**Programme title: MSc Applied Public Health**

**Programme content**

All the learning outcomes of the programme will be maintained.

Your course will continue to be delivered through the core and optional 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.

The programme includes an optional opportunity to use work-based learning as the basis for one of the assessments in the APH7014 Health Equity Interventions module. Where you have been able to arrange a suitable work-based learning opportunity, 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 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, where possible, they will be replaced with remote virtual placements with employers or flexible alternative assessments aimed to deliver the professional development learning outcomes linked to these modules of study.

**However, we must be realistic that in the current situation, employers in the public health field have been extremely stretched, and there may be very little scope for new work-based learning placements to be developed during 2020-21.** If you are already working in a field relevant to public health (paid or voluntarily), it may be feasible to incorporate this into your studies, and we will discuss this further with you as the course progresses.

**Programme length**

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

**Programme delivery**

The following section only applies to students who are either starting in Sept 2020 or who have remaining taught modules. If you only have your dissertation remaining (i.e., you are Full Time and started in Sept 2019, or a part-time student who completed year 2 in 2019-20) you will not be affected by the points in this section.

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.

For most modules, we will be delivering using a combination of on-campus and online teaching activities. On-campus activities will focus on seminars and tutorials that bring the learning together. These sessions will additionally focus on successfully facilitating your integration within our academic community and developing your relationships with key staff on your programme of study.

The module SHS7000 Applied Research Methods and Design is already designed and delivered as a blended e-learning module, with core content delivered via e-learning materials, and supported by pathway-specific synchronous sessions (on-campus and/or online).

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.

*Specific arrangements for part-time students*

In line with our usual late afternoon delivery arrangements, on-campus sessions for part-time students will be scheduled after 4pm wherever possible. Where it is feasible to do so, we will also provide opportunities for part-time students to engage with synchronous online sessions that are scheduled after 4pm (on a different day).

**Programme cost**

There are no changes to the fees for the programme.

**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 qualification awarded.

**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 to work-based learning, 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 work-based or 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.