

Dear all,

With the start of the next academic year quickly approaching we wanted to keep you all updated on our current plans. As you are hopefully aware we intend to return to campus for much of the teaching on your BSc Mental Health programme in the 2021/22 academic year as we know the value of being able to engage with you all face-to-face on-campus. However, as we remain faced with the ongoing uncertainty of COVID-19 we have had to continue to take steps to ensure the safety of our staff and students alike. In addition, the BSc Mental Health programme has recently been re-validated in order to ensure that we continue to provide a learning experience that responds to your feedback and incorporates the things that you tell us are important to you: discussion, opportunity to ask questions, group work and practical work. With that in mind, please find below the plans for taught academic sessions next year:

On-Campus Teaching: The re-validated programme continues to use the blended learning approach that you are familiar with from previous years, across all of your modules.

Example of Module delivery:

M5X02247: Treatment Models and Approaches

Online lecture plus resources provided at least one week in advance of timetabled sessions.

First Saturday: 9.30am – 3.00pm on campus

Second Saturday: online lectures, resources and group discussions.

Final Saturday*: 9.30am – 3.00pm on campus

**For some modules there will be a fourth Saturday, e.g., Applied Research Skills*

Online Resources: Our plan is for weekly recordings to be released online at least a week in advance of each Saturday. These will be further supported by additional online learning materials such as you experienced last year, along with some additional plans we have to expand your learning community – more information on this to follow...

Our timetable: We are currently in the process of timetabling these sessions and will be in touch as soon as we have more specific details relating to times and dates – as we hope you can appreciate, the logistics of returning to campus are very complex and we have to make sure that we get them right to ensure everyone's safety and ability to learn. The university timetable, available via your Hwb app, is due to be made available on 6th September 2021.

Any questions?:

If you do have any queries relating to the next academic year please contact your Programme Manager in the first instance. The Academic Director ceri.phelps@uwtsd.ac.uk and Assistant Director paul.hutchings@uwtsd.ac.uk can also be contacted via email. However, please be aware that we may not be able to immediately address your queries as the planning is ongoing and fluid.