

Programme Regulations: 2024/25

Programme Title - Postgraduate Certificate in Interventional Nephrology

Code: 3188P

Notes

- (i) These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's Taught Programme Regulations.*
- (ii) A core module for 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 Taught Academic modules are delivered in block mode. The Clinical Training modules are work-based and delivery will be flexible across the duration of the programme.*
- (vi) The University has an over-riding duty of care to ensure that all students graduating from the programme not only meet the academic requirements but are also physically and mentally fit to practice and are of good character. Students studying the programme who are registered with the GMC will be expected to maintain the standards expected of a Medical Professional. Failure to maintain these standards could result in a student being reported to the GMC. International students studying the programme whose fitness for professional practice is a matter of concern shall be considered under the University's Fitness to Practice Procedure.*
- (vii) The Postgraduate Certificate in Interventional Nephrology is an attendance-based programme and is principally delivered face-to-face at the Newcastle City campus and associated clinical locations. Although some teaching and structured guided learning may be delivered online, due to the clinical and integrated structure of the programme, sessions planned for face-to-face delivery cannot be substituted by other forms of delivery, including blended, online and remote.*

1. Programme Structure

- (a) The programme combines taught and clinical work-based learning and is available for study in part-time mode only.
- (b) The period of study is 2 years starting in September.
- (c) The programme comprises Taught Academic (TA) modules and Clinical Training (CT) modules. Taught Academic modules are undertaken in Year 1 and have a total credit value of 60 credits. The Clinical Training modules are non-credit bearing and span the duration of the programme.
- (d) All candidates shall take the following compulsory modules:

Year 1

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for outcomes	Mode
MED8300 (TA)	Point of Care Ultrasound for Interventional Nephrology	20	15	5		7	Core		√	Block
MED8301 (TA)	Renal Biopsy and Peritoneal Dialysis Catheters	20		20		7	Core		√	Block
MED8302 (TA)	Haemodialysis Vascular Access	20			20	7	Core		√	Block
MED8310 (CT)	Clinical Practice 1					7	Core		√	Work-based

Year 2

Code	Descriptive title	Total Credits	Credits Sem 1	Credits Sem 2	Credits Sem 3	Level	Type	Core for PSRB Accreditation	Core for outcomes	Mode
MED8311 (CT)	Clinical Practice 2					7	Core		√	Work-based

2. Assessment Methods

Details of the assessment pattern for each module are explained in the module outline. Assessments will take place at the end of each module. All resit assessments will normally take place in late September.

3. Other

- (a) Candidates are expected to demonstrate competence in the knowledge and clinical skills elements of the programme in order to progress through the modules and be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate in Interventional Nephrology. All assessment components contained in the Clinical Training modules must be passed and there will be no cross-compensation between assessments. Discretion is not used by the Board of Examiners.
- (b) The Taught Academic (TA) modules (MED8300, MED8301, MED8302) are awarded using the University marking scheme:
 - I. 0- 49 Fail
 - II. 50 – 59 Pass
 - III. 60 – 69 Pass with Merit
 - IV. 70 or above Pass with Distinction
- (c) The Clinical Training (CT) modules (MED8310 & MED8311) are awarded on a Pass/Fail scale.
- (d) Candidates must have successfully completed and passed all assessment components of MED8310 before progressing to MED8311.
- (e) The Postgraduate Certificate is awarded as follows:
 - a. 50 – 59 Pass
 - b. 60 – 69 Pass with Merit
 - c. 70 or above Pass with Distinction
- (f) The Clinical Training modules do not contribute to the classification; however, candidates must pass these modules, along with the Taught Academic modules, to graduate with a Postgraduate Certificate in Interventional Nephrology.

4. Exemptions to the University Taught Programme Regulations

- (a) Due to the professional standards of the award, the following variation to the University Regulations has been approved:

Principles of Discretion

In order to meet professional standards relating to the clinical nature of this award and to ensure attainment of learning outcomes and clinical competencies, discretion, including the consideration of borderline results, is not used by the Board of Examiners (see Section 3f).

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.