**Programme title: MSc/PG Diploma in Dietetics**

**Programme content**

All the learning outcomes of the programme will be maintained.

Your course will continue to be delivered through the core modules that are specified for your programme. Crucially, this means that all of the learning outcomes for your programme will be maintained. In some instances, the order or duration of modules may have been changed to allow us to effectively deliver your programme to accommodate social distancing measures. Where we have made changes, they aim to provide support that maintains the quality of your learning experience.

In relation to your three compulsory NHS clinical placements, we will adhere to the national guidance provided by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA, June 2020) and any further guidance as stipulated by relevant professional, statutory or regulatory bodies (PSRB’s) linked to your programme of study. In general, we will aim to resume and run placements whenever possible ensuring safety and support for students to understand any risks and their options to manage these risks. If placements cannot run safely, we will move academic modules and aim to get students on placement at a later stage in the academic year. This will involve close liaison with the Trainers in each Health Board.

We are taking all necessary precautions to ensure that clinical training and associated NHS placements, which are an essential part of students’ training, proceeds in as normal a way as possible. We will put measures in place to minimise the risk to students and others. We are working closely with Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW) and the seven Health Boards in Wales, to prepare students for their chosen profession and to provide an excellent student experience.

Placements are risk assessed and there are policies in place to risk assess students who may be more vulnerable. This is to ensure the conditions are as safe as possible on placement. Our students are also covered to go out onto placement with coverage from the NHS Life Assurance Scheme.

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-and-social-care-coronavirus-life-assurance-scheme-2020-wales/scheme-information-wales-claimants>

Enhanced funding may be available to access for safe travel and other expenditure.

**Programme length**

We do not anticipate changes to the length of the programme unless public health guidance changes significantly or placements are delayed.

**Programme delivery**

The following section only applies to students who are either starting in Sept 2020 or who have remaining taught modules.

To be inclusive of your individual circumstances, we are planning to offer your course through a mixture of synchronous (delivered at a scheduled time and led by a member of staff) and asynchronous (activities designed and set by a member of staff, but completed in your own time) opportunities. We are planning to use a mixture of campus-based and virtual-learning environments to offer you an enhanced and flexible learning experience.

The programme will be delivered using a combination of on-campus and online teaching activities. Due to the constraints of social distancing you will have one day allocated to on-campus activities where seminars, tutorials and practicals will be prioritised above other sessions (e.g., lectures and some seminars) that will be given online. Using this model you should expect two days per week where ‘synchronous’ teaching will take place (i.e., 1 each of on and off-campus). The on-campus days will also serve to promote your integration within our academic community and develop your relationships with key staff on your programme of study. We are designing this curriculum to enable flexibility to be able to switch to fully online delivery if there are further local restrictions.

We are currently busy establishing how much of your scheduled learning will be time spent on-campus. We are aiming to have this information in our next communication which will be in August.

**Programme cost**

There are no changes to the fees for the programme. Bursaries will remain for the courses.

However, you should familiarise yourself with the normal costs for your programme. These are detailed on our website via this link:

 [Postgraduate Fees information](https://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/study/finance/Pages/Postgraduate%2C-Research-and-Part-Time-Students-.aspx)

**Assessment**

Our overall assessment strategy will remain unchanged, in that we will aim to assess all of your module learning outcomes. After our experiences of the first lockdown, we are designing inclusive and alternative assessments so that you will not be disadvantaged in the event of increased local restrictions being imposed. Specific assessment briefs will be provided, as normal, in your module handbooks, which will be available prior to the start the module.

**Award**

 There is no change to the qualifications possible from this programme.

**Teaching location**

We are currently planning to deliver a proportion of your learning on the University campus estate, whilst following Government guidelines around social distancing. The campus is being populated with clear signage, one-way systems, safety screens, and sanitizer dispensers. We are modelling our provision based upon 2 metre, 1.5 metre and 1 metre distancing, to allow us to be as flexible as possible in preparation for October. As outlined in the programme delivery information above, we are planning to deliver your programme through a mixture of face-to-face, on-campus delivery, and online learning packages. All support will be designed to ensure that no student is disadvantaged in meeting the required learning outcomes of their modules.

When considering travel and work during placements, we will use the standards set out in the QAA Quality Code as a guide and be informed by Government guidance. This means you will:

1. Receive appropriate support to search and apply for relevant work-based and placement learning opportunities if it is safe and appropriate.
2. Complete Health & Safety training to an acceptable standard before the commencement of your placement learning, including any specific procedures linked to COVID-19 protocols.
3. Adhere to any specific government guidance related to travel, including following advice and/or legislation linked to the use of private and public transport.

**Complaints**

The information provided by the School (above) is the most recent available, taking account all the amendments to the Programme that have been made due to the Covid19 pandemic. Any further amendments will be brought to your attention as quickly as possible.

If you have any issues with the changes that have been implemented, then we would ask that you formalise your issue via the University Complaints Policy and Procedure. A link to the same can be found using:

<http://www.cardiffmet.ac.uk/registry/Pages/Complaints.aspx>

Procedural advice is available from the Complaints Manager who can be contacted on email at complaints@cardiffmet.ac.uk.