.
 - c) All work placement/work-based assessments are assessed on a pass/fail basis. They are non-credit bearing but must be passed.
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3 ELIGIBILITY FOR AN AWARD

THE POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

To be awarded a **Postgraduate Certificate** a student should:

- a) Obtain 60 credits at Masters level (level 7).
 - b) Pass all taught modules that are core components of the Postgraduate Certificate.
 - c) Pass all placement/work-based assessments
 - d) Meet the attendance requirements for the programme
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4 SECOND ATTEMPTS

Second attempts at the assessment for taught modules

- a) Students who have failed any taught module may have a second attempt at the assessment for the module(s) concerned.
- b) The maximum mark that may be recorded for a module as a result of a second attempt is 50, unless there are substantiated extenuating circumstances accepted by the Board of Examiners.
- c) The mark for the second attempt will count even where it is lower than the original mark.

4.1 If a student fails a module on the second attempt at the assessment no further attempt is allowed unless there are substantiated extenuating circumstances accepted by the Board of Examiners.

4.1.1 When a student is given an academic offences penalty of resubmitting work for credit purposes only with a mark of zero to be retained for all calculations, the raw mark achieved for the resubmitted work will be used initially to calculate the module aggregate mark. Credit will be awarded where a student achieves an overall module aggregate mark of 50. The penalty mark of zero will then be applied and included in calculations of the mark for the overall weighted average for all the taught modules and the overall weighted average mark, which includes the dissertation.

4.2 Second attempts at the assessment for a clinical placement

- a) Only two failed clinical placements are permitted to be retaken as a second attempt.
- b) If a student, who has already had two second attempts, fails a third clinical placement, they will be required to withdraw, unless there are substantiated extenuating circumstances accepted by the Board of Examiners.
- c) If a student fails a clinical placement on the second attempt at the assessment no further attempt is allowed and the student will be required to withdraw, unless there are substantiated extenuating circumstances accepted by the Board of Examiners.

5 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

5.1 POWERS OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Board of Examiners shall have the following powers:

- a) Confirming the taught module marks achieved, including any resit marks presented to the Board, and awarding credit
- b) Confirming any opportunities for second attempts at the assessment for modules.
- c) Considering extenuating circumstances as necessary and their implications for results.
- d) Determining the appropriate award for each student.
- e) Confirm the assessment for the clinical elements
- f) Determining that the credit being presented for the award is current
- g) Requiring any student whose performance is below that required to achieve an award to withdraw

5.2 EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Extenuating circumstances can only be considered by the Examination Board if the student has submitted an extenuating circumstances form by the agreed deadline. When substantiated extenuating circumstances are accepted by the Board of Examiners it may use its discretion to depart from the above rules where this is necessary to achieve a fair result.

5.3 DISCRETION

Except in the case of extenuating circumstances (see 5.2 above), the Board of Examiners should restrict its use of discretion to exceptional circumstances. Where the Board of Examiners agrees to exercise its discretion the reasons must be documented as part of the Examination Board report, setting out the reason for exercising discretion and the reason for the decision taken, and a copy sent to the Graduate School.

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