N. GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

N.1 General Regulations

N.1.1 This section of the regulations relates to the awarding of Graduate Certificates and Diplomas and Professional Graduate Certificates in Education. This section must be read in conjunction with Sections A – E of the University of Wolverhampton Academic Regulations.

N.1.2 The Registry will publish annually a full list of courses governed by Section N of the Regulations.

N.2 The Admission of Students

N.2.1 To be eligible to study for an award of Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma a student must hold a Degree or Honours Degree in a subject different to that being studied for a Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma.

N.2.2 To be eligible to study the PGCE (H), students should be working in a College of Further Education.

N.2.3 To be eligible to study the Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing, students must meet the requirements of the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC).

N.3 The Registration of Students

N.3.1 The maximum period over which an award or an interim award may be studied will normally be:

Full Time	Normal	Part Time
Graduate Certificate	1 year	1 year
Graduate Diploma	1 year	2 years

Part Time	Normal	Part Time
Graduate Certificate	1 year	2 years
Graduate Diploma	2 years	3 years
Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (H)	2 years	3 years
Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing	I year	1 year

N.3.2 Where a student chooses to change their mode of study the maximum period of registration will be calculated pro rata.

N.3.3 Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) is not granted to students studying for the awards governed by Section N.

N.4 The Management of Student Assessment

N.4.1 Section D.2 sets out the grading schemes used by the University of Wolverhampton. For Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diploma's the following scheme will be used:

Level 5 - 7	Percentage Mark Scheme

N.4.2 For awards governed by Section N. Section D.3.10 does not apply. Compensation of modules is not permitted for the awards governed by Section N.

N.5 The Management of Assessment Boards

N.5.1 This section is intentionally blank.

N.6 Continuation and Progression Regulations

N.6.1 Full-time students who fail to achieve 120 credits, may return to continue or repeat their studies at the same level. In such cases students will:

a. only study modules previously failed or deferred or substitutes for failed modules; and
b. be in a position to recover any failure within the rules of their course; and
c. be in a position to not exceed the maximum period over which the award may be studied, contained in Section N.3.1

N.6.2 In order to continue from one year to the next, part-time students studying for an award governed by Section N will:

a. be in a position to recover any failure within the rules of their course; and
b. have no more than 20 credits outstanding from modules already studied; and
c. be in a position to not exceed the maximum period over which the award may be studied, contained in Section N.3.1.

N.6.3 Students commencing their studies at times other than the start of the academic year will be considered by the appropriate Progression / Award Board at the end of the University academic year. They will be considered as a part time student at the first board and Section N.6.2 will apply.

N.7 Credit Requirements

N.7.1 To be eligible for the award of a Graduate Certificate or Diploma, a student will need to have met the following credit requirements:

Qualification	**Total Credits required**	**Level 5**	**Level 6**	**Level 7**
Graduate Diploma	120	None	120	

Graduate Certificate	60	None	Minimum 60	
PGCE (H)	120	Maximum 60	Minimum 60	None
Practice Certificate in Independent Prescribing	40	None	None	40
University Statement of Credit	20	Minimum 20		

N.7.2 A University Statement of Credit may be offered as an exit award, provided the relevant level of credit, outlined in paragraph N.7.1 is met.

N.8 Classification of Awards

N.8.1 Awards governed by Section N are not classified.

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