

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Midwifery Department

New Postgraduate Studies Programme

"REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH - CHILDBIRTH - PARENTHOOD - BREASTFEEDING"

REGULATIONS ON STUDIES, PRACTICAL TRAINING, MOBILITY, MOBILITY AND ESSAYS

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Article 1 - General provisions

The present regulation defines the framework for the operation of the MSc "Reproductive Health - Childbirth - Parenthood - Breastfeeding", in accordance with the provisions of Law 4957/2022 and the relevant ministerial decisions as decided by the Assembly of the Department of Midwifery, Faculty of Health Sciences in its decision no. 24/25-09-2024 (Topic 2).

The regulation incorporates the strategic directions of the International Hellenic University and is oriented towards providing a high level of education and research in the fields of reproductive health, childbirth, parenthood and breastfeeding.

Article 2 - Duration of operation

The MSc will operate from the Academic Year 2025-26 for five (5) consecutive years.

The number of admissions for each cycle and the operating details are updated by the Assembly of the Department, in accordance with the provisions of the current legislation.

Article 3 - Cognitive Objectives - Programme Objectives

The Postgraduate Studies Programme serves the mission and scientific orientation of the Department of Midwifery of the International Hellenic University (IHU) and is part of the strategic planning of the IHU. The programme aims to provide education, expertise and research background in modern fields of Midwifery Science in key areas:

Reproductive Health
Childbirth Parenthood
Breastfeeding

In particular, the MSc seeks to:

- The training of specialised scientists capable of staffing health units at various levels (primary, secondary and tertiary).
- To strengthen research and the application of new knowledge to address emerging problems in the field of reproductive health.
- The dissemination and transfer of scientific and clinical knowledge to health professionals and the general public in the modern fields of Midwifery Science in the field of Reproductive Health - Childbirth - Parenthood and Breastfeeding.

Article 4 - Postgraduate degrees awarded

The MSc awards the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (MSc) in "**Reproductive Health - Childbirth - Parenthood - Breastfeeding**", level 7 of the National and European Qualifications Framework.

Graduates of the programme may be issued, prior to the final award, a certificate of successful completion of the programme.

The Diploma of Postgraduate Studies is accompanied by a Diploma Supplement in Greek and in English, in relation to which the provisions of article 15 of Law No. 3374/2005 and the ministerial decision under reference Φ5/89656/BE/13-8-2007 (B` 1466) and which is an explanatory document providing information on the nature, level, general framework of

education, content and status of the studies that have been successfully completed and does not replace the official degree or the detailed course grades awarded by the International Hellenic University.

Article 5 - Duration of studies

1. Minimum duration of studies:

The programme lasts for three (3) semesters, with the first two semesters dedicated to coursework and the third to the preparation of the postgraduate thesis.

Maximum Time of Attendance:

It cannot exceed 3 semesters of regular study plus 3 additional semesters (total of 6 semesters).

2. Part-time attendance:

Part-time study is available for employees or students who have demonstrated employment of at least 20 hours/week, in accordance with the relevant provisions.

3. Non-Program Students

In the context of the educational process, the possibility of attending one course per semester and no more than two courses per person in the entire curriculum of the MSc is provided to external participants in the capacity of non-program students (here in after: "non-program students").

Non-program students are not counted as students of the MSc (therefore they are not entitled to an academic identity card) but upon successful completion of the courses they can obtain a certificate of credit for the ECTS of the courses they have attended (maximum awarded ECTS 12 - 2x6).

Non-program students can apply (if they wish to do so) for enrolment in the MSc and, if accepted, they can register the courses they have successfully passed in the MSc curriculum. The cost of attendance for non-program students is set at 500 euros per course with a maximum of 1000 euros in total per person of the MSc curriculum.

4. Suspension of Studies

In exceptional cases, postgraduate students are granted, upon submission of a reasoned application, a temporary suspension of studies, which may not exceed two (2) consecutive semesters. During the period of suspension, the postgraduate student shall lose his/her status as a student. The period of suspension shall not count towards the maximum period of regular study. In order for the request for suspension to be accepted, the request must be submitted before the maximum period of study has elapsed. During the entire period of suspension of studies, no tuition fees are paid and the award of scholarships is suspended

Upon returning to study, the student continues to be subject to the study status of the time of registration as a postgraduate student.

The suspension is granted by decision of the Assembly, following a recommendation of the Coordinating Committee.

5. Deletion of postgraduate students

The Departmental Assembly decides on issues of review of courses in due courses or deletion after the proposal of the Coordinating Committee, which decides on the terms of review and the reasons for deletion and includes them in the internal Regulations for Postgraduate Studies.

Reasons for deletion are:

- a) insufficient progress of the postgraduate student (which is documented by non-participation in the educational process, i.e. in course attendance, participation in examinations) (see Article 11 & 12 of these Regulations),
- b) failure to fulfil other obligations defined by the relevant Regulation,
- c) any conduct that violates academic ethics according to the legislation in force and the Code of Conduct of the IHU.
- d) an application by the postgraduate student himself/herself.

Article 6 - Number of entrants

The total number of admissions is determined by the Assembly of the Department and is initially set at up to **forty (40) students per admission cycle**.

Article 7 - Admission procedure for postgraduate students

7.1. PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

The Coordinating Committee (CC) of the MSc, under the responsibility of the Director of the MSc, publishes, at least two months before the start of the courses, on the internet and/or in any other medium it deems appropriate, a relevant announcement to the interested candidates, which specifies:

1. The required qualifications for candidates for admission to the MSc.
2. The deadline for submission of supporting documents
3. The general way of assessing candidates
4. The address for submission of supporting documents

The applications of postgraduate students are submitted on special forms, which are available from the Secretariat of the MSc and from the website of the Department of Midwifery (<https://www.ihu.gr/tmima-maieftikis/>) and the site of the postgraduate programme www.mscinmidwifery.ihu.gr.

Then the Secretariat, to which the applications are submitted by the candidates, forwards them to the MSc Committee along with the accompanying material for evaluation.

In addition to graduates, students who have successfully completed all of their courses and have only their swearing-in ceremony pending can also apply. In order to participate in the selection procedure, these students will be required to produce a certificate from their departmental secretariat stating that they have completed their studies, indicating the degree

and that only the swearing-in procedure is pending. Their registration will be finalized once they have submitted a copy of their diploma.

The necessary documents that candidates must submit are:

1. Application form
2. Photocopy of identity card or passport
3. A full curriculum vitae, including information on the candidate's studies, research and/or professional activity and possible scientific work.
4. A certified copy of a diploma (for graduates), or a certificate from the secretariat of the Department they are studying in that they have successfully passed the examinations of all courses, indicating the degree and that only the swearing-in procedure is pending. Their registration will be finalized only after they have submitted a copy of their diploma. For those from foreign universities, a certificate of degree equivalence from the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (**Hellenic NARIC**) (or former DIKATSA).
5. A certified certificate of analytical grades, indicating all the courses they have successfully attended and their performance in them, including the degree/thesis.
6. Certificate of English language proficiency of at least B2 level issued by the Ministry of Education or other institutions recognized by the ASEP. For foreign candidates an additional certificate of Greek language proficiency is required.

In addition, candidates may also submit the following supporting documents:

1. Two letters of recommendation, preferably one from a faculty member. Letters of recommendation may also be submitted electronically, as decided by the Board.
2. Documentation of sufficient knowledge of one or more foreign languages other than English.
3. Scientific Publications, Distinctions, other qualifications other than the first degree (if any). (if any).
4. Evidence of relevant professional experience (if any).
5. Copies of other qualifications such as a second undergraduate degree, postgraduate diploma or doctorate.

Application and Submission of Supporting Documents:

Candidates must submit their application on specific forms, accompanied by the required supporting documents (CV, copies of degrees, language certificates, etc.).

Candidate assessment:

Evaluation is based on grading criteria (degree, relevant undergraduate courses, professional experience, letters of recommendation and personal interview).

Final Selection and Registration:

After the ranking of the candidates, the final selection is confirmed by the Assembly of the Department and the successful candidates are informed of their enrolment.

7.2. CATEGORIES OF GRADUATES ADMITTED AS POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

Graduates of the Departments of Midwifery and Medicine belonging to Higher Educational Institutions of the country, as well as graduates of the corresponding Departments of

recognized similar institutions abroad, are admitted to the MSc. The titles of foreign institutions are accepted either a) with recognition of equivalence by the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (**Hellenic NARIC**) (former DIKATSA) on the date of submission of the supporting documents, or b) on the basis of the National Register of Recognized Institutions of foreign countries and if the type of this title belongs to the National Register of Types of Degree Titles of Recognized Institutions posted on the website of the Hellenic National Academic Recognition and Information Center (**Hellenic NARIC**), in accordance with the provision of Article 304 par. 4 of Law No. 4957/2022.

The Secretariat checks whether the institution awarding the title of foreign institution belongs to the National Register of Recognized Institutions of Foreign Countries and whether the type of this title belongs to the National Register of Types of Degree Titles of Recognized Institutions posted on the website of the (Hellenic NARIC), in accordance with the provision of article 304 par. 4 of Law No. 4957/2022.

Candidates can also be final year students who have successfully completed their undergraduate studies before the start of the evaluation of candidates and who meet all the requirements for admission to the MSc (see 7.1.).

The members of these categories: Special Educational Personnel, as well as Laboratory Teaching Staff and Specialized Technical Laboratory Personnel can be registered as supernumeraries, and only one per year and per MSc, if they serve in Midwifery Department and the degree and the work they perform is relevant to the subject of the MSc.

Foreign candidates are also admitted to the MSc, following the recommendation of the Board and the decision of the Assembly, provided that they meet the admission requirements for the MSc and submit a Certificate of Attainment in Greek Language recognized by the Supreme Personnel Selection Council (ASEP). The above provision applies to postgraduate students who have not completed secondary education in Greece or in a Greek-speaking school abroad.

Graduates who - according to the courses they have attended for the undergraduate degree - are considered to have a low background in the scientific area of the MSc, are required to attend up to three undergraduate courses. Attendance of these courses is compulsory.

Holders of recognized postgraduate degrees in Greece or abroad are entitled - following a decision of the Assembly - to exemption from the corresponding courses they have successfully attended for their postgraduate degree.

7.3. PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATING CANDIDATES

The evaluation and selection of postgraduate students is defined in the Regulations of Studies of the MSc and is carried out by the Board of the MSc. The selection process is based on criteria for the qualifications of the candidates that maximize the probability of successful participation in the MSc and which are presented in the following table and includes a specialised algorithm:

Candidate selection criteria		Contributor
K1	General degree degree	20%
K2	Relevance & Performance in the thesis/dissertation	20%
K3	Number of relevant undergraduate courses: (a) up to ten (10) courses, a coefficient of 0.50 (b) more than ten (10) courses, a coefficient of 1.00	10%
K4	Curriculum Vitae, from which are mainly evaluated : (a) relevant professional, scientific - research experience, coefficient 0,60 (b) additional academic qualifications (bachelor's or master's degree) beyond the basic one, coefficient 0,30 (c) scholarships and other awards, multiplied by a coefficient of 0.10	25%
K5	Personal interview of candidates	20%
K6	2nd or more foreign languages (except English, which is a necessary qualification) Foreign candidates must have sufficient knowledge of the Greek language to be able to follow the MSc without difficulty.	5%
		TOTAL 100%

In each of the above criteria (K1-K6), the candidate is marked on a scale of 0-10. The general formula for calculating each candidate's final mark (B) on the basis of the above criteria and their respective weightings is as follows: $B = K1 \times 0,2 + K2 \times 0,2 + K3 \times 0,1 + K4 \times 0,25 + K5 \times 0,2 + K6 \times 0,05$

In the personal interview, the personality of the candidate is assessed. The ability to communicate clearly and persuasively, sound judgement, as well as the candidate's general composition and the two letters of reference submitted will be particularly important in forming an opinion of the candidate.

Postgraduate students have the opportunity, following a proposal of the Board of Directors and approval by the Assembly of the Department, to assist professors of the Undergraduate Programme of Studies (P.P.S.) in tutorial exercises and laboratories as well as to participate in research projects and programmes related to their scientific subject.

7.4. PROCEDURE FOR THE FINAL SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The selection procedure is as follows:

- 1) A complete list of those who have applied is initially compiled by the Secretariat of the MSc.
- 2) The Coordinating Committee (CC)

- i. reject candidates who do not meet the requirements.
 - ii. rank the candidates in order of merit and publish the provisional selection list and announce the time limit for appeals.
 - iii. Invite for an interview those candidates who meet the requirements for enrolment in the MSc.
 - iv. Taking into account the final scores of the candidates, it draws up the final selection list in order of merit.
- 3) The final list of the successful candidates is ratified by the Assembly of the Department. It is posted in accordance with the provisions on personal data protection on the website of the MSc and in the announcements of the Department.

In the event of a tie, all tied candidates will be admitted.

Successful candidates are informed electronically by the MSc Secretariat and are invited to reply electronically within 10 days, whether or not they accept their admission to the MSc, after accepting its terms of operation. Failure by a selected candidate to reply within the above deadline is equivalent to a refusal of acceptance. In the case of refusals, the Secretariat will inform the candidates immediately following in the evaluation order. Postgraduate students register at the MSc secretariat by presenting the necessary documents.

7.4.1.

The Secretariat of the MSc announces the duration of the registration period and the required documents.

For registration, successful candidates need to submit the relevant documents either in person to the Secretariat or send by post or electronically. Registration is considered complete when all the required documents have been submitted.

The places on the reserve list of successful candidates who do not register by the closing date will be filled by other successful candidates in the order in which they are placed on the reserve list.

Article 8 - Organisation - Administration of the MSc Management bodies:

The governing bodies of the programme are:

The Senate of the International Hellenic University

The Assembly of the Department of Midwifery

The Coordinating Committee (CC) of the MSc

The Director of the MSc

Technical and Administrative Support:

The Programme Secretariat provides the necessary administrative support in cooperation with specialised partners.

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Article 9 - Curriculum Structure of the Programme:

The programme includes:

10 courses during the first two semesters (5 per semester), each with provides **6 ECTS**.

A postgraduate thesis (M.D.E.) in the third semester, corresponding to 30 ECTS.

A total of 90 ECTS is required for the completion of the programme.

Course Content:

The courses cover theoretical and practical aspects of midwifery science in the areas of reproductive health, childbirth, breastfeeding and parenthood.

CODE	COURSES OF THE 1 st SEMESTER	TEACHING HOURS	CREDIT CREDITS (ECTS)
MM100	Research Methodology in Health Sciences	39	6
MM101	Psychology in Reproductive Health, Counselling & Communication Skills	39	6
MM102	Women's/Family Health Care: Models Reproductive Health Promotion	39	6
MM103	<i>Prenatal Testing/ Pregnancy complications</i>	39	6
MM104	Intercultural approach, sociological aspects and legal issues during midwifery practice	39	6
	Total 1st semester	195	30
	LESSONS OF THE 2nd SEMESTER		

MM200	Biostatistics- Applying research protocols in Health Sciences- Writing research articles	39	6
MM201	<i>Advanced Midwifery Care for promoting normal childbirth</i>	39	6
MM202	<i>Advanced Midwifery care during Parental Preparation</i>	39	6
MM203	<i>Advanced Midwifery Care for mother & newborn- Breastfeeding</i>	39	6
MM204	<i>Dealing with Midwifery & neonatal emergencies Cases</i>	39	6
	Total 2th semester	195	30
	COURSES OF THE 3rdth SEMESTER		
MM301	Postgraduate Diploma Thesis		30
	General Total Credit Units		90

Within the framework of the MSc, emphasis is placed on the teaching of specialized workshops and the participation of postgraduate students in scientific activities (seminars, workshops, conferences, etc.).

Article 10 - Official language

The official language of the programme is Greek.

In some cases, lectures or papers may be conducted in English, with the prior approval of the Steering Committee.

Article 11 - Performance evaluation

Students are assessed at the end of each semester through written and/or oral examinations, assignments and other assessment methods as provided in the course outlines.

The grading scale ranges from 0 to 10, with the examination being considered successful if the student achieves at least grade 5:

Excellent: from eight and fifty (8.50) to ten (10),

Very good: from six and fifty (6.50) to eight and forty-nine (8.49),

Fine: from five (5) to six and forty-nine (6.49).

The final grade of the Diploma is calculated as a combination of the grades of all courses and the P.D.T., depending on the respective ECTS.

The results of the course grading are communicated under the responsibility of the course coordinator and sent to the MSc Secretariat within fifteen (15) days after the examination date or, in case the evaluation is based on assignments, twenty (20) days after the date of delivery of the assignments. In case the above limit is repeatedly exceeded by a lecturer, the Director of the MSc informs the Departmental Assembly.

A re-examination is not allowed in order for the student to improve his/her grade.

The degree of the Master's degree is determined by the grades of the courses of the Programme and the grade of the postgraduate thesis in proportion to the ECTS that are allocated to them.

The final Diploma Grade is derived from the following formula:

$$\frac{(B1 \times CCU1 + B2 \times CCU2 + \dots + B10 \times CCU10) + (GDT \times DCU)}{90}$$

90

B1 = Course grade 1

MT1 = Course Credit Units 1 B2 =

Course grade 2

MT2 = Course Credit Units 2 B10 =

Course grade 10

MT10 = Course Credit Units 10 CCU =

Grade of Diploma Thesis GDT =

Dissertation Credit Units

The percentage of participation of assignments and seminars in the final grade of each course is determined for each course separately, following the recommendation of the lecturer of each course and is indicated in the Guide of Studies of the MSc.

Alternative methods may be applied for the assessment of students with disabilities and special educational needs following a decision of the Board and its recommendation to the Assembly of the Department.

In cases of illness or recovery from a serious illness, the lecturer is recommended to facilitate the student in any way he/she deems appropriate (e.g. oral remote examination). During oral examinations the teacher shall ensure that he/she is not alone with the student being examined.

Assessment and grading in each course are the sole responsibility of the instructor, is carried out in complete independence from other courses and is a derivative of the objective assessment of the student's performance in the course (assignments, examinations, etc.).

The final grade for each course is derived from the sum of the students' performance in specific areas (e.g. assignments, exams) according to the instructions provided by the course coordinator at the beginning of the semester. Each course is examined twice a year: at the end of the academic semester in which it was taught, and in September/October of each year.

Postgraduate students of the MSc who consider that they have been wronged in their grading in a particular course, after two consecutive failures, have the right to appeal to a Tripartite Committee which will be appointed by the Board of Directors specifically for this particular case and in which the teaching professor will not participate. The Three Members of Committee will examine the matter and recommend to the Assembly, which will take the final decision, that they be reviewed by the Committee.

The grade of the MSc is recorded in the student's personal file under the responsibility of the Secretariat.

Correction of grades is allowed if there is an obvious clerical or cumulative error, following a letter from the competent lecturer and a decision of the Departmental Assembly.

The papers are kept for two (2) years and must be kept in the custody of the person in charge of the course. After this time, the writings cease to be valid and, under the responsibility of the Assembly, a

record is drawn up and destroyed - unless there are pending criminal, disciplinary or any other administrative proceedings.

The time and duration of the examination periods of the MSc are determined by the Assembly of the Department following the recommendation of the Board.

Failure in courses

If the postgraduate student fails the examination of a course or courses three (3) times and is considered not to have successfully completed the programme, he/she is examined, at his/her request, by a three-member committee of members of the faculty's teaching staff, who have the same or related subject matter to the course under examination and are appointed by the Assembly of the Department of Midwifery. The lecturer in charge of the examination shall be excluded from the committee. If he/she does not achieve a pass mark even before the three-member committee, the question of his/her expulsion shall be brought before the competent bodies of the MSc. In the case of reexamination of courses in due courses, the Board of Directors shall decide on the conditions of reexamination.

Partial:

1. For the first semester of the course:

A) If a postgraduate student fails 1 or 2 courses:

He/she is allowed to attend the courses of the second semester and to take the examinations for them normally (except in special cases, by decision of the Assembly, after the opinion of the advisor and the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee). The courses of the first semester in which he/she has failed will be re-examined in October.

B) If a postgraduate student fails the examinations of three (3) or more courses, he/she is not allowed to continue in the second semester. He/she will be given the opportunity to take these courses in the 2nd examination period (September/October). If he/she passes the exam, he/she may continue in the B Semester of the next cycle.

2. In the 2nd examination period (September/October) all the courses of the MSc in which there were examinations are examined. Postgraduate students who have failed a course of the MSc participate in these examinations. If the postgraduate student passes all the courses in these examinations, he/she continues his/her studies in the MSc (with a delay of 3 months) with the assignment of a thesis. If the postgraduate student does not pass all the courses, he/she has the possibility to retake the courses in which he/she did not achieve a pass mark in the next cycle of studies by paying two hundred (200) euros for each course in which he/she failed. If he/she fails to pass these courses again in the next cycle of studies, he/she will be withdrawn from the MSc.
3. In order to be assigned a thesis, a postgraduate student must have achieved a pass mark **in all** courses. Exceptionally, applications for the assignment of a postgraduate thesis (P.T.) may be considered for students who have failed in up to two (2) courses in the first two semesters and always provided that the final evaluation of the P.T. follows the mandatory examination and pass in all courses of the MSc. This possibility is given after the repeat examinations in September/October of the respective cycle of the MSc.

4. When re-taking a course after failing the previous academic year's examinations, the limit on absences from the course is up to 50% of the meetings taken in the course or up to six (6) meetings. The student is required to attend specific meetings, depending on the course, such as paper presentations, even if the required meetings are more than six (6) or 50% of the meetings. These meetings are set by the instructor in charge of the course.

Article 12 - Postgraduate Diploma Thesis (P.D.T.)

At the beginning of the 3rd semester of studies, each postgraduate student must undertake the preparation of his/her Postgraduate Diploma Thesis (30 ECTS) and choose a supervisor, who must be one of the lecturers of the MSc. The procedure for the assignment and evaluation of the MME is described in the current MME Regulations. Specifically:

With regard to the undertaking, preparation and support of the thesis, the following are defined:

12. α. Application - Submission of subject

The postgraduate student has the right to submit an P.D.T. thesis if he/she has successfully completed the courses defined in the internal regulations of the Master's degree programme (with the exception of par 3 article 11 of the present).

The postgraduate student submits an application, in which the proposed title of the thesis, the proposed supervisor and a summary of the proposed thesis is attached to the Secretariat of the MSc. The acceptance of the proposal is based on the relevance of the topic to the postgraduate programme, the contribution to expected benefits and the originality of the approach and is confirmed by the Assembly after the recommendation of the Coordinating Committee.

- Postgraduate students who do not submit the application within the time limits set by the Internal Regulations, postpone, at their own risk, by at least one semester the start of the P.D.T.

12. b. Supervision of P.D.T.

- The Coordinating Committee, following the candidate's request, appoints the supervisor and sets up the Tripartite Examination Committee for the approval of the thesis, one of whose members is the supervisor.
- The following have the right to supervise theses:

α) Members of Teaching Research Staff (D.R.P.), Special Education Staff (S.E.P.), Laboratory Teaching Staff (L.E.T.P.) and Special Technical Laboratory Staff (S.T.L.P.) of the Department or other Departments of the same or another Higher Education Institution (HEI) or Higher Military Educational Institution (HEMI), with additional employment beyond their statutory obligations,

b) Professors Emeritus or retired members of the Department or other Departments of the same or other universities,

c) cooperating teachers,

(d) designated teachers,

(e) visiting professors or visiting researchers,

f) researchers and special operational scientists of research and technological institutions of Article

13A of Law No. 4310/2014 (A' 258) or other research centers and institutes in Greece or abroad, provided that they hold a doctoral degree.

The members of the Tripartite Examination Committee must have the same or related scientific specialization with the cognitive subject of the MSc

In exceptional cases of loss, objective inability to perform supervisory duties or for an important reason, it is possible to replace the supervisor or a member of the Tripartite Examination Committee following a decision of the Assembly of the relevant Department after the recommendation of the Board.

The duration of the Master's Thesis is 1 semester (3^o semester of studies). In exceptional cases, following a reasoned recommendation of the CC, this period may be extended up to 1 academic year. During the preparation of the thesis, the postgraduate student informs the supervisor, who monitors whether the objectives and specifications of the research are met.

The results of the work should contain elements of originality and demonstrate advanced theoretical knowledge and practical skills, critical thinking, analytical, synthesis and research skills.

12c. Presentation and completion of the Postgraduate Diploma Thesis (P.D.T.)

The postgraduate student presents his/her P.D.T. in front of an open audience.

After the completion of the Master's thesis, the student submits copies of the final Master's thesis to the Supervisor and the other two members of the Examination Committee. Provided there is a positive verdict from the Tripartite Examination Committee, the date of the public support/evaluation of the M.D. is set at a date and place determined by the Departmental Assembly on the recommendation of the Board. The length and depth of the oral examination during the support is commensurate with the form of presentation of the thesis (it should not exceed 30 minutes in total).

After the presentation - support of the P.D.T., the Examination Committee draws up and signs a record of the public presentation of the P.D.T. in which any comments or remarks as well as the final grade are recorded.

After its approval by the Committee, it is posted on the website of the Department of Midwifery.

In case of a negative evaluation, the student has the possibility to resubmit the thesis after two months, after the postgraduate student has improved the thesis according to the remarks of the Examination Committee.

In case of a negative evaluation after the 2nd submission, the postgraduate student has the right, in the next academic year, to change the topic and the supervisor. In the case of a subsequent failure, the postgraduate student is excluded from the award of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies.

The final complete copy of the P.D.T. is submitted, after its acceptance, to the library of the IH.U. as well as in electronic form the archive maintained in the Department of Midwifery. The intellectual property on the Master's Thesis belongs to the candidate, who grants to the IHU for the whole period of protection of the work the non-exclusive license of non- commercial use of all property rights on his/her work, including its use for research and teaching.

The length of the paper can be a minimum of 10,000 words. The text must meet the specifications and structure of a scientific paper, i.e. it must include a description of the subject of the paper, a description of the findings - results of the paper, the methodology, bibliography and any other necessary supporting or explanatory elements (necessary figures, diagrams, photographs, illustrations, etc.).

It is written in Greek and accompanied by a short summary of about 300 words in English. In consultation with the supervisor and with the agreement of the SC, the thesis may be written in English and include an extended summary in Greek. Annex 2 of the present document describes in detail the guidelines and specifications for the writing of the P.D.T.

The successful presentation of the M.Sc. thesis implies the successful completion of the Programme and leads to the award of the Diploma of Postgraduate Studies (D.P.S.).

- The maximum number of Postgraduate Diploma Theses that a member of the faculty of the MSc can undertake as a supervisor, in each assignment by the Board, is ten (10).

Article 13 - Sources of funding - Fees of attendance

The programme is self-financed through the tuition fees, which are set by the Departmental Assembly and announced at the beginning of the programme.

In addition, funding may be available from public and private sources, donations, scholarships and research projects.

Article 14 Student mobility

Postgraduate students have the opportunity to participate in mobility programmes of the Erasmus+ programme, if this is provided for by the applicable provisions and the IHU's Operating Regulations.

The Office of the Department of European and International Programmes of the Thessaloniki International University (based in Sindos) is responsible for the application and management procedures of student mobility and in cooperation with the Coordinating Committee carries out the procedures for the smooth running of the mobility programme. The website of the office contains detailed information on the mobility procedure, the partner institutions, the specific mobility forms and other information. <http://erasmus.teithe.gr/index.php/el/>

Article 15 Practical training

The MSc "Reproductive Health - Childbirth - Parenthood - Breastfeeding" does not include an internship.

Article 16 Academic Calendar

The courses of each cycle begin in the Fall semester of the academic year after the end of the examination period. Each semester includes 13 weeks for teaching and 2 weeks for examinations. Exceptionally, if there are special reasons, such as administrative issues, an ongoing certification process, etc., the course may begin in the Spring semester.

Final provisions

These regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication and shall apply for the entire duration of the programme, subject to any amendments and adjustments approved by the Assembly of the Department.

This regulation is a comprehensive legal and educational regulation for the MSc "Reproductive Health - Childbirth - Parenthood - Breastfeeding", harmonized with the IHU standards.