

Programme Regulations: 2025/26

E-learning Suite of Programmes

For candidates starting from September 2018 to September 2021:

Master of Science Oncology (Sept) 5397P
Master of Science Palliative Care (Sept) 5399P
Master of Science Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Sept) 5401P
Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology (Sept) 3506P
Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Care (Sept) 3508P
Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Sept) 3511P
Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology (Sept) 3159P
Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care (Sept) 3161P
Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry (Sept) 3163P

All programmes have been withdrawn from 2025/26 and are only available to existing students completing their programme.

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) A core module for learning outcomes is a module which a student must pass.*
- (iv) A core module for PSRB accreditation is a module a student is required to obtain accreditation.*
- (v) A compulsory module is a module which a student is required to study.*
- (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 from September 2018 to September 2021:

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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8014	Dissertation (Sept) (E-learning)	60	20	20	20	7		✓	

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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8097*	Dissertation Part 1 (Jan) (E-learning)	0				7		✓	
ONC8098*	Dissertation Part 2 (Jan) (E-learning)	60	60			7		✓	

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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</i>	<i>Mode</i>
ONC8005*	Palliative Care Themes and Perspectives (E-learning)	10	10		7			
ONC8016*	Contemporary Issues in Palliative Care Practice: Management of Symptoms (Other Than Pain) in Advanced Diseases (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			
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- (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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</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 (E-learning)	20		20	7			

- (i) 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>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</i>	<i>Mode</i>
MCR8019	Clinical Research Statistics (E-learning)	20	5	15	7			
MCR8034	Introduction to Qualitative research (E-Learning)	10	10		7			
ONC8004*	Developments in Diagnostic Imaging in Oncology (E-learning)	10		10	7			

ONC8005*	Palliative Care Themes and Perspectives (E-learning)	10	10		7			
ONC8008*	Ethical Dimensions of Cancer/Palliative Care (E-learning)	10		10	7			
ONC8016*	Contemporary Issues in Palliative Care Practice: Management of Symptoms (Other Than Pain) in Advanced Diseases (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 Molecular Biology and Targeted Therapies (E-learning)	20		20	7			
ONC8025*	Cancer Pathology and Molecular Applications for Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (E-learning)	20	20		7			
ONC8026**	Research Methods 1 (E-learning)	20		20	7			
ONC8027*	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			

**ONC modules withdrawn from 2025/26*

***ONC8026 not available for PGCert Candidates*

- (k) All 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.

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 interruption of studies is recorded.
- (b) To pass ONC8022 Cancer Molecular Biology & Targeted Therapies (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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) To pass ONC8027 Cancer Drug Development and Innovative therapies (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 a maximum value of 20 credits, approval of the transfer will be dependent on the modules passed, 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 a maximum 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 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 virtual learning environment.