



FOUNDATION DEGREE IN OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTICE

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.

FD-ODP 1 DEGREE NAME

FD-ODP 1.1 The University offers the Foundation Degree in Operating Department Practice. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters FD (Open) after their names.

FD-ODP 2 REGISTRATION

FD-ODP 2.1 To register as a student, you must satisfy Student Regulation OU 8. You must be working in a relevant health science area and must be supported by your employer. There is no academic entry requirement.

FD-ODP 2.2 To be awarded the degree, 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.

FD-ODP 3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT

FD-ODP 3.1 The University will award you the Foundation Degree in Operating Department Practice if you have a minimum of 240 credits from approved modules, provided that:

- (a) 30 credits are from the compulsory knowledge-based module at OU first level

- (b) at least 30 credits are from the specified knowledge-based option 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.

FD-ODP 3.2 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have 240 credits, of which:

- (a) not less than 150 are from successfully completed OU modules, including 30 credits from the compulsory knowledge-based module at OU first level and the compulsory work-based modules at OU second level

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

FD-ODP 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.

FD-ODP 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

FD-ODP 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the Foundation Degree in Operating Department Practice is governed by General Qualification Regulation GQ 6.

FD-ODP 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.

FD-ODP 4.3 Credit transfer is not permitted against the compulsory knowledge-based module at OU first level or the compulsory work-based module at OU second level

FD-ODP 4.4 The maximum award of transferred credit towards the Foundation Degree in Operating Department Practice is 90 credits, of which no more than 30 can be at OU second level.

FD-ODP 5 DURATION OF STUDY

FD-ODP 5.1 The credit required for the Foundation Degree in Operating Department Practice must be obtained during the time that the foundation degree is available. Modules do not need to be studied consecutively.

FD-ODP 5.2 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable as such towards the Foundation Degree in Operating Department Practice five years after their final presentation.