

# **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING**

## **DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**

### **VISION IMPAIRMENT REHABILITATION**

**Postgraduate Diploma in Vision Impairment Rehabilitation (Specialist)**  
**Postgraduate Certificate in Vision Impairment Rehabilitation (Assistant)**

*These regulations are to be read in conjunction with [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).*

#### **Admission**

1. Notwithstanding the [General Academic Regulations – Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#) applicants:
  - i. shall possess an Honours degree (or non-UK equivalent) from an approved university; or
  - ii. without formal higher education qualifications, must have professional experience within a health and social care profession, normally for a minimum of three years at the point of entry, with a Higher in English or equivalent qualification. Qualifications such as an SVQ 3 or an HNC in Health and Social Care would also be considered.
  - iii. In exceptional circumstances, applicants without appropriate qualifications may be admitted on evidence that they can demonstrate their ability to work at postgraduate level.
2. Applicants will normally be required to attend an interview with representatives from Visibility Scotland, or Sight Scotland, and the University of Strathclyde as part of the selection process. The University of Strathclyde will determine admission to the programme.

#### **Duration of Study**

3. See the [General Academic Regulations – Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level](#).

#### **Mode of Study**

4. The programme is available by part-time study.

#### **Place of Study**

5. The programmes are available by distance-learning only. There will be no University of Strathclyde campus attendance, however there will be attendance required at an assessment centre for some assessments.

#### **Curriculum**

6. All students shall undertake an approved curriculum as follows:
  - i. for the Postgraduate Certificate no fewer than 60 credits
  - ii. for the Postgraduate Diploma no fewer than 120 credits including the compulsory taught modules
7. **First Year** - All students shall undertake modules amounting to 60 credits as follows:

#### **Compulsory Modules**

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
BEXXX	Introduction to Vision Impairment	5	20
BEXXX	Assessment and Research Methodology	5	20
BEXXX	Independent Living Skills and Communication Tools	5	20

**8. Second Year** - All students shall undertake modules amounting to 60 credits as follows:

#### **Compulsory Modules**

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
BEXXX	Low Vision & No Vision Strategies	5	10
BEXXX	Orientation and Mobility	5	20
BEXXX	Vision Rehabilitation Specialist Placement	5	20

#### **Optional Modules**

No fewer than 10 credits chosen from the list below:

Module Code	Module Title	Level	Credits
BEXXX	Clinical Governance	5	10
BEXXX	Advanced Communication	5	10
BEXXX	Dual-Sensory Impairment and Complex Needs	5	10

Exceptionally, students can undertake other Level 5 optional modules totalling no more than 10 credits as approved by the Programme Leader.

#### **Examination, Progress and Final Assessment**

9. See [General Academic Regulations - Postgraduate Taught Degree Programme Level.](#)

10. In order to progress to the second year of the programme, students must normally have passed all of the Year 1 compulsory modules.

11. The final award will be based on performance in the examinations and coursework undertaken.

#### **Award**

12. **Postgraduate Diploma:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Diploma in the chosen programme, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 120 credits from the taught modules of the programme.

13. **Postgraduate Certificate:** In order to qualify for the award of the Postgraduate Certificate in the chosen programme, a candidate must have accumulated no fewer than 60 credits from the taught modules of the programme.