

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
BE947	Introduction to Vision Impairment	5	20
BE946	Assessment and Research Methodology	5	20
BE948	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
BE949	Low Vision & No Vision Strategies	5	10
BE950	Vision Rehabilitation Specialist Placement	5	20
BE951	Orientation and Mobility	5	20
BE952	Travel, Transport and Technology	5	10

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.