

CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE BSc (Honours) Nursing Practice

Essential Information

Please retain for the duration of your studies with
The Open University



IMPORTANT NOTE: You should read this document in conjunction with the University regulations for this qualification: <http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

You will need to complete at least 360 credits, as shown in the table below, in order to be eligible for this qualification. The right-hand column of this table shows the components of this qualification towards which credit transfer can be awarded in recognition of study you have undertaken elsewhere.

| Degree component | Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any |
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| Level 1 compulsory modules (120 credits) | 120 credits of general credit exemption or module exemption |
| Level 2 core optional modules (at least 60 credits, up to 120 credits) | Up to 120 credits of general credit exemption or module exemption |
| Level 2 optional modules (if only 60 credits of core optional modules are taken, the further 60 credits required at Level 2 can come from this wider group of options) | Up to 60 credits of general credit exemption or module exemption |
| 120 credits of level 3 study | No credit transfer available |
| Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification | 240 credits |

Please note: All entrants to the BSc (Hons) Nursing Practice must have successfully completed a registered nurse qualification and provide evidence of current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (your NMC pin number).

What credit transfer will I be awarded ?

Please note: credit transfer is awarded in the context of the particular qualification towards which you are claiming it. This means that you may be able to get credit transfer against a specific Open University (OU) module or component in some OU qualifications but not in others.

We award credit in units of 5 credits, up to the maximum shown in the table above. If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those credits that will give you the most beneficial award.

If you have a pre-registration nursing qualification started in 1971 or later, plus current registration as a nurse with the UK Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC), you are eligible for an award of credit transfer of 120 credits at higher education level 1.

This applies to all nurses whether you qualified in the UK, European Union and European Economic Area or elsewhere in the world.

If you have any of the following from a recognised UK degree-awarding body, or an overseas institution listed on the overseas section of our Credit Transfer website (<http://www3.open.ac.uk/credit-transfer/overseas/index.shtml>), you may be eligible for credit transfer of **more than** 120 credits towards this degree:

- an equivalent 240-credit qualification in nursing or healthcare (such as a relevant degree, Diploma in Professional Studies in Nursing; Health Services Management; or Health Studies)
- a collection of qualifications relevant to healthcare practice that totals 240 credits (including 120 credits at Level 2)
- qualifications from health-related awards which total fewer than 240 credits.

If you hold a Registered Nurse qualification that has been approved for credit by the University and you have fewer than 240 credit credits, your claim for credit transfer will be assessed and, if there is any shortfall of credit at Level 2, you will need to take sufficient modules from the list of Level 2 Optional modules in this degree programme to make up the required number of credits. You will also need 120 credit credits at Level 3 to complete the requirements of this degree.

If your pre-registration nursing study is from outside the EU/EEA, you will have had to complete an Overseas Nursing Programme (ONP) from an approved UK Higher Education Institution before gaining your NMC registration. If you supply evidence of this qualification in addition to your pre-registration nursing qualification, you may benefit from up to 40 credits of additional transferred credit at Level 2. Please note that, due to the requirements of this degree, you will be awarded **only 30 credits** at Level 2 for your ONP unless you have other eligible study at Level 2 to make up to the required 60 credits of core optional modules.

When we have completed the assessment of your application for credit transfer, we will send you an email to let you know that the outcome, your *Credit Transfer Award*, is showing on your Studenthome page: <http://www.open.ac.uk/students> . You will then be able to view and download this document.

Types of credit transfer

There are two types of credit transfer: **module exemption** and **general credit exemption**. The table on page 1 shows which type/s can count towards this qualification and the outcome of your credit transfer application will be displayed on your *Credit Transfer Award* document.

Module exemption: means that you have been exempted from a particular OU module in recognition of your previous study. Your prior study must be at, or equivalent to, the UK academic level of the OU module/s you are being exempted from, and considered to be broadly in-line with the learning outcomes of your chosen OU qualification. Your *Credit Transfer Award* will specify which OU module/s you have been exempted from studying towards your chosen OU qualification.

General credit exemption: means that you have been exempted from studying the specified amount of credit at the given academic level towards this OU qualification. This type of credit transfer is awarded if your previous study is at, or equivalent to, the UK academic level of the OU module/s concerned and is considered relevant to this OU qualification in terms of subject and/or skills development. This type of credit transfer differs from module exemption in that it does not exempt you from any particular OU module/s. Your *Credit Transfer Award* will indicate the number of credits you have been exempted from, and at what level/s, towards specific components of the qualification.

1971 rule

The University now awards credit only for study undertaken from 1971 onwards. If you already have an award of credit for pre-1971 study it will not be taken away. If you seek a reassessment of your award,

either because you have undertaken additional study or if you want to take advantage of subsequent policy changes, you may not be able to gain any additional credit but your award will not be reduced.

Please note: if the OU qualification you are studying towards has time limits, these will be detailed in a paragraph headed "Time limits" (above this paragraph) and will take precedence over the 1971 rule.

The Unique Study rule

For each OU qualification, you must include an amount of OU study that is unique to that particular qualification (OU credit which has not previously been counted towards another OU qualification). The proportion of unique study required is normally one-third: for details of the unique study required for this specific qualification, please refer to the qualification regulations <http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

If you require a version of these notes in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact us

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