

Programme Regulations: 2025/26

E-learning Suite of Programmes: For candidates starting from September 2022 onwards:

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
Postgraduate Certificate in Cancer Studies (Sept) 3165P
Postgraduate Certificate in Cancer Studies (Jan) 3166P
CPD Oncology and Palliative Care – 6041P

All programmes have been withdrawn and are only available to existing students completing their programme.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 distance 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 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 candidates aiming to complete the MSc in Oncology in three years or the Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology in two years shall take the following compulsory modules in the first year of study:

All candidates aiming to complete the MSc in Oncology in four to five years or the Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology in three to four years shall take the following compulsory modules by the end of the second year of study. In year two of study candidates shall take all remaining compulsory modules not studied in year one and they may select optional modules (excluding all dissertation modules) up to the maximum credit limit permitted as detailed in Section 3 b):

All candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology 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>Level</i>	<i>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</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		
ONC8019	Pharmacology of Chemotherapeutic Agents (E-learning)	20	20		7		

- (e) All candidates aiming to complete the MSc in Palliative Care in three years or the Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Care in two years shall take the following compulsory modules in the first year of study:

All candidates aiming to complete the MSc in Palliative Care in four to five years or the Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Care in three to four years shall take the following compulsory modules by the end of the second year of study. In year two of study candidates shall

take all remaining compulsory modules not studied in year one and they may select optional modules (excluding all dissertation modules) up to the maximum credit limit permitted as detailed in Section 3 b):

All candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Palliative Care 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>Level</i>	<i>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</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		
ONC8029	Managing Pain (E-learning)	20		20	7		
ONC8030	Psychosocial Issues in Advanced Disease (E-learning)	20	20		7		

- (f) All candidates aiming to complete the MSc in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry in three years or the Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry in two years shall take the following compulsory modules in the first year of study:

All candidates aiming to complete the MSc in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry in four to five years or the Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry in three to four years shall take the following compulsory modules by the end of the second year of study. In year two of study candidates shall take all remaining compulsory modules not studied in year one and they may select optional modules (excluding all dissertation modules) up to the maximum credit limit permitted as detailed in Section 3 b):

All candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry 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>Level</i>	<i>Core for PSRB Accreditation</i>	<i>Core for learning outcomes</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			

- (g) All candidates studying the MSc in Oncology, the MSc in Palliative Care and the MSc in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry shall take the following compulsory module within or prior to the penultimate year of study (excluding year one of study) and before registering on the dissertation module (ONC8014, or ONC8097/98):

<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			

- (h) All candidates studying the MSc in Oncology, the MSc in Palliative Care and the MSc in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry shall take optional modules to the value of 40 credits from list (J) below and 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.

- (i) All candidates studying the Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology, the Postgraduate Diploma in Palliative Care and the Postgraduate Diploma in Oncology for the Pharmaceutical Industry shall take optional modules to the value of 60 credits from list (J) below. For those candidates wishing to progress onto the Masters their selection must include the 20 credit compulsory module ONC8026.

- (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 is not available to PgCert candidates*

- (k) All modules other than dissertation 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.i for the criteria for transfer.

2. Assessment Methods

Modules and assessment activities are detailed in the module outlines.

3. Progression and Assessment

- (a) The duration of the programme that you undertake will determine the order that you take your modules in, the number of modules that you shall normally take per semester, and academic year for your chosen award (see section 1b for programme structure).
- (b) Please see the appendix of these regulations for a comprehensive breakdown of the value of credits you must study for each semester and academic year of your programme.
- (c) All awarded credits expire after five years of study unless an interruption of studies is recorded.

- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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.
- (g) 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.
- (h) 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.
- (i) 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

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. (h).

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.

Appendix

Progression and Assessment

Please see the table below for your programme, where you will find a breakdown of the minimum (min) and maximum (max) credits you must take each semester and academic year. You should note that there are different credit requirements depending on how long your programme is.

Postgraduate Certificate

Postgraduate Certificate (1 years)											
Year 1		Semester 1		Semester 2							
Min Credits	60	Min Credits	30	Min Credits	30						
Max Credits	60	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30						
Postgraduate Certificate (2 years)											
Year 1		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 2		Semester 1		Semester 2	
Min Credits	30	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	20	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0
Max Credits	40	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30

Postgraduate Diploma

Postgraduate Diploma (2 years)																							
Year 1		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 2		Semester 1		Semester 2													
Min Credits	60	Min Credits	30	Min Credits	30	Min Credits	60	Min Credits	5	Min Credits	15												
Max Credits	60	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	60	Max Credits	45	Max Credits	55												
Postgraduate Diploma (3 years)																							
Year 1		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 2		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 3		Semester 1		Semester 2							
Min Credits	20	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	20	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	20	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0						
Max Credits	60	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	60	Max Credits	45	Max Credits	55	Max Credits	60	Max Credits	45	Max Credits	55						
Postgraduate Diploma (4 years)																							
Year 1		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 2		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 3		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 4		Semester 1		Semester 2	
Min Credits	30	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	20	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	10	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	10	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0
Max Credits	60	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	60	Max Credits	45	Max Credits	55	Max Credits	60	Max Credits	45	Max Credits	55	Max Credits	60	Max Credits	45	Max Credits	55

MSc

You must complete ONC8026: Research Methods before starting the dissertation (To be taken from the second year of study)

There are no minimum/maximum credits for semester one or semester two in each final year as it is 60 credits across the whole year.

The credits listed below are for taught modules (Non-project) only.

MSc (3 years)																									
Year 1		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 2		Semester 1		Semester 2															
Min Credits	60	Min Credits	30	Min Credits	30	Min Credits	60	Min Credits	5	Min Credits	15														
Max Credits	60	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	60	Max Credits	45	Max Credits	55														
MSc (4 years)																									
Year 1		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 2		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 3		Semester 1		Semester 2									
Min Credits	30	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	20	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	10	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0								
Max Credits	60	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	30	Max Credits	60	Max Credits	45	Max Credits	55	Max Credits	60	Max Credits	55	Max Credits	55								
MSc (5 years)																									
Year 1		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 2		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 3		Semester 1		Semester 2		Year 4		Semester 1		Semester 2			
Min Credits	30	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	20	Min Credits	5	Min Credits	15	Min Credits	10	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	10	Min Credits	0	Min Credits	0		
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