Postgraduate Certificate in Surgical Science and Practice

Effect of change: to allow for the introduction of new regulations from October 2012, applying the Department’s policy on variable intensity study to the award; to allow for some modules to be available to students registered on the EBHC programme

To be inserted for October 2012

In Examination Regulations 2012

1 P 1030 line 12 after “Surgical Science and Practice”
Insert: “Old regulations for students registered on the MSc SSAP before 1 October 2012”

2 P 1031 after line 10
Insert:
“Surgical Science and Practice (exit award only) (new regulations for students registering on the award from 1 October 2012 and available to existing students)

Insert attached text
1. The Medical Sciences Board, jointly with the Continuing Education Board, shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee, which shall have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.

2. The Postgraduate Certificate is only available to students admitted for the degree of M.Sc. in Surgical Science and Practice. The course is available on a part time basis only and shall consist of instruction in the theory and practice of Surgical Science and Practice.

3. The policy of the Continuing Education Board on variable intensity part time study shall apply to this award.

4. The minimum period of registration on the Postgraduate Certificate shall be three terms and the maximum period of registration shall be twelve terms.

5. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

   (a) Participation, to the satisfaction of the Course Director, in any three of the modules selected from either Schedule A or Schedule B below.

   (b) Written assignments related to each of the modules selected from Schedule A, each of not more than 4,000 words in length.

   (c) Assignments consisting of multiple choice questions or structured short questions, online project working and practical tests related to each of the modules selected from Schedule B.

The assignments set out in clause 5(b) and (c) shall be forwarded, usually through a specified electronic submission system, to the examiners c/o Registry, Department for Continuing Education, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA, for consideration by such date as the examiners shall determine shall notify candidates.

6. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of studies at the discretion of the examiners.

7. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates for the Postgraduate Certificate.

8. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the assignments under 5 (b) or (c) above may be permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts they have failed on not more than one occasion for each assignment without being required to repeat attendance at the relevant module or modules. The resubmission shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

9. Provided the Standing Committee is satisfied that a student on the award has undertaken equivalent study, of an appropriate standard, normally at another institution of higher education, or has appropriate work experience to an equivalent standard, the committee may permit the candidate to be exempted
from attendance and the submission of a written assignment in respect of up to three modules. In exercising this discretion the Standing Committee shall take into consideration the length of time that has elapsed since the study or work experience was undertaken.

10. The Standing Committee may deem satisfactory completion of a module (including the associated assessment) prior to registration for the award as having met the attendance and examination requirements in respect of that module. Such discretion will normally only be exercised if the time elapsed between commencement of the accredited module concerned and registration for the award is not more than two years. The maximum number of modules taken prior to registration for the award that may count in this way shall be three.

Schedule A

The practice of evidence-based health care
Quality improvement science and systems analysis
Introduction to surgical management and leadership
Becoming a medical educator
Any other module as defined by the Course Director and approved by the Standing Committee.

Schedule B

Human factors, teamwork and communication.
Surgical technology and robotics