 **Programme Requirements for Progression and**

**Description of Outcomes for Supernumerary Clinical Modules**

BSc General Nursing

BSc Mental Health Nursing

BSc Midwifery Stages

BSc Children’s & General Nursing

**Programme Derogations**

Derogations are implemented to ensure that the domains/ performance indicators in the National Competence Assessment Document (NCAD) or principles /assessment criteria in the Midwifery Competence Assessment Tool (MCAT) of progression within clinical supernumerary modules are met. Derogation describes where a module or programme is granted formal exemption from the University Academic Regulations. Approval of derogations is granted by the University Undergraduate Programme Board.

**Derogation 1**

All clinical modules in each year of the three nursing programmes and midwifery programme must be passed before the student can progress to the next year of the programme.

**Derogation 2**

In addition to passing all the clinical modules of a particular year, students are required to complete all of the clinical time for that year, before they can progress to the next year of the programme.

**Note:** *Upon completing any outstanding clinical time for a module, students must immediately present their time sheets, confirming completion of this time, to the School of Nursing Midwifery and Health Systems clinical allocations office. The student should keep a copy of the time sheet as proof of submission. Failure to submit the completed time sheet will result in the student being unable to progress to the next year of the programme.*

**Derogation 3**

A student who fails a supernumerary clinical practice module having had three attempts will be ineligible to continue in that nursing or midwifery programme.

**Description of Outcomes for Supernumerary Clinical Modules**

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| **Outcome** | **Description** |
| **PASS**  **(P)** | **National Competence Assessment Document (NCAD) Domains /Performance Indicators have been achieved. A Pass (P) grade is awarded.**  **Midwifery Competence Assessment Tool (MCAT) Principles / Assessment Criteria have been achieved A Pass (P) grade is awarded.**  **Derogation Requirement:** Students are required to complete all of the clinical time for that year before they can progress to the next year of the programme. |
| **Incomplete**  **(IM)** | **National Competence Assessment Document Domains/Performance Indicators have not been achieved, as the student cannot be assessed due to insufficient time in the clinical area, and the student has no extenuating circumstances. An ‘Incomplete’ (IM) grade is awarded.**  **Midwifery Competence Assessment Tool Principles/ Assessment Criteria have been not been achieved, as the student cannot be assessed due to insufficient time in the clinical area, and the student has no extenuating circumstances. An ‘Incomplete’ (IM) grade is awarded.**  **Remediation Strategy:**   * Students will be given only one opportunity to attend a practice placement to achieve outstanding performance indicators in the NCAD or assessment criteria in MCAT. This re-scheduled time is considered part of the first attempt. * Normally the time required to complete the clinical assessment will be equivalent to the outstanding time for that practice placement. * If the performance indicators in the NCAD or assessment criteria in the MCAT are not completed during this one opportunity, due to absenteeism, the CPC will contact the UCD personal tutor. The case will be reviewed, and a plan of action will be put in place with the involvement of the Clinical Allocations Office. * The Incomplete (IM) will only become a Pass (P) when all NCAD performance indicators or MCAT assessment criteria have been achieved.   **Derogation Requirement:** Students are required to complete all of the clinical time for that year before they can progress to the next year of the programme |
| **Incomplete Extenuating**  **Circumstance**  **(IX)** | **National Competence Assessment Document Domains/Performance Indicators have not been achieved due to extenuating circumstances. An ‘Incomplete with Extenuating’ (IX) grade is awarded based on a recommendation from the Extenuating Circumstances Committee.**  **Midwifery Competence Assessment Tool (MCAT) Principles/Assessment Criteria have not been achieved due to extenuating circumstances. An ‘Incomplete with Extenuating’ (IX) grade is awarded based on a recommendation from the Extenuating Circumstances Committee.**  **Remediation Strategy:**   * The student is required to undertake a supplemental practice placement which is considered as part of the first attempt. This provides an opportunity to complete the unattained/incomplete performance criteria in the NCAD or assessment criteria in the MCAT * The supplemental practice placement duration may vary to meet the needs of individual students. * The IX grade will only become a Pass (P) when all performance indicators in the NCAD or assessment criteria in the MCAT have been achieved.   **Derogation Requirement:** Students are required to complete all of the clinical time for that year before they can progress to the next year of the programme. |
| **Fail (F) on 1st attempt** | **National Competence Assessment Document Domains /Performance Indicators have not been achieved on the repeat. A Fail grade is awarded.**  **Midwifery Competence Assessment Tool Principles/Assessment Criteria have not been achieved on the repeat. A Fail grade is awarded.**  **Remediation strategy for Second Attempt**   * The student is required to undertake a repeat practice placement. * The student is required to focus on the unattained standards from the 1st clinical placement (original). * The duration of the repeat practice placement is 4 weeks. If the original practice placement was less *than four weeks the* repeat is the same duration as the original practice placement. * The outcome grade for the 2nd attempt will be presented at the next available examination board.   **Derogation Requirement:** Students are required to complete all of the clinical time for that year before they can progress to the next year of the programme. |
| **Fail Repeat (FR) on 2nd attempt** | **National Competence Assessment Document Domains /** P**erformance Indicators have not been achieved on the repeat. A Fail grade is awarded.**  **Midwifery Competence Assessment Tool Principles /Assessment Criteria have not been achieved on the repeat. A Fail grade is awarded.**  **Remediation Strategy for Third Attempt**   * The student is required to undertake a repeat clinical placement. * The student is required to complete a new NCAD and must achieve all performance criteria of that assessment or the student is required to complete a new MCAD and must achieve all assessment criteria of that assessment. * The duration of the repeat Practice l placement is the same as the 1st (original) practice placement. * The outcome grade for the 3rd attempt will be presented at the next available examination board.   **Derogation Requirement:** Students are required to complete all of the clinical time for that year before they can progress to the next year of the programme. |
| **Fail (F) repeat**  **on 3rd attempt** | **A fail grade is awarded if the National Competence Assessment Document Domains /Performance Indicators. A Fail grade is awarded.**  **Midwifery Competence Assessment Tool Principles/ Assessment Criteria have not been achieved during the repeat placement. A Fail grade is awarded.**   * The student is required to undertake a repeat practice placement. * The student is required to focus on the unattained NCAD performance indicators from the previous practice placement or MCAT assessment criteria * The duration of the repeat practice placement is 4 weeks. If the original practice placement was less *than four weeks* the repeat is the same duration as the original practice placement. * The outcome grade will be presented at the next available examination board. As per the progression derogation, a student who fails the 3rd attempt a supernumerary practice placement module will be ineligible to continue in that nursing or midwifery programme.   **Derogation Requirement:** Students are required to complete all of the clinical time for that year before they can progress to the next year of the programme. |
| **No Grade**  **(NM)** | **Failure to attend and/or present a completed National Competence Assessment Document to the UCD personal tutor, with no evidence of extenuating circumstances**  **Failure to attend and/or present a completed Midwifery Competence Assessment Tool to the UCD personal tutor, with no evidence of extenuating circumstances.**  **Remediation Strategy:**   * No Grade is treated the same as a fail grade and considered as a clinical attempt. * The student is required to repeat the clinical module. |