



# DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN PARAMEDIC SCIENCES

This is a credit-based qualification.

These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the following documents:

- Introduction to *The Qualification Regulations*
- General Qualification Regulations.

If you wish to print these regulations, you are advised to print *all* these documents.

## DHE–PS 1 QUALIFICATION NAME

**DHE–PS 1.1** The University offers the Diploma of Higher Education in Paramedic Sciences. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters Dip HE (Open) after their names.

## DHE–PS 2 REGISTRATION

**DHE–PS 2.1** To register as a student, you must satisfy Student Regulation OU 8. You must be working in the emergency care area and must be supported by your employer. There is no academic entry requirement.

**DHE–PS 2.2** To be awarded the diploma, you must ensure that your credit is linked to it. You can do this as part of the registration process, or make a separate request later.

## DHE–PS 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

**DHE–PS 3.1** The University will award you the Diploma of Higher Education in Paramedic Sciences if you have a minimum of 240 credits from approved modules, provided that:

- (a) 40 credits are from compulsory knowledge-based modules at OU first level

- (b) at least 20 credits are from specified knowledge-based options modules at OU first level

- (c) 60 credits are from the compulsory work-based module at OU first level

- (d) 60 credits are from the two compulsory knowledge-based modules at OU second level

- (e) 60 credits are from the compulsory work-based module at OU second level.

**DHE–PS 3.2** The Senate may permit you to qualify for the diploma if you have 240 credits, of which:

- (a) not less than 150 credits are from successfully completed OU modules, including 40 credits from the compulsory knowledge-based modules at OU first level and the compulsory work-based module at OU second level

- (b) not more than 90 credits are transferred credit.

**DHE–PS 3.3** The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the conditions of Student Regulation OU 3.3; that minimum amount is 80 credits.

#### **DHE–PS 4 CREDIT TRANSFER**

**DHE–PS 4.1** The credit transfer scheme for the Diploma of Higher Education in Paramedic Sciences is governed by General Qualification Regulation GQ 6.

**DHE–PS 4.2** Any award of transferred credit towards:

- (a) the specified knowledge-based option modules at OU first level must take the form of general credit exemption
- (b) the compulsory work-based module at OU first level must take the form of module exemption
- (c) either of the compulsory knowledge-based modules at OU second level must take the form of module exemption

**DHE–PS 4.3** Credit transfer is not permitted against the compulsory knowledge-based modules at OU first level or the compulsory work-based module at OU second level.

**DHE–PS 4.4** The maximum award of transferred credit towards the Diploma of Higher Education in Paramedic Sciences is 90 credits, of which no more than 30 can be at OU second level.

#### **DHE–PS 5 DURATION OF STUDY**

**DHE–PS 5.1** The credit required for the Diploma of Higher Education in Paramedic Sciences must be obtained during the time that the Diploma of Higher Education is available. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

**DHE–PS 5.2** Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable as such towards the Diploma of Higher Education in Paramedic Sciences five years after their final presentation.