Continuing Education Board /Board of Mathematical Physical and Life Sciences

Approved at the meeting of Education Committee 19 June 2015

Title of Programme
Postgraduate Certificate in Nanotechnology

Brief note about nature of change: i) To bring the Postgraduate Certificate under the same joint arrangement as the new MSc in Nanotechnology for Medicine and Health Care; ii) To apply the Department's policy on Variable Intensity of Study to the Postgraduate Certificate

Effective date
From 1 October 2016

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2014

Detail of change
P 939 delete lines 2-32 and insert

1. The Divisional Board of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences, jointly with the Continuing Education Board, shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee that shall have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction. The course will consist of instruction in the theory and practice of Nanotechnology.

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

3. The minimum period of registration shall be three terms and the maximum period shall be six terms.
4. Where a candidate undertakes a module under 10 below, the date of registration for the award shall retrospectively be deemed to be the first day of the term in which the module was taken.

5. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:
   a) participation, to the satisfaction of the course director, in all parts of the 3 modules in the Schedule;
   b) a portfolio of assignments (written reports, problem sheets and presentations) for each of the modules in the Schedule, totalling not more than 2500 words in length for Module 1, and not more than 6000 words for each of Modules 2 and 3.

The assessed work set out in clause 5(b) shall be submitted to the examiners c/o Registry, Department of Continuing Education, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JA, for consideration by such date as the examiners shall determine and of which they shall notify candidates.

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

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

9. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any module may be permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts of the examination which they have failed for examination on not more than one occasion which shall normally be within one year of the original failure.

10. The Standing Committee shall have the discretion to permit any candidate to be exempted from one of the three modules in the Schedule, provided that the Standing Committee is satisfied that such a candidate has undertaken equivalent study, or have appropriate work experience to an equivalent standard.

11. The Standing Committee shall have the discretion to 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 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 can contribute to the achievement of the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in this way shall be one.

Schedule

The Wider Context of Nanotechnology
The Fundamental Science of Nanotechnology
Fundamental Characterisation for Nanotechnology