Programme Specification for

MSc Mental Health Studies

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9. Criteria for admission to the programme

Students admitted to this programme must have:

- A good Honours degree (2:2 or above) in mental health or a related subject area
- If a mental health professional – at least one year postqualifying experience working in mental health and a good honours degree
- If a non-mental health professional, two years experience in the mental health field and a good honours degree
- And be currently working with mental health service users

Exceptionally, students who do not have a degree but who have successfully completed level 7 CPD modules or who can provide evidence of their ability to pursue successfully the PG Diploma or MSc may be considered.

Criteria for admission to the MSc Mental Health programme top up pathway

Students admitted to this programme must have:

- PG Diploma in Mental Health Nursing from Middlesex University;
- PG Diploma in Mental Health Practice from Middlesex University.
10. Aims of the programme

The programme aims to:

1. Enable the student to plan an individualised pathway of post graduate study designed to meet previously identified mental health related professional and service development objectives.

2. Demonstrate mastery in mental health related skills and knowledge in order to contribute to enhanced professional mental health practice and service development.

3. Facilitate the acquisition, critical understanding and utilisation of advanced research skills and knowledge in order to conduct mental health related research.

11. Programme outcomes

A. Knowledge and understanding

On completion of this programme the successful student will have knowledge and understanding of:

**Postgraduate Certificate**

1. Own future personal, professional and service development needs;

2. The critical analysis and evaluation of mental health practice in light of evidence based findings.

**Postgraduate Diploma – as PGCert and in addition:**

1. The critical evaluation of mental health research

2. Advanced level research methodologies

**MSc – as PGDip and in addition:**

1. The advanced skills and knowledge needed to undertake a large scale mental health related research or work based learning project;

2. How to make evidence based recommendations, in the context of the complex and multi-faceted factors affecting mental health care, for future mental health research or service development.

**Teaching/learning methods**

Students gain knowledge and understanding through the use of a variety of teaching and learning strategies, informed by the University and School Teaching and Learning Strategies and which vary according to the type and focus of each module but which may include: - lectures, seminars and workshops, small group work and feedback, case studies, problem based scenarios and role-play, use of video, use of debates, practice based learning, use of e- learning, one-one tutorials to develop the research proposal and ideas for writing the research dissertation.

**Assessment methods**

Students' knowledge and understanding is assessed by the use of a variety of methods, which are informed by the University and School policies, and which vary according to the type and focus of each module.

**Formative assessment** may include: case presentations, action plan presentations, on-line quizzes, reflective discussions, to help prepare students for summative assessment.

**Summative assessment** may include: case studies, service reviews, reports, on-line examinations, critical reflection on practice.

For the MSc, the student carries out a research or work based project and communicates their findings in the form
### B. Cognitive (thinking) skills
On completion of this programme the successful student will be able to:

1. Critically analyse evidence based mental health practice;
2. Evaluate and synthesise information in order to gain new insights into aspects of mental health practice;
3. Utilise advanced problem solving;
4. Reflect on and critically appraise personal, professional and service development needs.

**Teaching/learning methods**
Students learn cognitive skills through the use of a variety of teaching and learning strategies, informed by the University and School Teaching and Learning Strategies and which vary according to the type and focus of each module but which may include: seminar preparation and presentation, use of web-based materials.

For the MSc, this will include preparation for dissertation/project supervision and the production of the dissertation/project.

**Assessment methods**
Students' cognitive skills are assessed by the use of a variety of methods, which are informed by the University and School Assessment policies and which vary according to the type and focus of the module but which may include:

- **Formative Assessment**
  - Study skills workshops, seminars, case study presentations, debates, literature review, to help prepare students for summative assessment.

- **Summative Assessment**
  - Reflection on practice, critical review of evidence, reports, research/project proposal.

### C. Practical skills
On completion of the programme the successful student will be able to:

**PG Diploma**

1. Engage in sophisticated research/project planning in the context of the complexities of mental health care provision
2. Select and utilise advanced research skills and techniques
3. Work with a range of ICT applications such as library databases

**MSc**

**Teaching/learning methods**
Students learn practical skills through the use of a variety of teaching and learning strategies, informed by the University and School Teaching and Learning Strategies and which vary according to the type and focus of each module but which may include:

- Workshops, individual and group tutorials, self-directed study, seminar presentations, project/dissertation development and planning

**Assessment methods**
Students' practical skills are assessed by the use of a variety of methods,
1. Utilise advanced/or complex practically-based research skills to successfully undertake a research/work-based mental health related project.

2. Communicate the results of a research or work-based mental health project to an audience of professional peers.

which are informed by the University and School Assessment policies and which vary according to the type and focus of the module but which may include:

**Formative Assessment**
Reflective journals, seminar presentations, peer and session leader feedback, to help prepare students for summative assessment.

**Summative Assessment**
Assessment of practice, project/dissertation proposal and, for the MSc, project/dissertation

### 12. Programme structure (levels, modules, credits and progression requirements)

#### 12.1 Overall structure of the programme

A pre-accreditation meeting with the Programme Leader will determine the relevant pathway. At the commencement of the Programme, an induction and programme planning meeting will assist students to determine the optional modules to be undertaken that will clearly demonstrate the mental health pathway.

Students taking the MSc Mental Health Studies generic pathway undertake the first core module, either IPL 4001: Social Research Methods (30 credits) or WBS 4630 Advanced Practitioner Enquiry (30 credits).

Optional modules will then be undertaken over a period of time that meets individual students’ needs. The total number of credits required from these and any pre-accredited learning is 90 (with up to 30 credits at level 6).

Programme review meeting will be held every term to support and guide students. Should students exit at this point, they will be awarded the PG Dip Mental Health Studies.

To be awarded the Masters degree in Mental Health Studies, students will have to complete the second core module, either IPL 4095 MSc Dissertation (60 credits) or WBS 4760 Negotiated Work Based Learning Project (60 credits).

Students taking the MSc Mental Health Studies top up pathway will take IPL4050 Combined Research Methods and Dissertation pathway only and will be awarded the MSc on its successful completion.

#### 12.2 Levels and modules

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Students must take the following:
IPL 4001 Social Research Methods
or
WBS 4630 Advanced Practitioner Enquiry
And
IPL 4095 MSc Dissertation
or
WBS 4760 Negotiated Work Based Learning Project

Modules from the School CPD provision relevant to Mental Health Studies. (Maximum of 30 credits at level 6
APL and credit transfer may be possible

To exit with the Postgraduate Diploma Mental Health Studies, students must pass either IPL 4001 or WBS 4630 plus optional modules totalling 90 credits (30 credits may be at level 6
APL and credit transfer may be possible – at least one third of the programme must be completed under Middlesex University control.

To progress to the MSc Mental Health Studies, students must successfully complete either IPL 4095 or WBS 4760

MSc Mental Health Studies; top up pathway

Pre-accreditation
PG Diploma Mental Health Nursing
OR
PG Diploma Mental Health Practice
=120 credits @ level 7

IPL 4050 Developing Research Capability (Combined research methods and dissertation/project) module
60 credits @ Level 7

= MSc

See Appendix 2

- The programme will adhere to Middlesex University assessment regulations;
- The pass mark for all modules is 16;
- No compensation of a failed module is allowable.
Students who successfully complete the Postgraduate Certificate/ Diploma/MSc Mental Health Studies will be able to demonstrate commitment to CPD, lifelong learning, and practice research and development. Students may choose to undertake doctoral level study which will underpin advanced level practice.

Students will be able to map the learning outcomes from their optional modules plus the programme outcomes against their own career and development pathway. Within the NHS, this will include using the Knowledge and Skills Framework to develop their Personal Development Reviews.

- Programme planning support;
- Programme review meetings;
- Learning Resources workshops;
- Study skills workshops;
- Each student will have a designated supervisor for the dissertation/project module;
- University English Language and Learning Support.

18. JACS code (or other relevant coding system) B760

19. Relevant QAA subject benchmark group(s) Nursing

20. Reference points

- From Values to Action: The Chief Nursing Officer’s Review of Mental Health Nursing (DH 2006);
- Knowledge and Skills Framework (DH 2004);
- Modernising Nursing Careers (DH 2006);
- National Service Framework for Mental Health (DH 1999);
- The NHS Plan (DH 2001).

For any additional information contact the Programme Leader

Please note programme specifications provide a concise summary of the main features of the programme and the learning outcomes that a typical student might reasonably be expected to achieve if s/he takes full advantage of the learning opportunities that are provided. More detailed information about the programme can be found in the programme handbook and the University Regulations.
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Appendix 2:

Curriculum map for MSc Mental Health Studies

This section shows the highest level at which programme outcomes are to be achieved by all graduates, and maps programme learning outcomes against the modules in which they are assessed.

**Programme learning outcomes**

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<td><strong>A4</strong> Advanced level research methodologies</td>
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<td><strong>A5</strong> The advanced skills and knowledge needed to undertake a large scale mental health related research or work based learning project</td>
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**Cognitive skills**

| **B1** Critically analyse evidence based mental health practice                             |                                                                                                       |
| **B2** Evaluate and synthesise information in order to gain new insights into aspects of mental health practice |                                                                                                       |
| **B3** Utilise advanced problem solving                                                   |                                                                                                       |
| **B4** Reflect on and critically appraise personal, professional and service development needs |                                                                                                       |

**Programme outcomes**

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### b) Curriculum Map for PGDip Nursing (Mental) Students

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