

CREDIT TRANSFER TOWARDS THE Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences

Essential Information

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



In order to qualify for the Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences you will need to complete at least 240 points as shown in the chart below. This table also indicates the diploma components against which credit transfer can be awarded:

Diploma component	Type and amount of credit transfer available towards this component, if any
Level one compulsory course 60 points	Up to 60 Course Related Credit (S110)
Level one optional courses	Up to 30 points of Full Rate Credit
Level 2 compulsory courses	Up to 30 points of Course Related Credit
Maximum credit transfer available towards this OU qualification	90 points, no more than 30 points at level two

Credit for previous relevant study elsewhere can be used in place of OU courses as indicated under each category in this table, up to a maximum of 90 points, provided certain conditions are met. You should read this document in conjunction with the award regulations.

<http://www3.open.ac.uk/our-student-policies/qualregs.htm>

What award of credit will I receive?

We award credit in units of 5 points, up to a maximum of 90 points of credit transfer towards the Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences. If your previous study amounts to more than this limit, we will select those points that will give you the most beneficial award.

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

Whatever your awards of credit transfer, you will have to include within your diploma at least 80 points of Open University courses suitable for inclusion within the Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences.

Types of credit transfer

Course-related credit can be awarded only if the student's previous study is considered to be equivalent to (matches by 80%) the level, content, and breadth of this Open University course. Course-related credit is effectively an exemption from a particular OU course in recognition of previous study.

Full-rate credit can be awarded if the study at, or equivalent to, the UK undergraduate level of the OU study concerned, and is considered relevant in terms of subject and/or skills development. Unlike course-related credit, the previous study does not have to match the subject content of any particular OU course

Time Constraints

If you claim credit transfer towards the Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences from Jan 2007 onwards credit awarded in the form of Course Related Credit will remain in force for a period of 5 years following the final presentation of the OU course for which exemption is awarded.

The Unique Study rule

For each OU award, there must be an amount of OU study that is unique to that particular award (OU credit which has not previously been counted towards another award). The proportion required is normally one-third of the total points required for the qualification being studied.

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

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