

MSc ETT

TT 2024

**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board/Medical Sciences Division**

**Approved by EdC 20.05.24**

**Title of programme**

Master of Science by Coursework in Experimental and Translational Therapeutics

**Brief note about nature of change:** Change to minimum duration from three to four terms, minor routine updates

**Location of change in Examination Regulations**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscsciexpeandtranther&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2024**

And

**For first examination from 2024-25**

**Detail of change**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EXPERIMENTAL AND TRANSLATIONAL THERAPEUTICS**

1. The Medical Sciences Board, in consultation with the Continuing Education Strategic Management Board, shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee that shall have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.

2. The course is available on a part time basis only and shall consist of instruction in the theory and practice of Experimental and Translational Therapeutics.
3. The policy of the Continuing Education Board on variable intensity part-time postgraduate study shall apply to this award.
4. The minimum period of registration for the M.Sc. course shall be ~~three~~ four 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) six written assignments, each of not more than 4,000 words in length, one from each of the six modules specified;
  - b) a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Standing Committee. Approval must be sought no later than the first day of the ninth term of registration. The dissertation must be submitted within three terms of the date of approval, notwithstanding the maximum permitted period of registration.

The assignments and dissertation set out above shall be submitted via the University approved online assessment platform, format to be prescribed in the course handbook, for consideration by ~~such date as the examiners shall determine and shall notify candidates.~~ the dates published in the handbook at the beginning of each academic year.

- ~~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. 6. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the assignments or the dissertation under 5 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.
8. 7. 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 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.
9. 8. The Standing Committee may deem satisfactory completion of a module (including the associated assessment) undertaken prior to registration for the award as having met the 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 be counted in this way shall be three.

## **Module Schedule**

- 1) Structure of clinical trials and experimental therapeutics\*

- 2) Drug development, pharmacokinetics and imaging\*
- 3) Pharmacodynamics, biomarkers and personalised therapy\*
- 4) Adverse drug reactions, drug interactions, and pharmacovigilance\*
- 5) How to do research on therapeutic interventions: protocol preparation\*
- 6) Biological therapeutics\*
- 7) Any other module as defined by the programme director and approved by the Standing Committee.

\* Also available to students on the PG Certificate and Diploma in Health Research

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**Explanatory Notes**

MSc SSaP

TT 2024

**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board/Medical Sciences Division**

Approved by EdC 20.05.24

**Title of programme**

**Master of Science by Coursework in Surgical Science and Practice**

**Brief note about nature of change:** Change to minimum duration from three to four terms, minor routine updates

**Location of change in Examination Regulations**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosciscieandprac&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT2024**

And

**For first examination from 2024-25**

**Detail of change**

**MSc Surgical Science and Practice**

1. The Medical Sciences Board, jointly with the Continuing Education Strategic Management 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 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 M.Sc. shall be ~~three~~ four 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) Six written assignments, one on each of the modules in the Schedule below, each of not more than 4,000 words in length.

(b) A dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Standing Committee. Approval must be sought no later than the first day of the ninth term of registration. The dissertation must be submitted within three terms of the date of approval, notwithstanding the maximum permitted period of registration.

The assignments and dissertation set out above shall be submitted to the examiners via the University approved online assessment platform, in a format to be prescribed in the course handbook, for consideration by such date as the examiners shall determine and shall notify candidates by the dates published in the course handbook at the beginning of each academic year.

~~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. ~~6.~~ Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any part of the examination under 5 (a-b) above will be permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts of the examination that 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 will normally be within one year of the original failure.

~~8.~~ 7. 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 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.

~~9.~~ 8. The Standing Committee may deem satisfactory completion of a module (including the associated assessment) prior to registration for the award as having met the 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**

Practice of Evidence-Based Health Care

Quality improvement science and systems analysis\*  
Leadership and Management in Health Care  
Becoming a Clinical Educator\*  
Human factors, teamwork and communication\*  
Healthcare Innovation and Technology  
Any other module as defined by the Course Director and approved by the Standing Committee.

\* Also available to students registered for the PG Diploma in Health Research

**Explanatory Notes**

**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board and Medical Sciences Board**

Approved on behalf of Education Committee 7 March 2024

**Title of programme**

Postgraduate Programme in Paediatric Infectious Diseases

**Brief note about nature of change:** Changes to reflect the Medical Sciences Board becoming solely responsible for the programme

**Location of change in Examination Regulations**

In the Examination Regulations 2023, [2023-24, Paediatric Infectious Diseases Postgraduate Programme \(ox.ac.uk\)](#)

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2024**

And

**For first examination from 2024-25**

**Detail of change**

**A. Definition of the Programme**

1. The ~~Continuing Education Strategic Management Board and the Medical Sciences Board~~ shall ~~jointly~~ offer a Programme in Paediatric Infectious Diseases at postgraduate level.
2. The ~~Continuing Education Strategic Management Board and the Medical Sciences Board~~ shall ~~jointly elect~~ appoint for the supervision of the Programme a ~~Standing an~~ Organising Committee which shall have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.

3. The Programme is available on a part-time basis only.
4. The following awards shall be available within the Programme:

- i. Postgraduate Certificate in Paediatric Infectious Diseases
- ii. Postgraduate Diploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases
- iii. Master of Science in Paediatric Infectious Diseases

#### **B. Admission and Progression**

5. Students may be admitted to the Programme to study for the Postgraduate Certificate or the Postgraduate Diploma or the MSc. The MSc is only available to students who have completed the Postgraduate Diploma.
6. Students registered for the Postgraduate Diploma who have satisfied the examiners in the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate and who do not wish to continue their studies may end their registration at that point and be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate.
7. Students who have completed the Postgraduate Diploma, and subsequently apply for admission to the MSc, will be required at that point to matriculate and be accepted by a college.
8. Candidates for the Postgraduate Diploma will be expected to have completed the Postgraduate Certificate not more than two years before registering for the Postgraduate Diploma. Candidates for the MSc will be expected to have satisfactorily completed the Postgraduate Diploma not more than four years before registering for the MSc, and to show evidence of current experience in the field.

#### **C. Duration**

9. The Postgraduate Certificate will be taught over three terms, the Postgraduate Diploma over six terms, and the MSc over three terms.

#### **D. Criteria for awards**

10. Every candidate for an award will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

##### *Postgraduate Certificate in Paediatric Infectious Diseases*

- i. Two written assignments, each of not more than 4,000 words, one for each of Modules 1 and 2 in the Schedule below;
- ii. One multiple choice examination covering material taught in Modules 1 to 3 in the Schedule below;
- iii. Attendance at the annual Infections in Children Conference.

##### *Postgraduate Diploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases*

- i. Four written assignments, each of not more than 4,000 words, one for each of Modules 1, 2, 4 and 5 in the Schedule below;
- ii. Two multiple choice examinations, the first covering material taught in Modules 1 to 3 in the Schedule below and the second



covering material taught in Modules 4 to 6 in the Schedule below;

- iii. Attendance at two annual Infections in Children Conferences.

#### *MSc in Paediatric Infectious Diseases*

A dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Standing Organising Committee.

11. Written work for the Postgraduate Certificate and the Postgraduate Diploma shall be submitted via the University approved online submission system according to the deadlines and instructions in the course handbook published at the beginning of each academic year.
12. The dissertation for the MSc shall be uploaded to the University approved online assessment platform in the format to be prescribed in the course handbook, no later than noon on the 30th September in the final year of the course, or the immediately preceding Friday if that date falls on a weekend.
13. The examinations will be taken in Trinity Term of each year of the Postgraduate Certificate and the Postgraduate Diploma. Dates for the Infections in Children Conference will be published in the course handbook.

#### **E Reassessment**

14. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the assessments are permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts of the examination that they have failed on not more than one occasion without being required to repeat attendance at the relevant module or modules. The resubmission will normally be within one year of the original failure.

#### **F Prior undertaking of modules for credit**

15. The Standing Organising Committee may deem satisfactory completion, including the associated coursework, of modules 1, 2, 4 or 5, prior to registration for the award as having met the 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 one for the Postgraduate Certificate and two for the Postgraduate Diploma.

#### **G Subsuming of previous modules and awards under the Programme**

16. If any student who has previously successfully completed the Postgraduate Certificate and ended their registration on the Programme is subsequently admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma, the Standing Organising Committee shall have the discretion to deem satisfactory completion of the Postgraduate Certificate as having met the examination requirements in 10. above. Such discretion will normally only be exercised if the time elapsed between completion of the Postgraduate Certificate and registration for the Postgraduate Diploma is not more than two years.
17. If a student who has been awarded a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate is subsequently awarded a higher award, the MSc or Postgraduate Diploma will subsume the lower award.

**Schedule**

1. Infectious Syndromes
2. Diagnostics, Therapeutics, Infection Control and Prevention
3. Important Viral Infections
4. Immunology
5. Global Child Health
6. Neonatal Infections

**Explanatory Notes**

OULDCE and the Medical Sciences Division have agreed that from 1 August 2024, the postgraduate programme in Paediatric Infectious Diseases will become the sole responsibility of the Medical Sciences Division, and the UAB will be the Department of Paediatrics within the Division. These changes reflect this change in ownership.

PG Dip ETT

TT 2024

**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board/Medical Sciences Division**

Approved by EdC 20.05.24

**Title of programme**

Postgraduate Diploma in Experimental and Translational Therapeutics

**Brief note about nature of change:** Minor routine changes

**Location of change in Examination Regulations**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=pdiexpeandtranther&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2024**

And

**For first examination from 2024-25**

**Detail of change**

**Postgraduate Diploma Experimental and Translational Therapeutics (exit award)**

1. The Medical Sciences Board, in consultation with the Continuing Education Strategic Management Board, shall elect for the supervision of the course a Standing Committee that shall have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.
2. The Postgraduate Diploma is only available to students admitted for the degree of M.Sc. in Experimental and Translational Therapeutics. The course is available on a

part time basis only and shall consist of instruction in the theory and practice of Experimental and Translational Therapeutics.

3. The policy of the Continuing Education Board on variable intensity part-time postgraduate study shall apply to this award.
4. The minimum period of registration on the PG Diploma 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 six written assignments of not more than 4,000 words in length, one from each of the six modules specified.

The assessed work set out in clause 5 shall be submitted to the examiners for consideration by ~~such date as the examiners shall determine and shall notify candidates.~~ the dates published in the course handbook at the beginning of each academic year. The assessed work will, in normal circumstances, be submitted through an electronic submission system.

- ~~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 PG Diploma.~~
8. 6. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the assignments under 5 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. 7. 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 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. 8. The Standing Committee may deem satisfactory completion of a module (including the associated assessment) undertaken prior to registration for the award as having met the 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 be counted in this way shall be three.

### **Module Schedule**

- 1) Structure of clinical trials and experimental therapeutics\*
- 2) Drug development, pharmacokinetics and imaging\*
- 3) Pharmacodynamics, biomarkers and personalised therapy\*
- 4) Adverse drug reactions, drug interactions, and pharmacovigilance\*
- 5) How to do research on therapeutic interventions: protocol preparation\*

- 6) Biological therapeutics\*
- 7) Any other module as defined by the programme director and approved by the Standing Committee.

\* Also available to students on the PG Certificate and Diploma in Health Research

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**Explanatory Notes**

PG Dip SSaP

TT 2024

**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board/Medical Sciences Division**

Approved by EdC 20.05.24

**Title of programme**

Postgraduate Diploma in Surgical Science and Practice

**Brief note about nature of change:**Minor routine updates

**Location of change in Examination Regulations**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=pdissap-eao--nregu&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT2024**

And

**For first examination from 2024-25**

**Detail of change**

**Postgraduate Diploma Surgical Science and Practice (exit award)**

1. The Medical Sciences Board, jointly with the Continuing Education Strategic Management 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 Diploma 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 Diploma 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 six written assignments, one on each of the modules in the Schedule below, each of not more than 4,000 words in length.

The assignments shall be submitted via the approved online submission system to the examiners for consideration by ~~such date as the examiners shall determine and shall notify candidates.~~ the dates published in the course handbook at the beginning of each academic year.

- ~~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. 6. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the assignments under 5 above will 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.
8. 7. 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 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.
9. 8. The Standing Committee may deem satisfactory completion of a module (including the associated assessment) prior to registration for the award as having met the 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

Practice of Evidence-Based Health Care  
Quality improvement science and systems analysis\*  
Leadership and Management in Health Care  
Becoming a Clinical Educator\*  
Human Factors, Teamwork and Communication\*  
Healthcare Innovation and Technology  
Any other module as defined by the Course Director and approved by the Standing Committee.

\* Also available to students registered for the PG Diploma in Health Research

**Explanatory Notes**



PG Cert SSaP

TT 2024

**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board/Medical Sciences Division**

Approved by EdC 20.05.24

**Title of programme**

Postgraduate Certificate in Surgical Science and Practice

**Brief note about nature of change:** Minor routine updates

**Location of change in Examination Regulations**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=pcissap-eao--nregu&srchYear=2023&srchTerm=1&year=2023&term=1>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT2024**

And

**For first examination from 2024-25**

**Detail of change**

**PG Certificate Surgical Science and Practice (exit award)**

1. The Medical Sciences Board, jointly with the Continuing Education Strategic Management 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. Candidates must follow a course of instruction for three modules selected from the Schedule below. Every candidate will be required to satisfy the examiners in three written assignments, one on each of the modules selected, each of not more than 4,000 words in length.

The assignments shall be submitted via the approved online submission system, to the examiners for consideration by ~~such date as the examiners shall determine and shall notify candidates.~~ the dates published in the course handbook at the beginning of each academic year.

- ~~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. ~~6.~~ Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the assignments under 5 above will 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.
8. ~~7.~~ 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 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.
9. ~~8.~~ The Standing Committee may deem satisfactory completion of a module (including the associated assessment) prior to registration for the award as having met the 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**

Practice of Evidence-Based Health Care  
 Quality improvement science and systems analysis\*  
 Leadership and Management in Health Care  
 Becoming a Clinical Educator\*  
 Human factors, teamwork and communication\*  
 Healthcare Innovation and Technology

Any other module as defined by the Course Director and approved by the Standing Committee.

\* Also available to students registered for the PG Diploma in Health Research

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**Explanatory Notes**

TT 2024

MSc THS (full  
time)**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board and Medical Sciences Division**

Approved by MSD 07.06.24 CESMB 13.06.24

**Title of programme**<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscitranshealscie-ft>**Brief note about nature of change:** Addition of option module and minor routine updates**Location of change in Examination Regulations**<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=moscitranshealscie-ft>**Effective date****For students starting from** MT 2024 and available to existing students

And

**For first examination from** MT 2024

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**Translational Health Sciences Programme (Full-time)**

1. The Medical Sciences Board, jointly with the Continuing Education Strategic Management 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 course shall consist of instruction in the theory and practice of Translational Health Sciences.
3. The minimum period of registration for the M.Sc. shall be three terms.

4. A candidate may transfer from full-time to part-time status with the approval of the Standing Committee. Candidates will not normally be permitted to transfer from part-time to full-time status.

5. The following awards shall be available within the Programme:

- i. MSc in Translational Health Sciences
- ii. Postgraduate Diploma in Translational Health Sciences
- iii. Postgraduate Certificate in Translational Health Sciences

6. Candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate or the Postgraduate Diploma and who do not wish to continue their studies may end their registration at that point and be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma as the case may be. The awards of Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate are only available to those students registered for the MSc.

7. Every candidate for an award will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

*i. MSc in Translational Health Sciences*

(a) The module listed under Schedule A and five of the modules listed under Schedule B. For each of the modules, candidates will be required to submit a written assignment of not more than 4,000 words and participate in a group presentation of twenty minutes.

(b) A dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Standing Committee no later than the first day of the third term.

*ii. Postgraduate Diploma in Translational Health Sciences*

The module listed under Schedule A and five of the modules listed under Schedule B. For each of the modules, candidates will be required to submit a written assignment of not more than 4,000 words and participate in a group presentation of twenty minutes.

*iii. Postgraduate Certificate in Translational Health Sciences*

The module listed under Schedule A and two of the modules listed under Schedule B. For each of the modules, candidates will be required to submit a written assignment of not more than 4,000 words and participate in a group presentation of twenty minutes.

The assignments set out in clause 7 shall be submitted via the University approved online assessment platform by the dates specified in the handbook provided at the beginning of the course. Presentations shall be delivered at such times and locations as are provided in the course handbook.

The dissertation under 7 i. (b) shall be uploaded, format to be prescribed in the course handbook, to the University approved online assessment platform by no later than noon on the third Friday in September of the year in which the course is taken.

Assignments and dissertations must be accompanied by a statement that they are the candidate's work except where otherwise indicated.

~~8. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of studies at the discretion of the examiners.~~

9. ~~8.~~ Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the written assignments are permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts of the examination that 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 will normally be within one year of the original failure.

10. ~~9.~~ Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the required number of group presentations are permitted a resit attempt in respect of the presentation or presentations that 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 resit attempt will require submission of an individual written assignment of not more than 1,000 words. The resubmission will normally be within one year of the original failure.

11. ~~10.~~ 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 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.

12. ~~11.~~ The Standing Committee may deem satisfactory completion of a module (including the associated coursework and presentation) prior to registration for the award as having met the 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**

- i. Introduction and Research Methods for Translational Health Sciences

#### **Schedule B**

- ii. Behavioural Science and Complex Interventions
- iii. Economics and Regulation in Translational Science
- iv. Ethics and Justice in Translational Science
- v. Healthcare Organisations and Policy

- vi. Patients, Citizens and the Politics of Evidence
- vii. Healthcare Evaluation and Research Impact
- viii. Technological Innovation and Digital Health
- ix. Translational Science and Global Health
- x. Sustainable Health Care

xxx. Any other module as defined by the Programme Director and approved by the Standing Committee.

Note: not all modules may be available in all years in which the course is run.

TT 2024  
MSc THS (part  
time)

**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board and Medical Sciences Division**

Approved by MSD 07.06.24 CESMB 13.06.24

**Title of programme**

Master of Science by Coursework in Translational Health Sciences (part-time)

**Brief note about nature of change:** Addition of option module and minor routine changes

**Location of change in Examination Regulations**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbcitranshealscie-pt>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from MT 2024 and available to existing students**

And

**For first examination from MT 2024**

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**Translational Health Sciences Programme (Part-time)**

1. The Medical Sciences Board, jointly with the Continuing Education Strategic Management 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 course shall consist of instruction in the theory and practice of Translational Health Sciences



3. The policy of the Continuing Education Strategic Management Board on variable intensity part time study shall apply to this award.
4. The minimum period of registration shall be four terms. The maximum period of registration shall be twelve terms.
5. A candidate may transfer from full-time to part-time status with the approval of the Standing Committee. Candidates will not normally be permitted to transfer from part-time to full-time status.
6. The following awards shall be available within the Programme:
  - i. MSc in Translational Health Sciences
  - ii. Postgraduate Diploma in Translational Health Sciences
  - iii. Postgraduate Certificate in Translational Health Sciences
7. Candidates who have satisfied the requirements for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate or the Postgraduate Diploma and who do not wish to continue their studies may end their registration at that point and be awarded the Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma as the case may be. The awards of Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate are only available to those students registered for the MSc.
8. Every candidate for an award will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:
  - i. *MSc in Translational Health Sciences*
    - (a) The module listed under Schedule A and five of the modules listed under Schedule B. For each of the modules, candidates will be required to submit a written assignment of not more than 4,000 words and participate in a group presentation of twenty minutes.
    - (b) A dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Standing Committee. Approval must be sought no later than the first day of the ninth term of registration. The dissertation must be submitted within three terms of the date of approval which will be by the end of the ninth term, notwithstanding the maximum permitted period of registration.
  - ii. *Postgraduate Diploma in Translational Health Sciences*

The module listed under Schedule A and five of the modules listed under Schedule B. For each of the modules, candidates will be required to submit a written assignment of not more than 4,000 words and participate in a group presentation of twenty minutes.
  - iii. *Postgraduate Certificate in Translational Health Sciences*

The module listed under Schedule A and two of the modules listed under Schedule B. For each of the modules, candidates will be required to submit a written assignment of not more than 4,000 words and participate in a group presentation of twenty minutes.

The assignments set out in clause 8 shall be submitted via the University approved online assessment platform by the dates specified in the handbook provided at the beginning of the course. Presentations shall be delivered at such times and locations as are provided in the course handbook.

The dissertation under 8 i. (b) shall be submitted, format to be prescribed in the course handbook, to the University approved online assessment platform by such date as the examiners shall determine and shall notify candidates. Assignments and dissertations must be accompanied by a statement that they are the candidate's work except where otherwise indicated.

~~9. Candidates may be required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of studies at the discretion of the examiners.~~

~~40~~ 9. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the written assignments are permitted to resubmit work in respect of the part or parts of the examination that 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 will normally be within one year of the original failure.

~~44.~~ 10. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in the required number of group presentations are permitted a resit attempt in respect of the presentation or presentations that 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 resit attempt will require submission of an individual written assignment of not more than 1,000 words. The resubmission will normally be within one year of the original failure.

~~42.~~ 11. 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 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.

~~43.~~ 12. The Standing Committee may deem satisfactory completion of a module (including the associated coursework and presentation) prior to registration for the award as having met the 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**

- i. Introduction and Research Methods for Translational Health Sciences

## Schedule B

- ii. Behavioural Science and Complex Interventions
- iii. Economics and Regulation in Translational Science
- iv. Ethics and Justice in Translational Science
- v. Healthcare Organisations and Policy
- vi. Patients, Citizens and the Politics of Evidence
- vii. Healthcare Evaluation and Research Impact
- viii. Technological Innovation and Digital Health
- ix. Translational Science and Global Health
- x. Sustainable Health Care

xxx. Any other module as defined by the Programme Director and approved by the Standing Committee.

Note: not all modules may be available in all years in which the course is run.

**Continuing Education Strategic Management Board and Medical Sciences Division**

Approved by MSD 7 June 2024 and CESMB 13 June 2024

**Title of programme**

Evidence-Based Health Care Programme

**Brief note about nature of change:** Addition of new option module to each of the MSc pathways

**Location of change in Examination Regulations**

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=mosbcie-basehealcare>

**Effective date**

**For students starting from** MT 2024 and available to existing students

And

**For first examination from** MT 2024

**Detail of change**

## **Evidence-Based Health Care Programme**

### **A. Definition of the Programme**

1. The Continuing Education Strategic Management Board and the Medical Sciences Board shall jointly offer a Programme in Evidence-Based Health Care Studies at postgraduate level.
2. The Continuing Education Strategic Management Board and the Medical Sciences Board shall jointly elect for the supervision of the Programme a Standing Committee which shall have the power to arrange lectures and other instruction.

3. The subject of the Programme shall be Evidence-Based Health Care Studies.
4. The policy of the Continuing Education Strategic Management Board on variable intensity part-time postgraduate study applies to this Programme.
5. The following awards shall be available within the Programme:
  - I. MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care
  - II. MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care (Teaching and Education)
  - III. MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care (Medical Statistics)
  - IV. MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care (Systematic Reviews)
  - V. Postgraduate Diploma in Evidence-Based Health Care
  - VI. Postgraduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Health Care
  - VII. Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research
  - VIII. Postgraduate Certificate in Health Research
  - IX. Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Evidence-Based Health Care
  - X. Postgraduate Certificate in Qualitative Health Research Methods

#### **B. Progression**

6. Students admitted to the Programme with the intention of studying towards one of the MSc awards are required to matriculate, involving admission by a college of the University. Students admitted to the Programme intending to study towards a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma who subsequently apply for admission to one of the MSc awards will be required at that point to matriculate and to be admitted by a college.

#### **C. Exit Awards**

7. Students admitted to one of the MSc awards who wish to cease their studies without submitting a dissertation may end their registration at that point and be awarded:

(i) a Postgraduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Health Care if they have satisfied the examiners in three modules from the MSc to which they were admitted, of which at least two must be core modules, or

(ii) a Postgraduate Diploma in Evidence-Based Health Care if they have satisfied the examiners in six modules from the MSc to which they were admitted, of which at least two must be core modules.

8. Students admitted to the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research who wish to cease their studies before completion of all the assessment requirements for that award but who have satisfied the examiners in Modules (1) and (2) and in at least one further module from those specified in 15 VIII or module (40) below, may end their registration at that point and the examiners may award a Postgraduate Certificate in Health Research.

9. Any candidate wishing to cease their registration and be awarded an exit award must have met the requirements to complete a minimum number of in-person modules as specified in 13. and 14. below.

## **D. Duration**

10. The minimum period of registration on the Programme shall be three terms for each of the Postgraduate Certificates or Postgraduate Diplomas, and four terms for each of the MSc awards.

11. The maximum period of registration shall be six terms for each of the Postgraduate Certificates, nine terms for each of the Postgraduate Diplomas and twelve terms for each of the MSc awards.

## **E. Assessment requirements for awards**

12. The modules available in the Programme are specified in the Schedule below. Not all modules are available for each award. Any additional restrictions on permitted combinations of modules will be given on the course website. Modules available will be published by the end of the Michaelmas Term in the year before registering on the programme. Additional modules may become available during a student's period of registration on the programme.

13. For candidates registered for the MSc or Postgraduate Diploma, at least one of the compulsory modules and at least one other module must be completed in the in-person mode. Up to four modules may be taken wholly online.

14. For candidates registered for the Postgraduate Certificate, at least one of the compulsory modules must be completed in the in-person mode. Up to two modules may be taken wholly online.

15. Every candidate for a given award will be required to satisfy the examiners in the following:

### *I. MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care*

(i) submission of the required assessed work relating to modules (1) and (2), and from four modules selected from (3) to (20), or (29) or (40) of the schedule at I. Each of the assessments shall be of not more than 4,000 words per module;

(ii) submission of a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a subject selected by the candidate in consultation with the supervisor and approved by the Standing Committee. Approval must be sought no later than the first day of the ninth term of registration. The dissertation must be submitted within three terms of the date of approval, notwithstanding the maximum permitted period of registration.

### *II. MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care (Teaching and Education)*

(i) Submission of the required assessed work relating to modules (12), (22), (23), and (26) and from two modules selected from (2), (4), (7) to (10), (15), (18) to (20), (28) to (29), or (40) of the schedule at I. Each of the assessments shall be of not more than 4,000 words per module;

(ii) Submission of a dissertation as set out in I(ii) above.

### *III. MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care (Medical Statistics)*

(i) Submission of the required assessed work relating to modules (11) and (16), and from four modules of which up to three may be selected from (17), (18), (21), (27) or (40) and up to two may be selected from modules (2), (6) and either (8) or (19) (but

not both), (29) or (40) of the schedule at I. Each of the assessments shall be of not more than 4,000 words per module;

(ii) Submission of a dissertation as set out in I(ii) above.

#### *IV. MSc in Evidence-Based Health Care (Systematic Reviews)*

(i) Submission of the required assessed work relating to each of the four modules: (1), (8), (18) and (19) and relating to two modules selected from (2), (11), (20), (28), (29) and (40) of the Schedule at I. Each of the assessments shall be of not more than 4,000 words per module.

(ii) submission of a dissertation as set out in I(ii) above.

#### *V. Postgraduate Diploma in Evidence-Based Health Care*

Submission of the required assessed work relating to six modules selected from those available for the MSc to which the student was admitted, at least two of which must be core modules.

#### *VI. Postgraduate Certificate in Evidence-Based Health Care*

Submission of the required assessed work relating to three modules selected from those available for the MSc to which the student was admitted, at least two of which must be core modules.

#### *VII. Postgraduate Diploma in Health Research*

(i) submission of the required assessed work, relating to:

a. modules (1) and (2) and any three of modules selected from modules (3) to (11), (14), (15), or (40) of the schedule at I, or of the modules indicated as available in the regulations for the MSc in Experimental and Translational Therapeutics;

b. one additional module taken from VII(i)a. above, or (12) of the schedule at I, or from those indicated in the regulations for the MSc in Surgical Science and Practice;

Each of the assessments shall be of not more than 4,000 words.

#### *VIII. Postgraduate Certificate in Health Research*

(i) submission of the required assessed work, relating to modules (1) and (2) and any one module selected from modules (3) to (10), (14), or (15) in the schedule at I, or one of the modules indicated as available from the regulations for the MSc in Experimental and Translational Therapeutics. Each of the assessments shall be of not more than 4,000 words.

#### *IX. Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Evidence-Based Health Care*

Submission of the required assessed work relating to modules (12), (22) and (23). Each of the assessments shall be of not more than 4,000 words.

#### *X. Postgraduate Certificate in Qualitative Health Research Methods*

Submission of the required assessed work relating to modules (10), (15) and (24). Each of the assessments shall be of not more than 4,000 words.

16. Assignments and dissertations shall be submitted using the University approved online assessment platform to the examiners for consideration by dates published

in the course handbook at the beginning of each academic year.

17. Candidates are required to attend a viva voce examination at the end of the course of studies leading to each award unless dispensed by the examiners.

18. Provided the Standing Committee is satisfied that a student on the Programme 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 shall have the discretion to permit the candidate to be exempted from the submission of a written assignment in respect of one module for a Postgraduate Certificate, two modules for a Postgraduate Diploma and three modules for any of the MSc awards. In exercising this discretion, the Standing Committee shall have consideration to the length of time that has elapsed since the study or work experience was undertaken.

#### **F. Reassessment**

19. Candidates who fail to satisfy the examiners in any of the assignments or the dissertation under 15. above will be permitted, normally within one year of the original failure, 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.

#### **G. Prior undertaking of modules for credit**

20. The Standing Committee shall have the discretion to deem satisfactory completion of a module including the associated assessment prior to registration for an award listed under 5. above as having met the examination requirements in respect of that module under 15. above. 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.

21. The maximum number of modules taken prior to registration for an award that can contribute to the achievement of the award shall be one for the Postgraduate Certificates, three for the Postgraduate Diplomas and three for each of the MSc awards.

#### **H. Subsuming of previous modules and awards under the Programme**

22. If any student who has previously successfully completed one of the Postgraduate Certificates or Diplomas and ended their registration on the Programme subsequently is re-admitted to another award listed under 5, the Standing Committee shall have the discretion to deem satisfactory completion of modules within that Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma as having met the examination requirements in respect of the modules under 15. above. Such discretion will normally only be exercised if the time elapsed between first registration on a module contributing to the Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma and registering for the higher award is not more than two years.

23. If any student is admitted to any of the MSc awards while registered for one of the Postgraduate Certificates or Postgraduate Diplomas, the Standing Committee shall have the discretion to deem some or all of the modules taken while registered for the Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma as having met the requirements for the MSc provided that no more than two years have elapsed since first registration on a module contributing to the Postgraduate Certificate or



Postgraduate Diploma.

24.If a student who has been awarded a Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate is subsequently awarded a higher award, the MSc or Postgraduate Diploma will subsume the lower award.

### **I Schedule of Modules**

- (1) Practice of Evidence-Based Health Care
- (2) Introduction to Study Design and Research Methods
- (3) Ethics for Biosciences
- (4) Knowledge into Action
- (5) Clinical Epidemiology
- (6) Evidence-Based Diagnosis and Screening
- (7) Introduction to Statistics for Health Care Research
- (8) Systematic Reviews
- (9) Randomized Control Trials
- (10) Qualitative Research Methods
- (11) Essential Medical Statistics
- (12) Teaching Evidence-Based Practice
- (13) The History and Philosophy of Evidence-Based Health Care
- (14) Clinical Trial Management
- (15) Mixed Methods in Health Research
- (16) Statistics for Clinical Trials
- (17) Big Data Epidemiology
- (18) Meta-Analysis
- (19) Complex Reviews
- (20) Realist Reviews and Realist Evaluation
- (21) Statistical Computing for Health Care and Research
- (22) Developing Practice in Medical Education
- (23) Course Design, Assessment and Evaluation
- (24) Advanced Qualitative Research Methods
- (25) Discontinued
- (26) Developing Online Education and Resources
- (27) Clinical Prediction Rules
- (28) Qualitative and Mixed Methods Systematic Reviews
- (29) Economics of Health Care
- (40) Any of modules (1)-(28)-(29) approved by the Standing Committee for an

individual candidate.

*Additional modules available for the PGDip/PGCert Health Research\_from the MSc in Experimental and Translational Therapeutics*

Structure of clinical trials and experimental therapeutics

Drug development, pharmacokinetics and imaging

Pharmacodynamics, biomarkers and personalised therapy

Adverse drug reactions, drug interactions, and pharmacovigilance

How to do research on therapeutic interventions: protocol preparation

Biological therapeutics

*Additional modules available for the PGDip Health Research\_from the MSc in Surgical Science and Practice*

Human factors, teamwork and communication

Becoming a clinical educator

Quality improvement science and systems analysis

**Explanatory Notes**