



School of Health

Honours level equivalency for entry to post-graduate study

An Honours degree (Classified degree) is the recognised 'normal' academic entry requirement to post-graduate study in the UK, however, the School of Health within Glasgow Caledonian University recognises that experienced practitioners have characteristics which align with study at this academic level. As part of the admissions process programmes within the Department of Women's, Children's and Community Health will accept applicants who do not currently meet the standard academic entry requirements if they:

- meet other entry criteria specific to the programme being applied for;
- as part of the admissions process, submit references from two suitably qualified and/or experienced referees who support the applicant's entry to post-graduate study; and
- can show evidence of study at SCQF Level 11 (Master's level) or demonstrate learning and experience within the context of professional roles, responsibilities and activities within their field/area of practice which align with the outcomes of Honours level study (Quality Assurance Agency, 2001).

Guidance for applicants

Candidates should construct a detailed CV which includes the following information:

- 150-200 word personal statement which outlines the rationale for undertaking the programme including relevant experience and knowledge which the candidate considers will support their application.
- Reflecting on their field/area of practice applicants should identify and explain in approximately 500 words professional roles, responsibilities and activities undertaken within the past five years in relation to the following criteria:
 - Knowledge, understanding and skills in identifying and analysing complex problems and issues.
 - Written and oral communication within field of practice.
 - Identify and address personal learning needs as part of Continuous Personal Development.
 - The application of research and evidence based practice.

Candidates should then submit the detailed CV in support of Honours level equivalency with their application and return it to Helen Gough, MSc Healthcare Education Programme Leader, Glasgow Caledonian University, Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow G4 0BA. Applicants should note that no credit will be awarded for equivalency and that no charge will be made.

Please note that, ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that he or she is sufficiently prepared to undertake post-graduate study. Expectations of students at this level of academic study are detailed in programme information for applicants.