



**CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE
Diploma of Higher Education (Adult Nursing) and
(Mental Health Nursing)**
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 240 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.

Diploma component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
Common Foundation Programme (120 credits at Level 1) K(YN)100; K(YN)107	Up to 120 credits of module exemption
Either:	
90 credits from Adult Branch Level 2 modules K(YN)275; K(YN)276; SK(YN)277	30 credits of module exemption
Or	
90 credits from Mental Health Branch Level 2 modules K(YN)257; K(YN)271; K(YN)272	30 credits of module exemption
Either:	
30 credit Adult practice module (KYN292)	No credit transfer
Or	
30 credit Mental Health Branch practice module (KYN294)	No credit transfer
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	150 credits

IMPORTANT – if you are applying for credit transfer towards this Diploma of Higher Education in recognition of previous *nursing study*, the following applies:

If you believe you are eligible for exemption from more than K101, you must provide a **Transcript of Training** (which will detail the number of practice hours you have completed). This is obtainable from your previous institution, but you may be charged for it. If you cannot provide this Transcript of Training, you will be able to be considered for exemption from K101 only.

In order to be considered for exemption from K(YN)107, you must have completed at least **750 practice hours**, which must be shown on the Transcript of Training.

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.

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.

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.

Up to 120 credits can be awarded against the Common Foundation Programme, against K(YN)100, or KYN107, or both modules. Registered nurses can additionally claim up to 30 credits of credit transfer to be awarded against one of the specific modules within your chosen Branch Programme: namely KYN291; SKYN277; KYN275 in the Adult branch, or KYN272; KYN225; KYN294 in the Mental Health branch.

In the context of the accountability of the Open University to the Nursing and Midwifery Council, the final two practice modules (KYN292 for the Adult branch, KYN293 for the Mental Health branch) must be completed with the Open University.

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.

Time limits

There are time limits on the counting of credit towards this qualification:

The credit required from OU modules or any permitted credit transfer for the Diploma of Higher Education in Adult Nursing or the Diploma of Higher Education in Mental Health Nursing must be obtained during a period not exceeding seven years from the date you register on the qualification. Any credit obtained from Open University study or transferred credit prior to registering on the qualification is not included in this time limit. If you have more than one period of previous study for which you are awarded credit transfer, we will use the date of the earliest.

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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