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POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA **CORRECTIONAL SCIENCE**

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BACKGROUND

The Postgraduate Diploma of Correctional Science programme is a 30 credit hours programme designed for individuals with some academic or practice background in psychology or any related field who wish to obtain a postgraduate diploma in the field of correctional science. This program is designed to educate students about the criminal justice system where the program includes studies in criminal justice policies, procedures and case management. The criminal justice curriculum includes an examination of the causes of crime, including socioeconomic and psychological factors that contribute to crime, and intervention methods that deter crime.

THE AIM AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the end of this programme, the students are expected to be able to:

- improve knowledge and understanding of concepts, theories and practices of correctional science and related areas in line with the needs of correctional profession;
- practice knowledge and skills in the correctional profession based on the hands on learning experiences;
- practice helping skills by demonstrating a caring attitude, friendliness and empathy in professional relationships with clients, community, and correctional capacity as correctional officer;
- apply the planning, implementing and evaluating skills on correctional practices and regulations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Applicants for Postgraduate Diploma's Programme must possess:

a) University Requirement

1. A Bachelor's degree with Honours from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institution of higher learning recognized

by the University Senate with a CGPA of at least 2.75; or

2. A Bachelor's degree from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of less than 2.75 and with working experience in a related field; or
3. A Bachelor's degree in Pure Science and Technology or any other Professional field from Universiti Utara Malaysia or any other institution of higher learning recognized by the University Senate with a CGPA of less than 2.50 and working experience in a related field; or
4. Any other equivalent qualification recognized by the University Senate.

b) English Language Requirement

International applicants should meet any one of the following English Language requirements before they are accepted for admission into the programmes.

1. Obtain a minimum score in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL):
 - 550 in the TOEFL Paper Based Test; or
 - 80 in the TOEFL Internet Based Test; or
2. Obtain a minimum score of 6.0 in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or
3. Possess a degree from any countries with English Language Education System; (Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Botswana, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cameroon, Canada, Cayman Island, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Grenada, Guam, Guernsey, Guyana, India, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Jersey, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Montserrat, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint

Helena, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks and Caicos Islands, U.S Virgin Islands, Uganda, United Kingdom, USA, Zambia, dan Zimbabwe); or

4. Possess a degree from any Public

University in Malaysia with English as a language of instruction; or

5. Possess a degree from any Private University or College University in Malaysia that are listed in Malaysian Qualifications Register (MQR).

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The Postgraduate Diploma of Correctional Science programme is a 30 credit hours programme. This programme is offered in coursework mode with the following courses:

► Core Courses (24 credit hours)

- Introduction to Psychology
- Theory and Practice of Individual Counselling
- Theory and Practice of Group Counselling
- Correctional Treatment for Offenders
- Criminal Behaviour Modification
- Crime and Criminology
- Corrections and the Criminal Justice System
- Recidivism Prevention

► Case Management Course (6 credit hours)

- Case Management in Correctional Science

► Credit value:

- 30 credit hours

► Mode and Duration of study:

- Full-time: 3 semesters

► Fees:

- Full-time (offshore): per credit hour RM300.00