

Programme Regulations: 2021/22

E-learning Suite of Programmes

For candidates starting prior to September 2018:

MSc Oncology – 5211P*

MSc Palliative Care – 5212P*

MSc Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry - 5213P*

Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology – 3459P*

Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Care – 3460P*

Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry – 3461P*

Postgraduate Certificate in Cancer Studies – 3071P*

CPD Oncology and Palliative Care – 6041P

* These programmes are withdrawn. That as these programmes are no longer recruiting these regulations are only available to students completing their course.

For candidates starting from September 2018 onwards:

Master of Science Oncology (Sept) 5397P

Master of Science Oncology (Jan) 5398P*

Master of Science Palliative Care (Sept) 5399P

Master of Science Palliative Care (Jan) 5400P*

Master of Science Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Sept) 5401P

Master of Science Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Jan) 5402P*

Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology (Sept) 3506P

Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology (Jan) 3507P*

Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Care (Sept) 3508P

Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Care (Jan) 3509P*

Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Sept) 3511P

Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Jan) 3512P*

Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology (Sept) 3159P

Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology (Jan) 3160P*

Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care (Sept) 3161P

Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care (Jan) 3162P*

Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Sept) 3163P

Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Jan) 3164P*

Postgraduate Certificate in Cancer Studies (Sept) 3165P

Postgraduate Certificate in Cancer Studies (Jan) 3166P*

CPD Oncology and Palliative Care – 6041P

* These programmes are suspended for 2021/22 entry

Notes:

- (i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) All optional modules are offered subject to the constraints of the timetable and to any restrictions on the number of students who may be taught on a particular module. Not all modules may be offered in all years and they are listed subject to availability.*
- (iii) Unless otherwise stated under 'Type', modules are not core.*
- (iv) A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) A core module is a module which a student must pass.*
- (vi) All modules are delivered in eLearning mode.*

1. Programme structure

- (a) The programmes are available for study in part time mode and are fully web-based delivered by distance e-learning.
- (b) Candidates commence their studies in September.

For candidates starting prior to September 2018:

For the Masters, the period of study for part-time mode shall be two to five years.
For the Postgraduate Diploma, the period of study for part-time mode shall be one to five years.
For the Postgraduate Certificate, the period of study for part-time mode shall be one to three years.

For candidates starting from September 2018 onwards:

For the Masters, the period of study for part-time mode shall be three to five years.
For the Postgraduate Diploma, the period of study for part-time mode shall be two to four years.
For the Postgraduate Certificate, the period of study for part-time mode shall be one to two years.

- (c) The Masters programme comprises modules to a credit value of 180. The Postgraduate Diploma programmes comprises modules to a credit value of 120. The Postgraduate Certificate programmes comprises modules to a credit value of 60.
- (d) All Masters candidates shall take the following compulsory module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8026	Research Methods 1 (E-learning)	20		20		7		

- (e) All Masters candidates shall undertake a compulsory dissertation module.

All Masters candidates who commence their dissertation in September shall take the following module:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8014	Dissertation (Sept) (E-learning)	60	20	20	20	7	Core	

All Masters candidates who commence their dissertation in January shall take the following compulsory modules. ONC8097 shall be taken first and then ONC8098 in the following academic year:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Credits Sem 3</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8097 *	Dissertation Part 1 (Jan) (E-learning)	0				7	Core	
ONC8098	Dissertation Part 2 (Jan) (E-learning)	60	60			7	Core	

*ONC8097 and ONC8098 together form one module which spans 2 academic years of the programme. Both consist of a series of project work and independent study. Assessment preparation will be completed across both years with the assessment being submitted in Semester 1 of the second year. As there is no summative assessment for ONC8097, all credit is assigned to ONC8098.

- (f) All candidates for the MSc Oncology shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 60 credits from list (j) below. All candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 80 credits from list (j) below. All candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 20 credits from list (j) below:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8004	Developments in Diagnostic Imaging in Oncology (E-learning)	10		10	7		
ONC8017	Multiprofessional Management of Cancer Part 1 (E-learning)	10	10		7		
ONC8018	Multiprofessional Management of Cancer Part 2 (E-learning)	20		20	7		

- (g) All candidates for the MSc Palliative Care shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 50 credits from list (j) below. All candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Care shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 70 credits from list (j) below. All candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 10 credits from list (j):

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8005	Palliative Care Themes and Perspectives (E-learning)	10	10		7		
ONC8016	Contemporary Issues in Palliative Care Practice (E-learning)	10		10	7		
ONC8017	Multiprofessional Management of Cancer Part 1 (E-learning)	10	10		7		
ONC8029	Managing Pain (E-learning)	20		20	7		

- (h) All candidates for the MSc Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 40 credits from list (j) below. All candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry shall take the following compulsory modules and shall take optional modules to the value of 60 credits from list (j) below. All candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry shall take the following 60 credits of compulsory modules:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8017	Multiprofessional Management of Cancer Part 1 (E-learning)	10	10		7		
ONC8019	Pharmacology of Chemotherapeutic Agents (E-learning)	20	20		7		
ONC8027	Cancer Drug Development and Innovative Therapies (E learning)	10		10	7		
ONC8028	Practical Health Economics for Cancer	20		20			

- (j) All candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Cancer Studies shall take optional modules to the value of 60 credits from list (j) below:

(j) Optional Modules

<i>Code</i>	<i>Descriptive title</i>	<i>Total Credits</i>	<i>Credits Sem 1</i>	<i>Credits Sem 2</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Type</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8004	Developments in Diagnostic Imaging in Oncology (E-learning)	10		10	7		
ONC8005	Palliative Care Themes and Perspectives (E-learning)	10	10		7		
ONC8007**	Research Methods 2: Statistics (E-learning)	10	10		7		
ONC8008	Ethical Dimensions of Cancer/Palliative Care (E-learning)	10		10	7		
ONC8013	Quality Improvement (E-learning)	10	10		7		
ONC8016	Contemporary Issues in Palliative Care Practice (E-learning)	10		10	7		
ONC8017	Multiprofessional Management of Cancer Part 1 (E-learning)	10	10		7		
ONC8018	Multiprofessional Management of Cancer Part 2 (E-learning)	20		20	7		
ONC8019	Pharmacology of Chemotherapeutic Agents (E-learning)	20	20		7		
ONC8022	Cancer Cell, Molecular Biology and Genetics (E-learning)	20		20	7		
ONC8023	Chemotherapy Nurse Training (E-Learning)*	10	10		7		
ONC8024	Chemotherapy Nurse Training (E-Learning)*	10		10	7		
ONC8025	The Molecular Pathology of Cancer and Application in Cancer Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (E-learning)	20	20		7		
ONC8026	Research Methods 1 (E-learning)	20		20	7		
ONC8027	Cancer Drugs and Technologies: Product Pathway, Provider and Patient (E-learning) Cancer Drug Development and Innovative Therapies (E learning)	10		10	7		
ONC8028	Practical Health Economics for Cancer (E-learning)	20		20	7		
ONC8029	Managing Pain (E-learning)	20		20	7		
ONC8030	Psychosocial Issues in Advanced Disease (E-learning)	20	20		7		
MCR8019	Clinical Research Statistics (E-learning)	20	5	15	7		

**Only Chemotherapy Nurses are eligible to study ONC8023 or ONC8024. Students wishing to study this module must first consult the Degree Programme Director.*

*** ONC8007 is not running in 2021/22.*

- (k) All taught modules are available for study as standalone CPD under the Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme (CATS) Regulations. Modules passed under these regulations will not contribute to an award, however candidates who wish to go on to study for one of the awards listed above may be able to transfer their credits – see section 3.g for the criteria for transfer.

2. Assessment Methods

Modules and assessment activities are detailed in the module outlines and can be accessed on the programme website.

3. Progression and Assessment

- (a) All candidates are expected to study a minimum of 30 credits per academic year and may study up to a maximum of 40 credits each semester (excluding dissertation modules). All awarded credits expire after five years of study, unless an official break in studies is recorded.
- (b) **For candidates starting prior to September 2018:** Before the start of each semester, candidates are requested to indicate their intention to study during the forthcoming semester and choose their modules. Candidates must pay in full for the selected modules before study can commence.
- (c) In order to pass ONC8023 or ONC8024 Chemotherapy Nurse Training (E-Learning), candidates are required to achieve an overall pass mark of 50 or above for all of the assessment components. Candidates must also achieve a pass mark of 50 or above for the PC examinations and the Written exercise.
- (d) In order to pass ONC8025 Cancer Pathology and Molecular Applications for Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (E-Learning), candidates are required to achieve an overall pass mark of 50 or above for both assessments in the module as well as the module overall.
- (e) The Masters degree, the Postgraduate Diploma and the Postgraduate Certificate are awarded in line with the Common Marking Scheme as follows:
 - a. 50 – 59 Pass
 - b. 60 – 69 Pass with Merit
 - c. 70 or above Pass with Distinction.
- (f) Candidates studying the Masters may exit with a Postgraduate Certificate as a lesser award if 60 taught credits have been passed or a Postgraduate Diploma if 120 taught credits have been passed. Candidates studying the Postgraduate Diploma may exit with a Postgraduate Certificate as a lesser award if 60 taught credits have been passed. The title of the award will be dependent on the modules passed and the requirements of the programme regulations. These may be awarded as follows:

- a. 50 – 59 Pass
 - b. 60 – 69 Pass with Merit
 - c. 70 or above Pass with Distinction.
- (g) Candidates studying on a standalone basis who wish to be considered for any of the above Postgraduate Certificate awards must transfer onto the appropriate programme after passing modules to the value of 20 credits, approval of the transfer will be dependent on the modules passed, the validity of the modules and the requirements of the programme regulations. Candidates studying on a standalone basis who wish to be considered for any of the above Postgraduate Diploma or Masters awards must transfer onto the appropriate programme after passing modules to the value of 40 credits, approval of the transfer will be dependent on the modules passed, the validity of the modules and the requirements of the programme regulations.

4. Exemptions to the University's Taught Programme Regulations

(a) **Section G – Section 98 & 102 The Award of Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma (Exit Awards)**

The Oncology and Palliative Care suite of programmes has an exemption from the University's Taught Programme Regulations which allows exit awards with Merit or Distinction - see section 3. (f).

- (b) In the event of any inconsistency between the programme and University regulations in relation to the above section, the programme regulations take precedence over the University regulations. Further guidance is contained in the Programme Handbook available on the VLE.