## School of Health and Social Care: Standard Milestones for MPhil Students

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| M1: Agreement on research topic and assessment of training needs and knowledge required to undertake research project and complete the thesis. | - A brief description of the general research topic.  
- Training Needs Analysis to be completed.  
- Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. | 2nd week  
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By end of Term 3 (pro rata for part-time students) |
| M2: Clarify research topic and demonstrate an understanding of topic and relevance to wider research | Research Project Proposal, including (dependent on subject area):  
- Write central research problem/questions to be answered.  
- Methodological considerations.  
- Feasibility Report – identifying sources, access and ethical considerations  
- Create project plan, outlining objectives for each stage. | By first Supervisory Panel and RSPB (Term 1 or pro rata for part-time students) |
| M3: Demonstrate understanding of chosen topic within the context of the field. | Critical Literature Review (where relevant) | By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3 or pro rata for part-time students) |
| M4a: Demonstrate the ability to produce work of the quality and quantity in order to complete an MPhil.  
M4b: Progress to Year 2 | Evidence that academic writing is of standard and ability expected at MPhil level, including adequate referencing and language skills.  
- Refined statement of the work to be undertaken, its aims and significance, especially its novelty and timeliness  
- Applications for ethical or other approvals to have been submitted as appropriate. | By end of year 1 SP and RSPB–(Term 3 or pro rata for part-time students) |
| M5: Demonstration of effective project management through the setting of research goals and prioritisation of activities. | Create a detailed, realistic plan of work/ timetable for Year 2.  
- Produce supervisory panel report written in an appropriate subject specific style | By end of year 1 SP and RSPB –(Term 3 or pro rata for part-time students). |
| M6: Assessment of training needs and knowledge required to undertake research project and complete the | Training Needs Analysis to be reviewed.  
- Attend Proficio courses and plan for further courses to attend, as appropriate. | Term 4 (or pro rata for part-time students)  
End of Term 6 (or pro rata for part-time students) |
| thesis. |  |  |
### M7: Demonstrate work of the quality and clear evidence of progress towards submission for an MPhil at the end of Year 2

- Research completed (experimental/theoretical work, where relevant)
- Produce 60% of dissertation in draft form that supervisor(s) have judged to be of acceptable standard
- Produce a realistic completion year plan (if needed)
- Produce supervisory panel report written in an appropriate subject specific style
- Present research to students and staff at seminars/conference

By end of year Supervisory Panel (Term 6 or pro rata for part-time students)

### M8: Subject-specific milestones

- Poster presentation at the School's Staff-Student Research Conference

At the School's Annual Conference (summer term).

### Completion Year (if needed)

M9: Clear evidence of progress towards submission

Completed final draft of thesis for supervisor(s) comments

By Supervisory Panel prior to submission