

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**