

**Programme Regulations: 2023/24**

**Degree Master of Science Foundations in Clinical Psychology**

**Code: 5202F**

**Degree Master of Science Foundations in Clinical Psychology with Internship**

**Code: 5288F**

*Notes:*

- (i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) A core module for learning outcomes is a module which a student must pass.*
- (iii) A core module for PSRB accreditation is a module a student is required to obtain accreditation.*
- (iv) A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (v) All modules are delivered in Linear mode unless stated otherwise as Block, e-Learning and distance learning.*
- (vi) Students progressing onto the MSc Foundations in Clinical Psychology with Internship will be required to undergo appropriate DBS and Healthcare checks as stipulated in University and School policies and fulfil all requirements for placements (including clinical access) as dictated by the relevant Care Quality Commission Regulated provider.*
- (vii) The University has an overriding duty of care to ensure that all students graduating from the MSc Foundations in Clinical Psychology with Internship not only meet the academic requirements but are also physically and mentally fit to practise and are of good character. The case of any student whose fitness for professional practice is a matter for concern shall be considered under the University's Fitness to Practise Procedure.*

**1. Programme Structure**

- (a) The programme is available for study in full-time mode only.
- (b) The period of study for Master of Science Foundations in Clinical Psychology shall be one year starting in September and comprises modules to a credit value of 180.
- (c) The period of study for Master of Science Foundations in Clinical Psychology with Internship shall be two years starting in September and comprises taught modules to a credit value of 180 in Year one, followed by a one-year Internship to a credit value of 180.

**Year 1**

(d) All candidates for both programmes shall take the following compulsory modules:

<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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</i>	<i>Mode</i>
PSY8037	Dissertation	60			60	7		✓	
PSY8038	Psychology and Health	20	20			7		✓	
PSY8053	Introduction to Cognitive Behaviour Therapy	20	20			7		✓	
PSY8081	Neurobiology of Mental Health	10	10			7		✓	
PSY8082	Research Skills for Psychological Research in Clinical Settings	10	10			7		✓	

(e) All candidates for both programmes shall take **three** optional modules from the following:

<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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</i>	<i>Mode</i>
PSY8036	Cultural and Historical Issues in Clinical Psychology	20		20		7			
PSY8040	Research Apprenticeship	20		20		7			
PSY8044	Advanced Topics in Neurodiversity of Development	20		20		7			
PSY8046	Legal Psychology and the Criminal Justice System	20		20		7			
PSY8079	The Body, the Mind and the Self: Interoception and mental health	20		20		7			
PSY8080	Applied Professional Psychology Skills	20		20		7			

- (f) Candidates who have previously taken any closely related modules to those listed above at undergraduate level will need to choose from the remaining modules. All choices will be subject to Degree Programme Director approval.

With the approval of the Degree Programme Director and depending upon the academic background of the candidate alternative optional modules to those listed above may be selected.

**Year 2 - Master of Science Foundations in Clinical Psychology with Internship only**

- (g) Candidates may have the opportunity to apply to continue onto the Master of Science Foundations in Clinical Psychology with Internship provided they meet the entry criteria specified within the Programme Handbook. Candidates who meet the entry criteria will be required to undergo a selection and interview process in order to be offered a place on the Internship programme. Any offer made to applicants will be subject to the conditions detailed within the Programme Handbook. Candidates selected for the Internship will undertake a one year placement within either CNTW or NUTH Trusts.

- (h) Internship 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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</i>	<i>Mode</i>
PSY8067	Psychology Internship Year	180	60	60	60	7			

- (j) In order to pass PSY8067 candidates must achieve a pass in the NHS Supervisor reports and, in the assessments, (Reflective Log and Poster).

Progression through the Internship year will be determined following submission of each of the 3 NHS Supervisor reports and each report categorised as either:

- i) Pass, progressing normally
- ii) Pass, progressing with concerns; remedial work to address the issues will be determined by the Programme Director, Supervisor and Student – Interim Reports only
- iii) Fail

## **2. Assessment Methods**

Details of the assessment pattern for the modules, including details of the one resit opportunity for the Poster and Reflective Log for the Internship module - PSY8067, are explained in the individual module outlines.

## **3. Progression and Award**

- (a) To pass PSY8081 Neurobiology of Mental Health, candidates are required to achieve an overall pass mark of 50 or above for the summative assessment and pass both, pass/fail assessment components.
- (b) On completion of Year one candidates on the Master of Science Foundations in Clinical Psychology will be considered for the award.
- (c) On completion of years one and two, candidates on the Master of Science Foundations in Clinical Psychology with Internship shall be considered for the award. The Internship year is Pass/Fail, it will not formally contribute to the degree classification, however, must be passed in order to gain the award.
- (d) Internship candidates failing the Poster and Reflective Log will be offered one resit opportunity. No resit can be offered for any of the Supervisor reports. If one or more of the Supervisor reports is a fail, this will constitute a fail for the entire Internship award. In such cases Internship candidates will be considered for the Master of Science Foundations in Clinical Psychology.

## **4. Exemptions to the University's Taught Programme Regulations**

The MSc Foundations in Clinical Psychology with Internship has a University exemption from the University's Taught Programme Regulations in relation to the offer of a resit opportunity for the Supervisor Report, which forms part of the assessment regime of PSY8067 see Section 3 (c). 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.