



The Open  
University

FREE  
YOUR  
**AMBITION**

Your 2021/2022

# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Prospectus





Welcome to The Open University. Whether you're seeking inspiration, looking to change direction or searching for a new beginning, you're in the right place.

- The roadmap to your new career.
- An opportunity to gain new skills.
- The chance to explore your passion.
- A way to create a better life for you and your family.
- The next chapter in your learning journey.

**Whatever you want to achieve, we're here to help you make it happen.  
Join over two million people who've freed their ambition with us.**

**YOUR AMBITION  
OUR MISSION.**





# YOUR NEXT ACHIEVEMENT STARTS HERE

This prospectus is the start of your journey and will cover:

- what you can study
- how long it'll take
- how distance learning works
- your funding options
- how to register.

## Welcome to The Open University

We've pioneered distance learning for over 50 years. This pioneering spirit is why we are experts in delivering distance education, both in the UK and across 157 countries worldwide, and why we lead the way for innovative teaching and research.

Every day, we support our students to achieve their goals around other important things in their lives. It's what we do.

The Open University was established by Royal Charter on 23 April 1969. We've come a long way since then, constantly innovating at every step to make sure that our founding mission – enabling access to education for all – remains as relevant now as it did 50 years ago.

- An OU qualification is widely respected by businesses, with 77% of FTSE 100 companies sponsoring staff to study with us.
- More CEOs and Managing Directors of UK companies have studied with us than any other UK university.
- 86% of our alumni say studying with us helped them achieve their career goals.
- 74% of our students are already in work, balancing their careers with their studies.
- We are the largest UK university for undergraduate education.
- Throughout our 48-year partnership with the BBC, we've co-produced numerous TV and radio series – like Sir David Attenborough's *Blue Planet II* and *A Perfect Planet*.

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# BRINGING UNIVERSITY TO YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE

At The Open University, we pride ourselves on being unconventional. There's no right order to do things in life, only what's right for you. We'll help you get where you want to be.

## Learn on your terms

Learning with us is flexible and supportive, guided by expert tutors every step of the way.

We'll give you all the essential course resources and materials you need. Plus, our dedicated Student Support Team is always there to help you if you need advice.

- You decide when and where you learn.
- You can keep on earning while you learn.
- You can fit study around other life commitments.
- You can fund your studies in a way that suits you.

## Learn from the best

Our network of more than 5,000 expert tutors deliver innovative, insightful teaching and many combine their work as tutors with academic or sector roles.

## Spark your imagination

From online tutorials, to books, to the virtual learning environment, you'll study using a variety of digital and physical resources. So however you learn best, we'll keep you inspired.

## Our assessment methods

Depending on your course, we'll use a blend of written assignments, oral and practical assessments, projects, exams, dissertations and portfolios. For more on assessments, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/assessment](https://openuniversity.co.uk/assessment).

## Additional study support




Did you know that we support more disabled students than any other UK university? We'll provide access to tools and guidance and ensure you get the appropriate level of support to make the best of your studies.

## Connect with like-minded students

Module discussion groups are there for you to talk about your subject, coursework or to share study methods. You can also connect with us on social media or join one of the many informal social media groups set up by your fellow students.

When you register, you'll become a member of our students association. This community gives you the chance to meet fellow students and help influence University decisions. For more information, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/ousa](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ousa).

## Get social with us

-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudents
-  @OUstudentslive



There's been a lot on in the last few years; we had my son, I moved jobs, and I moved house again. The OU's flexibility certainly does make things easier, it really complements that kind of lifestyle.



**Jack Brooke**  
OU graduate

# HOW DO WE COMPARE WITH OTHER UNIVERSITIES?

An OU qualification is exactly the same as one from a campus-based university, but our unique approach to learning means you don't have to put your life on hold.

## Distance is in our DNA

We've been bringing university to our students, wherever they are, for over 50 years. Our resources are designed for distance learning, and we know how to best fit study around busy lives.

## We're respected

A combination of education and experience is highly sought after and can greatly enhance your employment prospects. An OU qualification allows you to put what you learn into practice immediately. You'll be able to show you're dedicated, driven and committed – personal qualities that are valued in any workplace.

## We're flexible

Studying with the OU allows you to work as you learn and apply your new skills and knowledge in the real world.

There's no such thing as a typical OU student. You'll decide how and when you want to study. Our tutors and Student Support Teams are used to helping students balance study with other commitments.



## We're a thriving community

You'll be joining one of the most diverse, dynamic and inclusive student communities. Whatever your goals, we're here to help and champion you to fulfil your ambition.

More than 170,000 students study with us each year. Now it's your turn to join them.

## We're open to all

We believe that your ability isn't only based on your previous qualifications. That's why there are no formal academic entry requirements for most of our undergraduate courses.

Find out what you'll need to study our postgraduate courses at [openuniversity.co.uk/pg-ready](https://openuniversity.co.uk/pg-ready).

## MORE INFORMATION

Find out more about The Open University.



Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/learning](https://openuniversity.co.uk/learning)





# WHAT YOU CAN STUDY

Whatever the change you want to make, whatever your goal, it starts here with one of over 200 qualifications. You can study towards a degree or start with a certificate or diploma of higher education and build on your studies as you go.

## Undergraduate

### Certificate of higher education

Get a general grounding or improve your understanding of a subject area.

### Diploma of higher education

Expand your knowledge and improve your skill set in a specialised area.

### Foundation degree

Focus on a subject related to what you're doing now, either workwise or voluntarily.

### Named degree

Complete modules in a specific subject to earn an honours degree and open doors to a new interest or career.

### Open degree

Design your own honours degree and include modules from different subject areas to suit your interests and needs.

## Postgraduate

### Postgraduate certificate

Ideal for professional and career development, this is the first step towards a masters degree as well as being a valuable qualification in its own right.

### Postgraduate diploma

Work towards a widely recognised qualification that is equivalent to two-thirds of a masters degree.

### Masters degree

Study modules towards an internationally respected qualification while gaining specialist academic, professional, or technical skills.

### Doctorate in Health and Social Care

A postgraduate research degree designed for established professionals working in health and social care settings.

### Open masters

Choose modules from a range of subjects to build a masters degree individual to you.

## FIND OUT MORE

Find the course to match your ambition.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/  
course-types](https://openuniversity.co.uk/course-types)



# ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH US

Since we were founded, over 50 years ago, we've helped more than two million people realise their potential.

## ••• We will:

- help you get a qualification to suit you and your goals
- provide a flexible learning experience that works with you and your life
- use technology and teaching methods that enhance your study experience
- support you every step of the way.

## ••• You can expect:

- materials that are designed with you in mind
- continuous innovation and accessible learning, whatever your circumstances
- access to world-class resources, whenever you need them
- qualifications that are respected by employers around the world.



## Open Diaries

The Open Diaries is a collection of videos from our students and tutors, sharing what it's like to take that life-changing step.

Keen to hear more from people who decided to make that change?



Visit  
**openuniversity.  
co.uk/diaries**

# WELCOME TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



Whatever the change  
you want to make,  
whatever your ambition,

**it starts here**

**The benefits of  
studying health,  
social work and  
social care with  
us include:**

a teaching model designed  
to fit around your work and  
home life - allowing you to  
earn while you learn

a wide range of courses,  
so no matter what level of  
experience or interest you  
have, we have a course to  
suit you

learning from a faculty that  
works with employers,  
including the NHS, social  
services and voluntary sector,  
providing qualifications that  
meet their changing needs

access to learning that is  
informed by research

gaining a broad  
understanding of the diverse  
practices, settings and  
influential factors that make  
up and affect this sector.

Health, social work and social care services in the UK are constantly changing. Innovations in policy and practice, as well as new standards for treatment, care and support, provide challenges and opportunities for professionals working in the fields of health and social care.

Whether you already work in the sector or are generally interested in this field, studying with us provides you with a sound and critical understanding of the health and social care policy, theory and practice essential in today's fast-changing care sector. You'll be studying with one of the largest and most innovative providers of educational opportunities and learning solutions in the health and social care sector.

## Undergraduate

Our undergraduate qualifications range from certificates, diplomas and foundation degrees in areas of health and social care, and a choice of degrees including:

- Health and Social Care
- Health Science
- Nursing (Adult, Children and Young People, Learning Disabilities, and Mental Health)
- Social Work
- Sport, Fitness and Coaching.

## Postgraduate

We offer a number of certificates, diplomas and degrees at postgraduate level, covering areas including:

- Advanced Clinical Practice
- Childhood and Youth
- Social Work.



To anyone considering Open University study I'd say do it, you won't look back. It's hard but so worth it. For me, the highlights were passing each module and seeing my marks improve as I progressed. The pride you feel is something you definitely can't buy!

**Sarah Burgess**  
BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing



## Professional accreditation

We offer qualifications in non-medical prescribing, nursing associate practice, nursing and social work that are approved by external regulators.

Working in partnership with employers we offer learning programmes in nursing and nursing associate practice which are recognised by health and social care employers across the UK.

With around 250 graduates every year, we're also the UK's largest provider of a part-time qualifying degree in social work. If you already work in a social care setting, this degree offers you an unique opportunity to build on your experience towards a professional qualification.

## Apprenticeships

As one of the Education and Skills Funding Agency's approved apprenticeship providers, we are committed to ensuring that we provide a selection of high quality apprenticeships to support those in health, social work and social care. Our apprenticeships in health and social care include:

- Advanced Clinical Practitioner Degree Apprenticeship
- Higher Apprenticeship for Nursing Associates
- Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship
- Social Worker Degree Apprenticeship.

Please note that our apprenticeships are only available through your employer and students cannot register directly with the OU.

Employers interested in finding out more about apprenticeships should go to [openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships](https://openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships), email us at [apprenticeships@open.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@open.ac.uk) or call **0300 303 0122**.

## Step one, complete.

You're well on your way to making that life change, page by page, step by step. Take the next one by continuing to read about our health and social care qualifications, then register for your chosen course.



Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/courses](https://openuniversity.co.uk/courses)

# BUILDING YOUR QUALIFICATION

## Undergraduate

You'll need to build up a certain number of credits to gain your qualification. Here's how it works:

### The different stages

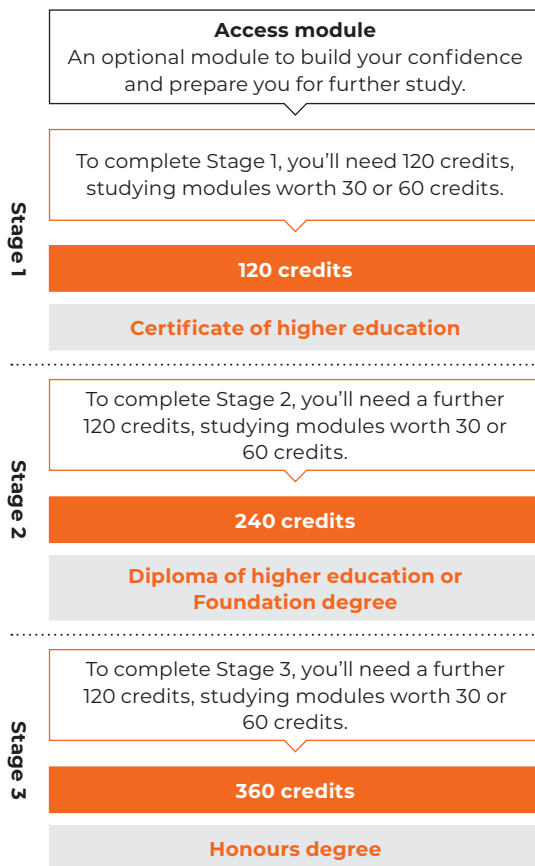
- Complete one stage for a certificate of higher education, two stages for a diploma of higher education or foundation degree, and three stages to gain an honours degree.
- To complete each stage, you must build up a set number of credits.

### The credits you need

- You'll need at least 120 credits to complete each stage. This means that to earn an honours degree, 360 credits are usually required in total.
- Credits are gained by successfully completing modules.

### The modules available

- With each module you successfully complete you'll earn a set number of credits, usually either 30 or 60.
- Modules are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options.



## READ MORE

Find out more about credits and modules and how you work towards a qualification.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/credits](https://openuniversity.co.uk/credits)



## Postgraduate

You'll need to build up a set number of credits, which is done by successfully completing modules. You'll need:

- 60 credits to gain a postgraduate certificate
- 120 credits to gain a postgraduate diploma
- 180 credits to gain a masters degree.

With each module you successfully complete, you'll earn a set number of credits. Modules are either compulsory or chosen from a range of options.

### Getting started

All you need to do is choose which qualification you want to study and register on a module that counts towards that qualification.



**60 credits**  
at postgraduate level.

**Postgraduate certificate**

A further 60 credits  
at postgraduate level, totalling **120 credits**.

**Postgraduate diploma**

A further 60 credits  
at postgraduate level, totalling **180 credits**.

**Masters degree**

# PREPARE FOR STUDY WITH AN ACCESS MODULE

We're different to other universities because we're open to people based on their potential rather than their prior qualifications. Our students come from a diverse range of academic backgrounds, so we offer a choice of starting points depending on how confident you are in your study skills.

You can choose to dive straight into your qualification at Stage 1 or you can get started with an optional Access module. If you aren't sure where to start, you can find more information on the best starting point for you on our website, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/ready](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ready).

An Access module is a great place to start if you want a gentle introduction to Open University study. It can also help you find out more about your interests and where you want your learning to take you.

## How Access modules work

You'll have a dedicated tutor, who'll provide academic support via email and one-to-one phone tutorials. Your Student Support Team will be on hand to help with everything else, including fees and funding, administrative support, and study-related guidance.

Your Access module materials are a blend of printed and online resources. You'll engage with the materials to complete tasks such as online quizzes and tutor-marked assignments. At the end, you'll demonstrate your learning by completing a final written assignment. There's no exam.

Access modules start every February, May and October and usually last for 30 weeks. Each week requires around nine or ten hours of study. If your module has the fast track option, you can increase your study time and complete your Access module in just 18 weeks.

## What you need

You'll get access to your module website and your books and other printed materials will be posted out to you. All you need is:

- a phone
- a computer with internet access.

## What you can study

Each Access module covers relevant topics and develops the skills you'll need as you continue your chosen qualification.

### **People, work and society Access module (Y032)**

Get compelling insights into a wide range of areas, including childhood and youth studies; social science; psychology; health; business; and law. This module will help you to improve your subject knowledge in those areas particularly, but also prepare you for further study on a wide variety of OU qualifications.

### **Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)**

Grow your knowledge in a range of technical subjects, including science; engineering and design; environment; mathematics; and computing and IT. As the foundation for further studies in these fields, this module will help build your confidence and prepare you for more OU study.

We offer one other Access module, which is more relevant to other subject areas:

- *Arts and languages Access module (Y031)* – also available as *Arts and languages Access module: fast track (YXFT031)*



## Do you qualify for a free Access module?

You can study an Access module for **free** if you:

- live in the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or have a British Forces Post Office address
- are studying the module as part of an OU qualification (this doesn't apply if you live in Scotland)
- have a household income (or, in Scotland, a personal income) of £25,000 or less, or you receive qualifying benefits
- have completed less than one year of a full-time undergraduate programme at FHEQ or CQFW level 4/ SCQF level 7 or above, and not completed 30 credits or more of OU study.

Students who start with an Access module are more likely to be

## SUCCESSFUL

when they advance to OU Stage 1 study.

## How much does an Access module cost?

If you don't qualify to study for free, the cost depends on where you live.

- In England, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man it's £792.
- In Northern Ireland and Scotland it's £264.
- In Wales it's £321.

You can pay up front by debit or credit card, or by bank transfer. Or spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account – for more, see page 21.

If you're studying an Access module as part of an OU qualification and you live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, you could cover the cost with a student loan – for more, see page 18.

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I chose an Access module to get me back into education. I'm now working towards an honours degree. This wouldn't have been possible without the OU.

”

**Michelle Brennan**  
OU student

## MORE INFORMATION

Find out more about our Access modules.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access)

# HOW LONG YOUR QUALIFICATION WILL TAKE

We give you the flexibility to choose the amount of study you want to take on each year. That means you can get the qualification you want in a timeframe that works for you.

## Undergraduate qualifications

Most of our students study part time, gaining 60 credits a year. That's like studying at half the rate of a full-time course at a campus-based university. If you want to complete your study at full-time equivalent intensity, you'll need to gain 120 credits per year.

**Part time** | 60 credits a year | 16–18 study hours a week

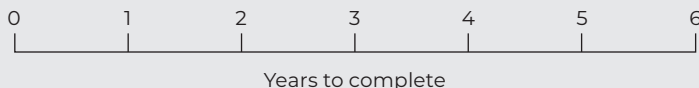
**Certificate of higher education (120 credits)**



**Diploma of higher education/Foundation degree (240 credits)**



**Honours degree (360 credits)**



**Full time** | 120 credits a year | 32–36 study hours a week

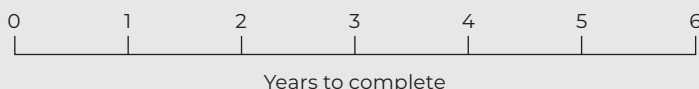
**Certificate of higher education (120 credits)**



**Diploma of higher education/Foundation degree (240 credits)**



**Honours degree (360 credits)**



Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information. All OU students are considered part-time students. This remains the same even if you choose to study at a full-time equivalent intensity.

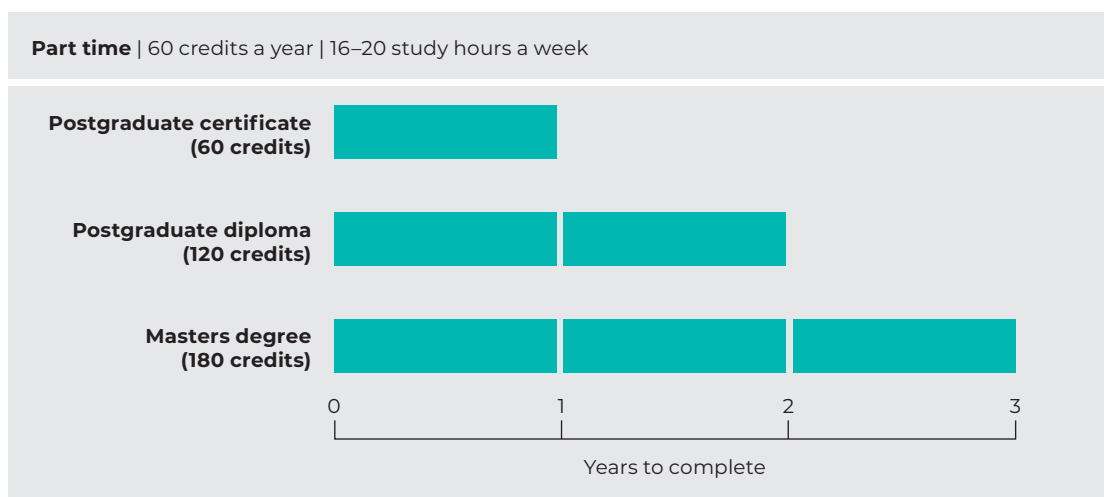


## Postgraduate qualifications

How long it will take to get your qualification depends on how it's structured and the number of credits required. All of our postgraduate courses are offered as part-time study and the usual timescales for individual module completion are shown below.

- 15–30 credit module – typically five months.
- 60 credit module – typically nine months.

The guide below gives you an idea of how long it could take you to gain your qualification.



Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions on our website for more information.

## Have you studied before?

If you've studied at university level before, you could count this study towards an OU qualification. This could save you time and money by reducing the number of modules you need to study. Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer](https://openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer) to find out more.

## MORE INFORMATION

To find out more and use our time planner tool.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/time](https://openuniversity.co.uk/time)



# HOW WE SUPPORT YOU

You're never alone when you're studying with The Open University. Your community of expert tutors and fellow students are here to support you every step of the way.

For each module, you'll have a dedicated tutor who'll be your first point of contact for any queries. They'll lead regular tutorials, mark your assignments, provide detailed written feedback, and give support over the phone, through email, or online.

Our Students Association, OU Community forums and range of societies and groups mean you're connected to one of the UK's largest student communities.

“

There is a community at The Open University. Everyone supports each other. One tutor that really inspired me was Michael. His words of encouragement gave me a confidence boost. My grades just kept on improving and improving.

”

**Joe Acaye**  
OU student

## READ MORE

Find out more about how you'll be supported during your studies.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/  
community](https://openuniversity.co.uk/community)

# HOW YOU'LL LEARN

With regular tutorials and an online hub to manage your studies, you'll have everything you need to succeed.

Once you've registered, you'll have access to StudentHome where you'll be able to:

- see an overview of your course and the modules you're studying
- submit your assignments
- choose your next module
- visit our online Help Centre
- access your virtual learning environment.

The virtual learning environment or 'module website' contains all the online study resources you'll need, including:

- a week-by-week study planner
- an assessment section, giving details of your assignments and their due dates
- the tutorial booking system
- your online tutorial room and your tutor's contact details
- module forums where you can discuss topics with other students and complete collaborative work online
- PDF and accessible formats of your module materials and resources.

## What you need

To study with us, you'll need:

- a computer with internet access. Don't worry if you haven't got access to one right now – you could receive financial support to help you buy one
- a good grasp of the English language. We teach our courses in English. If you're not sure whether your English is at the right level, go to [openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage](https://openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage) for help and guidance.



## Ready for the next step?

Read on to discover more about how we can help you fund your studies and the qualifications you could earn.

# YOUR FEES AND FUNDING OPTIONS

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

We believe cost shouldn't be a barrier to achieving your potential. That's why our tuition fees are among the most competitive in the UK. Whatever your circumstances, we're here to help you find a way of funding your studies that suits your circumstances.

### How much does it cost?

You'll fund your studies on a module-by-module basis, which means you won't have to pay for your whole qualification up front. We've given you an idea of costs below:

#### FOR THOSE LIVING IN ENGLAND

| Credits each year | Cost per year <sup>1</sup> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 60                | £3,168                     |
| 120               | £6,336                     |

In England, the total cost for a 360-credit honours degree based on today's prices is £19,008. That's two-thirds the cost of an equivalent qualification offered at a campus-based university – a saving of over 30%.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 2021/22 prices; fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University's strategic approach to fees.

<sup>2</sup> Based on maximum chargeable fees for the 2021/22 academic year.

#### FOR THOSE LIVING IN WALES

| Credits each year | Cost per year <sup>3</sup> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 60                | £1,284                     |
| 120               | £2,568                     |

In Wales, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree based on today's prices is £7,704.

<sup>3</sup> 2021/22 prices (exceptions apply); fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University's strategic approach to fees.

#### FOR THOSE LIVING IN NORTHERN IRELAND OR SCOTLAND

| Credits each year | Cost per year <sup>4</sup> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 60                | £1,056                     |
| 120               | £2,112                     |

In Northern Ireland and Scotland, the total cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree based on today's prices is £6,336.

<sup>4</sup> 2021/22 prices (exceptions apply); fees normally increase annually in line with inflation and the University's strategic approach to fees.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Your module materials, tuition, assessment and exams are all included in our module fees. There are some additional costs that aren't included.

- You'll need your own computer and internet access.
- For some modules, you may need to buy additional set books, such as fiction books or a language dictionary.
- You may need to pay for travel to tutorials or exams.
- A handful of our modules include a residential school. For these, you'll need to fund the cost of travel to the residential school venue. There may also be additional costs for meals and accommodation.

## Funding your studies

### ENGLAND AND WALES

#### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

If you live in England or Wales the best way to fund your undergraduate studies, regardless of age or income, might be with a student loan. In fact, 80% of OU students in England and Wales fund their studies this way.

#### Key facts

- You don't have to pay anything up front. Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold, which is currently £27,295.
- Repayments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- You can pay off the loan early without any penalties.
- Any balance outstanding after 30 years will be written off.

Here's how your monthly student loan repayments could look:

| Income each year before tax | Monthly repayment <sup>5</sup> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Up to £27,295               | £0                             |
| £29,000                     | £12.79                         |
| £34,000                     | £50.29                         |

<sup>5</sup> Repayments are based on what you earn, not what you owe. You'll repay 9% of what you earn over £27,295. For example, if you earn £29,000, you'll repay £153.45 that year (9% of £1,705). That's just £12.79 per month.

#### Already have an undergraduate degree?

You may still qualify for a student loan. You just need to be living in England or Wales and looking to study an eligible qualification.



## WALES

If you live in Wales, you can also apply for maintenance grants and, if you need one, a top-up maintenance loan, to help with living costs.

### Maintenance grants

You could be eligible for up to £4,500 a year. The money you receive isn't a loan – you won't need to pay any of it back. The amount you'll be awarded is determined by your household income and the rate at which you study.

### Maintenance loans

You'll also be eligible to apply for a non-means-tested maintenance loan, should you need it, to 'top-up' the financial support you've received from grants.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

If you live in Northern Ireland, you could be eligible for a fee grant and/or loan to help towards the cost of your tuition fees.

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Grant

You could be eligible for up to £1,230 a year. The money you receive isn't a loan – you won't need to pay any of it back. The amount you'll be awarded is determined by your household income and the rate at which you study.

### Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan

If you're not eligible for the grant, or if it doesn't cover the full cost of your tuition fees, you can pay in full or in part using an alternative payment method, such as a Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan.

## Course Grant

You may also be eligible for a non-repayable Course Grant of up to a maximum of £265 a year. It's intended to help with course-related costs, such as a computer, internet access, stationery or travel to tutorials.

## SCOTLAND

### Part-Time Fee Grant

If you live in Scotland, you could qualify for a Part-Time Fee Grant and top-up funding to cover 100% of your course fees. You'll likely be eligible if your personal income is £25,000 or less, or you're on certain benefits, and you're studying at least 30 credits a year. The fee grant and top-up funding aren't loans, so you won't need to pay any of it back.

## Other support

### Carers' Bursary

If you provide unpaid care for a friend or family member who cannot cope without your support, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

### Care Experienced Bursary

If you have been in care of a Local Authority at any stage of your life, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

### Disabled Students' Allowance

You could access financial support towards study costs incurred as a result of your disability.

## Disabled Veterans' Scholarships Fund

If you've been injured in, or due to, military service, you could be eligible for funding to complete a full Open University qualification.

### Employer sponsorship

Your employer could partially or fully pay your module fees.

### Study related costs

If you're on a low household income or receive certain benefits, you might be eligible for additional funding for study-related costs, such as travel, childcare and internet access.

## Self-funded study

If you're not eligible for student loan or grant funding, we offer a range of other funding options.

### OUSBA loan

Pay your fees in instalments with a loan from Open University Student Budget Accounts Ltd. See page 21 for more information.

### Card payments

Pay for each module with a debit or credit card in one quick, simple payment.

### Mixed payments

Combine your payment options to fund your studies the way you want.

## FIND OUT MORE

Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding.



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## POSTGRADUATE STUDY

With The Open University, a world-class postgraduate qualification is an investment you can afford. Whatever your circumstances, we'll help you find a funding method that suits you.

### How much does it cost?

You'll fund your studies on a module-by-module basis, which means you won't have to pay for your whole qualification up front. To find the total fee for your qualification, visit our website.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Your module materials, tuition, assessment and exams are all included in our module fees.

There are some additional costs that aren't included.

- You'll need your own computer and internet access.
- For some modules, you may need to buy additional set books, such as fiction or theory books.
- You may need to pay for travel to tutorials or exams.
- A handful of our modules include a residential school. For these, you'll need to fund the cost of travel to the residential school venue. There may also be additional costs for meals and accommodation.

## Funding your studies

### ENGLAND

#### Postgraduate loan

If you live in England, you could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £11,570 from Student Finance England.

- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
  - The money is paid directly to you.
  - You'll get your first instalment after you've paid for your first module and started studying.
  - Payments are spread across two or three years.
  - Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
  - You'll repay 6% of your income over £21,000. So, for example, if you earn £25,000, you'll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That's just £20 a month.
  - Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.
  - Any balance outstanding after 30 years will be written off.
- To be eligible you must:
- be under 60 years old
  - be a resident in England
  - be studying a masters degree that can be completed in no more than three years
  - not currently have a masters degree or equivalent
  - be studying your qualification from the beginning.

### WALES

If you live in Wales, you can apply for financial support over the duration of your qualification. And if you're studying towards an eligible science-related qualification, or are aged 60+ when you start your studies, you could be eligible for additional bursary funding.

#### Learning grant and maintenance loan

- You could access up to £18,025 of maintenance grants and loans.
- You'll automatically get a £1,000 non-repayable grant, rising to £6,885, depending on your income.
- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
- The money's paid directly to you.
- Payments are made in instalments, spread across however long you're studying.
- You'll get your first instalment after you've paid for your first module and started studying.
- Loan repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).

— You'll repay 6% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £25,000, you'll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That's just £20 a month.

To be eligible you must be:

- a resident in Wales
- studying for a masters degree
- under 60 years old.

#### Wales STEM bursary

If you study towards an eligible Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, or Medicine (STEMM) masters, you might also be eligible for an additional £2,000 to help with study or living costs.

#### Wales 60+ bursary

If you're aged 60 or over at the start of your masters' seasonal academic year, you could receive a non-repayable bursary of up to £4,000 towards study or living costs.

## NORTHERN IRELAND AND SCOTLAND

### Postgraduate loan

If you live in Northern Ireland or Scotland, you could be eligible for a tuition fee loan of up to £5,500 from Student Finance Northern Ireland or the Student Awards Agency Scotland.

- Loans are non-means-tested, so eligibility isn't based on your income.
  - There's no upper age limit.
  - Payments are spread over either two or three years, depending on your chosen qualification.
  - Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £19,390 in Northern Ireland and £25,000 in Scotland).
  - You'll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £27,000 and live in Scotland, you'll repay only £180 that year (9% of £2,000). That's just £15 a month.
  - Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- To be eligible you must be:
- a resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland
  - studying for an eligible postgraduate qualification.

## Other support

### Carers' Bursary

If you provide unpaid care for a friend or family member who cannot cope without your support, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

### Care Experienced Bursary

If you have been in care of a Local Authority at any stage of your life, you may be eligible for a bursary of £250 to support you with your study costs.

### Disabled Students' Allowance

You could access financial support towards study costs incurred as a result of your disability.

### Employer sponsorship

Your employer could partially or fully pay for your module fees.

### Grant funding

We offer access to a database of over 600 non-OU funding bodies offering grants for postgraduate students studying, or looking to study, a masters, PGCE or research degree.

### OU bursaries

Available only to OU honours graduates, our bursaries could help lower the cost of your postgraduate study.

### Study related costs

If you're on a low household income, or receive certain benefits, you might be eligible for additional funding for study-related costs, such as travel, childcare and internet access.

## Self-funded study

If you're not eligible for loan or grant funding, we offer a range of other funding options.

### OUSBA loan

Pay your fees in instalments with a loan from Open University Student Budget Accounts Ltd. See right for more information.

### Card payments

Pay for each module with a debit or credit card in one quick, simple payment.

### Mixed payments

Combine your payment options to fund your studies the way you want.

## Open University Student Budget Account (OUSBA)

When you enrol with us, you'll be offered the opportunity to pay your fees through a loan from OUSBA.

### Here's how it works

OUSBA will pay your fees to The Open University and then you can choose to repay OUSBA:

- in a single sum before your course starts. There's no interest to pay with this option
- in monthly instalments of up to a year. With this option interest does apply.

The interest rate is fixed for the duration of the course (representative APR 5.1%). If you're worried about affordability or a poor credit history, you can apply for a joint loan application with a third party. This could be with a partner, sibling or friend, for example.

As a responsible lender, OUSBA carries out affordability checks as part of the application process.

To find out more about OUSBA, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/ousba.ousba](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ousba.ousba).

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# FIND AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

You can register for the 2021/2022 academic year for undergraduate qualifications from 18 March 2021.

We've based the qualification start dates on the first module(s) you can study as part of your qualification.

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# BA (HONS) HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

This degree provides you with the sound and critical understanding of health and social care essential in today's fast-changing care sector.

Health and social care professionals at all levels need to be proactive and flexible to succeed. With this degree you'll gain the skills you need for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment.

It'll help you build a foundation for effective management and leadership in the health and social care sector.

Throughout your studies you'll learn how ethical, legal, social, economic and political factors influence the provision and development of services. You will develop the critical and analytical skills that underpin evidence-based practice. You'll also explore new theories examining health and wellbeing in the 21st century, learning to challenge concepts you may have previously taken for granted.

By the end of your studies, you'll be able to evaluate your own and others' roles in the context of policy developments; assess emerging strategic solutions; and recognise and value diversity and difference.

## Why this qualification?

- Encounter exciting new ideas and apply them to real life issues and situations that affect us all.
- Teaching based on our internationally recognised research into care issues across the life course.
- Explore the context and processes of change and new ways of working across agencies and professional boundaries.
- Develop as an independent and reflective learner.

94% of students are satisfied with their course when studying Health and Social Care with us. High quality online content and tutor support ensure student

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## Related qualification

Diploma of Higher Education in Health and Social Care (W69)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w69](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w69)

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Foundations for social work practice*  
(K113/KZW113) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Introduction to childhood studies and child psychology* (E102) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Perspectives in health and social care*  
(K118) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Critical issues in health and wellbeing*  
(K219) (60 credits)

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Death, dying and bereavement*  
(K220) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Making a difference: working with children and young people* (KE206) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Mental health and community*  
(K240) (60 credits)

**Diploma of Higher Education in Health and Social Care (W69)**

Stage 3 – 120 credits

*Leading, managing, caring*  
(K318) (60 credits)

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Approaches to mental health*  
(K314) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Investigating health and social care*  
(K323) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Young lives, parenting and families*  
(KE322) (60 credits)

**BA (HONS) HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

Compulsory modules

Option modules

Intermediate qualification

Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** R26

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

Practice-based learning ✗

## MORE ONLINE

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# BSc (HONS) HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH SCIENCE

This degree will provide you with essential skills required for working in health and health science settings, giving you the ability to apply evidence-based scientific methodology to health-related issues.

Through a combination of healthcare and health science topics, you'll develop a broad understanding of the range of debates surrounding the provision of healthcare.

By exploring the experience of receiving care and working in the care services, and examining human health by focusing on particular health conditions, you'll identify the key factors which influence health. Ultimately, you'll learn to apply your understanding to a range of public health issues.

You'll also learn to evaluate the relationship between scientific and social understandings about the promotion of health.

## Why this qualification?

- Develop a range of skills in interpreting, generating, and presenting information using a unique blend of learning materials.
- Learn about the ethical, social, scientific, economic and political issues that influence health and healthcare.
- Engage with an evidence-based, scientific approach to health sciences and gain an appreciation of the limits of scientific knowledge.
- Critically evaluate approaches to service provision and develop strategies for improving practice.

## Related qualification

Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare with Health Science (T28)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t28](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t28)

## Qualification structure

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Stage 1 – 120 credits  | Introducing health and social care (K102) (60 credits)  |
|  | Science and health: an evidence-based approach (SDK100) (60 credits)  |
| <b>Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare with Health Science (T28)</b> |   |
| Stage 2 – 120 credits  | Brain, mind and mental health (SK298) (30 credits)  |
|  | Critical issues in health and wellbeing (K219) (60 credits)   |
|  | Human biology (SK299) (30 credits)  |
| Stage 3 – 120 credits  | Infectious disease and public health (SK320) (60 credits)   |
|  | Choose 60 credits from:<br>Approaches to mental health (K314) (60 credits)<br>OR<br>Investigating health and social care (K323) (60 credits)<br>OR<br>Leading, managing, caring (K318) (60 credits) |
|  | Researching biology and health science (SXL390) (30 credits)  |

### BSc (HONS) HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH SCIENCE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

Compulsory modules

Intermediate qualification

Option modules

Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

Course code Q96

Total credits 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✗

## MORE ONLINE

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# DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

This diploma develops your critical understanding of health and social care policy, theory and practice, and the skills you need for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment.

By the end of your studies, you'll be able to evaluate your own and others' roles in the context of policy developments; evaluate emerging strategic solutions; and recognise and value diversity and difference. You'll also develop your understanding of how ethical, legal, social, economic and political factors influence the provision and development of services.

## Why this qualification?

- Apply new ideas to real life issues and situations that affect us all.
- Develop as an independent and reflective learner.
- Explore the context and processes of change.
- Discover new ways of working across agency and professional boundaries.

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Foundations for social work practice*  
(K113/KZW113) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Introduction to childhood studies and child  
psychology* (E102) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Perspectives in health and social care*  
(K118) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Critical issues in health and wellbeing*  
(K219) (60 credits)

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Death, dying and bereavement*  
(K220) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Making a difference: working with children  
and young people* (KE206) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Mental health and community*  
(K240) (60 credits)

### DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

- Compulsory modules
- Option modules
- Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Course code</b>    | W69  |
| <b>Total credits</b>  | 240  |
| <b>Start dates</b>    | Oct 2021<br>Register by 9 Sep 2021   |
|                       | Feb 2022<br>Register by 13 Jan 2022  |
| <b>Assessment</b>     | Based on a mix of:<br>— Tutor-marked assignments<br>— Interactive computer-marked assignments<br>— End-of-module assessments |
| <b>Study duration</b> | Part time: 4 years<br>Full time: 2 years   |
| <b>Mode of study</b>  | The learning materials provided are <b>mostly online with some print</b>   |
|                       | Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓  |
|                       | Online forum <b>Optional</b> ✓   |
|                       | Collaborative work <b>Optional</b> ✓   |
|                       | Practice-based learning ✗  |

## MORE ONLINE

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## DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND)

Social care in Scotland is increasingly multidisciplinary and community focused – requiring a skilled, adaptable workforce to deliver high-quality services.

This diploma will deepen your insight of social care and social work, developing the knowledge and skills you need to support vulnerable adults and children effectively in multiple settings.

It places a strong emphasis on working across professional boundaries, with service users placed firmly at the centre. You'll gain an up-to-date and authoritative overview of care services, drawing on real-life case studies with children, older people, mental-health communities and people with learning disabilities.

### Why this qualification?

- Explore key roles, standards and codes of practice.
- Focus on particular areas relevant to your own role.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to study this diploma, but you need to be working in, or have access to, a social care agency, for example, through voluntary work.

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Foundations for social work practice*  
(K113) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

Choose 120 credits from:  
*Critical issues in health and wellbeing*  
(K219) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Death, dying and bereavement*  
(K220) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Making a difference: working with children  
and young people*<sup>1</sup> (KE206) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Mental health and community*  
(K240) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Social work law*<sup>1</sup>  
(K271) (60 credits)

### DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND)

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

<sup>1</sup>These modules are compulsory in the BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (Q41). If you are intending to seek entry into the degree, you should opt for these.

### Don't stop there

You can choose modules in this diploma to carry forward to the **BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (Q41)** – see page 52.

Please note that completing the diploma does not give automatic entry to the social work degree, which is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

- Compulsory modules
- Option modules
- Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Course code</b>    | W31  |
| <b>Total credits</b>  | 240  |
| <b>Start dates</b>    | Oct 2021<br>Register by 9 Sep 2021   |
|                       | Feb 2022<br>Register by 13 Jan 2022  |
| <b>Assessment</b>     | Based on a mix of:<br>— Tutor-marked assignments<br>— Interactive computer-marked assignments<br>— End-of-module assessments |
| <b>Study duration</b> | Part time: 4 years<br>Full time: 2 years   |
| <b>Mode of study</b>  | The learning materials provided are a <b>balance of print and online</b>   |
|                       | Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓  |
|                       | Online forum <b>Optional</b> ✓   |
|                       | Collaborative work <b>Optional</b> ✓   |
|                       | Practice-based learning ✓  |

## MORE ONLINE

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# CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

If you work in health and social care, use services yourself, or would simply like to find out more about how to support adults in our care system, this certificate is for you.

It provides an authoritative overview of the current context of health and social care for adults and older people, using real-life case studies to explore a wide range of issues and debates.

## **Why this qualification?**

- Deepen your knowledge and understanding of health and social care.
- Apply theories to help you understand real-life case studies.
- Develop practical and employability skills.
- Build a solid foundation for further study in this sector.



## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Perspectives in health and social care*  
(K118) (60 credits)

□ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

### CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** T23

**Total credits** 120

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years  
Full time: 1 year

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

Practice-based learning ✗



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# CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Ideal if you want to develop your interest in health and social care in the area of working with children, young people and families.

If you're directly engaged in this area (or hope to be) as a paid or unpaid worker or carer, this certificate provides you with a solid foundation.

You'll be introduced to issues relating to the welfare of children and young people, including how health and social care services and practices are organised. You'll also acquire valuable knowledge and understanding about childhood, child development and children's rights that can be applied to work in a variety of health and social care contexts.

## Why this qualification?

- Investigate key issues and debates about childhood, child development, child psychology and children's rights.
- Apply your knowledge and understanding to your own life or work environment.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care (K102) (60 credits)*

*Introduction to childhood studies and child psychology (E102) (60 credits)*

□ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

### CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

Course code T24

Total credits 120

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years  
Full time: 1 year

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

Practice-based learning ✗



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# CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTHCARE WITH HEALTH SCIENCE

This certificate will provide skills required for working in healthcare and health science.

You'll explore the experience of receiving care and working in the care services, as well as investigating particular health conditions. Using science, maths, psychology and epidemiology you'll explore the causes and distribution of ill health and disability and see their impact on individuals and populations. By the end of the course, you'll have developed a range of employability and study skills and an understanding of many important health issues.

## Why this qualification?

- Develop the skills required for working in health science.
- Understand how evidence-based scientific methodology applies to health-related issues.
- Gain the skills required to become a reflective practitioner in a range of health-related settings.
- Develop skills in interpreting, generating, and presenting information and data.



## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Science and health: an evidence-based approach*  
(SDK100) (60 credits)

□ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

### CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTHCARE WITH HEALTH SCIENCE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** T28

**Total credits** 120

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years  
Full time: 1 year

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✗



## MORE ONLINE

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# CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE

This certificate explores ideas about what social work is. You'll use case studies with children, older people, mental-health communities, children with disabilities and people with learning disabilities to apply learning to practice contexts.

## Why this qualification?

- Apply your learning to your professional social work practice.
- Use real-life case studies to aid learning.
- Build key skills in information and communication technologies, digital and information literacy and reflective writing.
- Perfect first step towards an honours degree in social work.


## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Foundations for social work practice*  
(K113) (60 credits)

 Compulsory modules

 Awarded qualification

### CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

## Don't stop there

In addition to providing an excellent introduction to social work and social care, the modules in this certificate form the first part of the **BA (Hons) Social Work (England) (Q32)** and **BA (Hons) Social Work (Northern Ireland) (R61)**.

Please note that completing the certificate does not give automatic entry to a social work degree, which are subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** T39

**Total credits** 120

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to study this certificate, but you will need to be working within, or have access to, a social care agency, for example, through voluntary work.

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years  
Full time: 1 year

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are a **balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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# CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND)

This certificate explores ideas about what social work is in Scotland. Using case studies with children, older people, mental-health communities, children with disabilities and people with learning disabilities to apply learning to practice contexts.

## Why this qualification?

- Apply your learning to your professional social work practice.
- Use real-life case studies to aid your learning.
- Build key skills in information and communication technologies, digital and information literacy and reflective writing.
- Perfect first step towards an honours degree in social work in Scotland.

## Qualification structure

120 credits  
Stage 1 –

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Foundations for social work practice*  
(K113) (60 credits)

- Compulsory modules
- Awarded qualification

### CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND)

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

## Don't stop there

In addition to providing an excellent introduction to social work and social care, the modules in this certificate form the first part of the **BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (Q41)** – see page 52. Please note that completing the certificate does not give automatic entry to the social work degree, which is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

## AT A GLANCE

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| <b>Course code</b>        | T03   |
| <b>Total credits</b>      | 120   |
| <b>Start dates</b>        | Oct 2021<br>Register by 9 Sep 2021  |
|                           | Feb 2022<br>Register by 13 Jan 2022   |
| <b>Entry requirements</b> | There are no formal entry requirements to study this certificate, but you will need to be working within, or have access to, a social care agency, for example, through voluntary work. |
| <b>Assessment</b>         | Based on a mix of:<br>— Tutor-marked assignments<br>— Interactive computer-marked assignments<br>— End-of-module assessments  |
| <b>Study duration</b>     | Part time: 2 years<br>Full time: 1 year   |
| <b>Mode of study</b>      | The learning materials provided are a <b>balance of print and online</b>  |
|                           | Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓   |
|                           | Online forum <b>Optional</b> ✓  |
|                           | Collaborative work <b>Compulsory</b> ✓  |
|                           | Practice-based learning ✓   |

## MORE ONLINE

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# CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE PRACTICE (WALES)

This certificate explores ideas about what social work is in Wales. You'll use case studies with children, older people, mental-health communities, children with disabilities and people with learning disabilities to apply learning to practice contexts.

## Why this qualification?

- Consider the nature of social work and social care, and apply learning to practice.
- Build key skills in information and communication technologies, digital and information literacy and reflective writing.
- Support and encouragement if you want to use Welsh in your studies.
- Recognised by Social Care Wales as meeting the needs of social care workers involved in case assessments and giving information on access to services.
- Perfect first step towards an honours degree in social work in Wales.

## Qualification structure

120 credits  
Stage 1 –

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Foundations for social work practice*  
(KZW113) (60 credits)

**CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE PRACTICE (WALES)**

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

Compulsory modules

Awarded qualification

## Don't stop there

In addition to providing an excellent introduction to social work and social care, the modules in this certificate form the first part of the **BA (Hons) Social Work (Wales) (Q42)** – see page 54. Please note that completing the certificate does not give automatic entry to the social work degree, which is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** T34

**Total credits** 120

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to study this certificate, but you will need to be working within, or have access to, a social care agency, for example, through voluntary work.

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessments

### Study duration

Part time: 2 years  
Full time: 1 year

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are a **balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✓

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



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# CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

This certificate is focused on providing a valuable introduction to learning in higher education and an authoritative overview of health and social care.

Real-life case studies will give you an insight into what it is like to experience care, and to work in care services. Whether you're involved in care work (paid or unpaid), use services yourself, or simply have a general interest, this course helps you build knowledge, understanding, a range of learning skills, as well as preparing you for further study.

## Why this qualification?

- Gain a fascinating insight into the provision of health and social care services in the UK.
- Draw on your own ideas and experiences.
- An introduction to the essential skills of academic study.

## Qualification structure

60 credits  
Stage 1 –

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

Compulsory module

Awarded qualification

### CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

Course code S33

Total credits 60

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessment

### Study duration

Part time: 8 months

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

Practice-based learning ✗

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



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# BSc (HONS) NURSING

Our BSc (Hons) Nursing degree is a unique, flexible practice-based learning route to qualify as a registered nurse in a range of specialisms.

The degree addresses the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) requirements for entry to the nursing professional register. This makes it the ideal way for healthcare and support workers to qualify as a registered nurse, with a choice of specialisms:

- Adult
- Children and Young People
- Learning Disabilities
- Mental Health.

Through practice-based learning you'll develop the on-the-job experience and professional skills needed to deliver high-quality, safe and effective person-centred care for people with varied health needs, in a range of care settings.

## Why this qualification?

- Develop effective evidence-based nursing practice and underpinning knowledge in an inter-professional and interdisciplinary environment.
- A balance of theory and practice delivered through practice-based and distance learning.

- Continue to work part time for your employer whilst studying; you don't need to put your career on hold.

## Entry requirements

Entry is subject to an interview process and meeting the minimum entry requirements, visit [openuniversity.co.uk/r39](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r39) for full details. You'll need to apply at least six months before your chosen start date.

Depending on your chosen specialism there are two entry routes available to study this degree – employer sponsorship or direct entry.

## Employer sponsorship

We offer all specialisms in this practice-based qualification in association with partnering employers. You must be working in healthcare practice in a caring role where registered practice supervisors and assessors are available.

## Direct entry

If you are not working in a healthcare role and resident in England, we offer a Health Education England (HEE) blended learning route to the Adult specialism of this degree. The programme is run in partnership with Middlesex University and The University of the West of England, it allows you to apply directly to The Open University without employer sponsorship.

## Apprenticeships

For information on higher and degree apprenticeships in Nursing, including the Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship, go to [openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships](https://openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships) or call **0300 303 0529**.



## AT A GLANCE

Course code R39

Total credits 360

## Start dates

Oct 2021  
Feb 2022

## Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessment
- Practice assessment document

## Study duration

Flexible practice-based programme, 3–4 years depending on location of study and entry route

## Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✓

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care* (KYN102) (60 credits)

*Introduction to healthcare practice* (KYN104) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Understanding nursing: knowledge and theory* (KYN210) (60 credits)

*Developing nursing practice* (KYN211) (60 credits)

*Assimilating nursing: knowledge and theory* (KYN325) (60 credits)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

Choose 60 credits from your chosen field of practice:  
*Becoming an autonomous practitioner: adult* (KYN326) (60 credits)  
 OR  
*Becoming an autonomous practitioner: children and young people* (KYN329) (60 credits)  
 OR  
*Becoming an autonomous practitioner: learning disabilities* (KYN328) (60 credits)  
 OR  
*Becoming an autonomous practitioner: mental health* (KYN327) (60 credits)

Compulsory modules

Option modules

Awarded qualification

BSc (HONS) NURSING<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Your choice of specialism at Stage 3 will be reflected in your awarded degree, e.g. BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult).

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

If you are entitled to take a Student Loan and Maintenance Grant then you may also be eligible for a NHS bursary. Please visit [www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries](http://www.gov.uk/nhs-bursaries) for further information.

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



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# FOUNDATION DEGREE IN NURSING ASSOCIATE PRACTICE

Healthcare is increasingly complex and requires a highly qualified workforce. This foundation degree will help you to develop the knowledge and skills needed to deliver high quality, safe and compassionate care.

In England, the nursing associate role has been developed in response to workforce needs and acts as a bridge between healthcare support workers and registered nurses within healthcare teams.

During your studies, you'll experience at least two placements in alternative settings to your usual workplace, so you'll have experience of providing care in hospitals, in settings close to home, and at home.

On successful completion of the foundation degree you'll be able to register as a nursing associate with the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Subject to NMC approval

## Why this qualification?

- Enhance employability through a professionally regulated qualification.
- Embed your learning through a balance of theory and practice-based learning.
- Essential preparation that underpins the knowledge and skills needed for the role of nursing associate.
- Build a solid foundation for further study with potential to progress to be a registered nurse.

## Entry requirements

This foundation degree is only available in England. Entry is via interview and an assessment of numeracy and literacy skills. You must be working for an English healthcare organisation that has agreed to support your studies. This includes providing alternative practice placements and supervision in practice, meeting the NMC requirements for practice assessors and supervisors.

## Apprenticeships

For information on higher and degree apprenticeships in Nursing, including the Higher Apprenticeship in Health (Nursing Associate), go to [openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships](https://openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships) or call **0300 303 0529**.

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Introduction to healthcare practice*  
(K104) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Developing nursing practice*  
(K211) (60 credits)

*Healthcare theory for practice*  
(K234) (60 credits)

□ Compulsory modules

■ Awarded qualification

### FOUNDATION DEGREE IN NURSING ASSOCIATE PRACTICE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.



## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** X20

**Total credits** 240

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Feb 2022

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments
- Practice assessment document

### Study duration

Full time 2 years

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum

**Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work

**Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✓

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



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Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTHCARE PRACTICE

This certificate helps healthcare support staff develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to underpin effective practice.

You'll develop a wide range of practical skills and competencies, while exploring essential biological, social, political, ethical and psychological concepts. You'll also build valuable numeracy, literacy, information and communication technology, communication and cognitive skills.

## Why this qualification?

- Designed as the first step to prepare healthcare support workers for the role of assistant practitioner.
- Includes a strong practice-based element.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

## Entry requirements

There are no academic entry requirements for this course, however, in order to gain entry onto the course, you must be providing direct care to patients and service users for a minimum of two days per week. You must have the support of your employer for the work-based module *Introduction to healthcare practice* (K104).

## AT A GLANCE

Course code T01

Total credits 120

## Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

## Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessment
- Practice assessment document

## Study duration

Flexible practice-based qualification, 1 to 2 years

## Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work ✗

Practice-based learning ✓

## MORE ONLINE

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**0300 303 5303**

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Introduction to healthcare practice*  
(K104) (60 credits)

Compulsory modules

Awarded qualification

### CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTHCARE PRACTICE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

## Don't stop there

If you want to progress to nurse training, you may be able to count the credit gained from this qualification towards the **BSc (Hons) Nursing (R39)** – see page 42.

Please note that completing this certificate does not give automatic entry to the nursing degree, which is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.







# BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (ENGLAND)

The OU offers a work-based distance learning route to the degree in social work. Successful graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a qualified social worker with Social Work England (SWE).

With our employer partners we offer a different route into the profession. It's one that opens up a host of opportunities to people who, for one reason or another, require a more flexible and individualised approach to social work training. While you study you receive extensive support from the OU, from programme tutors and practice educators who are committed to developing professional social workers, and from subject tutors who will support and guide you through the individual modules that make up the degree.

## Why this qualification?

- Continue in your employment while you study, earning while you learn.
- Study through work-based and distance learning.
- Develop the knowledge and practical skills that underpin effective practice.
- Improve your career progression opportunities within social work.

## Entry requirements

This degree is restricted to students working in social care in England and who are sponsored or supported by their employer. Admission is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

## Social work employers

If you're a social work employer and would like more information about our social work qualifications, please email [wels-sw-enquiries@open.ac.uk](mailto:wels-sw-enquiries@open.ac.uk) or call **01908 654 229**.

## Apprenticeships

For information on the Social Worker Degree Apprenticeship, go to [openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships](https://openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships) or call **0300 303 0529**.

## AT A GLANCE

Course code Q32

Total credits 360

## Start dates

Oct 2021

Feb 2022

Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/q32](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q32) for more information

## Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessment
- Practice assessment

## Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

## Mode of study

The learning materials provided are a **balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✓

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Foundations for social work practice*  
(K113) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Social work law*  
(K271) (60 credits)

*Applied social work practice*  
(K216) (60 credits)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Approaches to mental health*  
(K314) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Investigating health and social care*  
(K323) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Leading, managing, caring*  
(K318) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Young lives, parenting and families*  
(KE322) (60 credits)

*Critical social work practice*  
(K315) (60 credits)

Compulsory modules

Option modules

Awarded qualification

BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (ENGLAND)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Subject to satisfactory demonstration and maintenance of standards for suitability and fitness for practice.

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



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Call  
**0300 303 0529**



## BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (NORTHERN IRELAND)

The OU offers a work-based distance learning route to the degree in social work. Successful graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a qualified social worker with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC).

With our employer partners we offer a different route into the profession. It's one that opens up a host of opportunities to people who, for one reason or another, require a more flexible and individualised approach to social work training. While you study you receive extensive support from the OU, from programme tutors and practice educators who are committed to developing professional social workers, and from subject tutors who will support and guide you through the individual modules that make up the degree.

### Why this qualification?

- Continue in your employment while you study, earning while you learn.
- Study through work-based and distance learning.
- Develop the knowledge and practical skills that underpin effective practice.
- Improve your career progression opportunities within social work.

### Entry requirements

This degree is restricted to students working in social care in Northern Ireland and who are sponsored or supported by their employer. Admission is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

### Social work employers

If you're a social work employer and would like more information about our social work qualifications please contact the social work team in Northern Ireland on **02890 245025** or email [ireland-social-work@open.ac.uk](mailto:ireland-social-work@open.ac.uk).

## AT A GLANCE

Course code R61

Total credits 360

## Start dates

Oct 2021

Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/r61](https://openuniversity.co.uk/r61) for more information

## Assessment

Based on a mix of:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessment
- Practice assessment

## Study duration

Part time: 6 years

Full time: 3 years

## Mode of study

The learning materials provided are a **balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✓

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Foundations for social work practice*  
(K113) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Social work law*  
(K271) (60 credits)

*Applied social work practice*  
(K216) (60 credits)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Approaches to mental health*  
(K314) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Investigating health and social care*  
(K323) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Leading, managing, caring*  
(K318) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Young lives, parenting and families*  
(KE322) (60 credits)

*Critical social work practice*  
(K315) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK  
(NORTHERN IRELAND)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Subject to satisfactory demonstration and maintenance of standards for suitability and fitness for practice.

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

Compulsory modules

Option modules

Awarded qualification

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



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Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND)

The Open University offers a work-based distance learning route to the degree in social work, and eligibility for registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) upon completion. This programme is approved by the SSSC.

The degree programme is available to staff who are working in social care, are sponsored and supported by their employer or who meet the selection criteria for the independent (non-sponsored) route and are selected onto the degree.

## Why this qualification?

- Continue in your employment while you study, earning while you learn.
- Study through work-based and distance learning.
- Develop the knowledge and practical skills that underpin effective practice.
- Improve your career progression opportunities within social work.

## Entry requirements

This degree is restricted to students working in social care in Scotland. You should be sponsored or supported by your employer. Admission is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

If you're interested in social care or social work but not currently in suitable employment, a good first step might be to study one of the Stage 1 modules in the programme, *Introducing health and social care* (K102) or *Introducing the social sciences* (DD102), which are available for standalone study and do not require sponsorship.

## Social work employers

Employing agencies and individuals who are interested in this degree should contact the Social Work Co-ordinator at The Open University in Scotland on **0131 226 3851** or email **scotland@open.ac.uk**.

## Related qualification

BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (graduate entry) (Q50)  
**[openuniversity.co.uk/q50](https://open.ac.uk/q50)**

Students who have a degree in any subject from a UK university, no matter when it was achieved, can enter the programme at Stage 2. Further details about the graduate-entry route can be obtained from the Social Work Co-ordinator, Scotland, by email **scotland@open.ac.uk** or calling **0131 226 3851**.



## AT A GLANCE

Course code Q41

Total credits 480

## Start dates

Oct 2021  
Applications close 30 Jul 2021  
for the sponsored route

Feb 2022  
Applications close 12 Nov 2021  
for the sponsored route

## Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessment  
— Practice assessment

## Study duration

Part time: 8 years  
Full time: 4 years

## Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum  
**Optional** ✓

Collaborative work  
**Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✓

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Introducing the social sciences*  
(DD102) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Foundations for social work practice*  
(K113) (60 credits)

*Making a difference: working with children and young people* (KE206) (60 credits)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

*Social work law*  
(K271) (60 credits)

*Applied social work practice*  
(K216) (60 credits)

Stage 4 – 120 credits

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Approaches to mental health*  
(K314) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Investigating health and social care*  
(K323) (60 credits)

*Critical social work practice*  
(K315) (60 credits)

Compulsory modules

Option modules

Awarded qualification

BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Subject to satisfactory demonstration and maintenance of standards for suitability and fitness for practice.

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



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Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (WALES)

The Open University offers a distance learning, work-based route to the degree in social work. The programme is approved by Social Care Wales (SCW) and graduates are eligible to apply for registration with SCW as a qualified social worker.

The degree programme is available to staff who are working in social care, and are supported by their employer, or meet the selection criteria for the independent route and are selected onto the degree

The programme is provided in partnership with employers in Wales, who take an active part in monitoring the work of the programme and in developing new initiatives to widen opportunities and support students.

Service users and carers also take an active part in the development, management and delivery of the programme, bringing their own expertise developed through personal experience.

## Why this qualification?

- Continue in your employment while you study, earning while you learn.
- Study through work-based and distance learning.
- Develop the knowledge and practical skills that underpin effective practice.
- Improve your career progression opportunities within social work.

## Entry requirements

This degree is restricted to students working or volunteering in social care in Wales. There are two routes into the degree, depending on whether you are being sponsored by your employer or studying independently. Admission is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

Employing agencies and individuals who are interested in this degree should contact The Open University in Wales on **029 2026 2728** or email [wales-hwsc@open.ac.uk](mailto:wales-hwsc@open.ac.uk).

## AT A GLANCE

Course code Q42

Total credits 360

## Start dates

Oct 2021  
Applications close 19 Apr 2021 for the independent route and 01 Jul 2021 for the sponsored route

Feb 2022  
Applications close 19 Apr 2021 for the independent route and 01 Nov 2021 for the sponsored route

## Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessment  
— Practice assessment

## Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

## Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Optional** ✓

Practice-based learning ✓

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

*Foundations for social work practice*  
(KZW113) (60 credits)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Social work law*  
(K271) (60 credits)

*Applied social work practice*  
(KZW216) (60 credits)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Approaches to mental health*  
(K314) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Investigating health and social care*  
(K323) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Leading, managing, caring*  
(K318) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Young lives, parenting and families*  
(KE322) (60 credits)

*Critical social work practice*  
(KZW315) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (WALES)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Subject to satisfactory demonstration and maintenance of standards for suitability and fitness for practice.

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

Compulsory modules

Option modules

Awarded qualification

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/q42](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q42)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



# BSc (HONS) HEALTH SCIENCES

This degree examines the science behind health. From individual health to global issues like epidemics or the treatment of dementia.

You'll study scientific concepts that underpin the function of the human mind and body. Explore the incidence, diagnosis and treatment of disease and disability. And examine the maintenance and improvement of health in different populations. It's particularly relevant if you work in, or aspire to work in, a health-related profession.

## Why this qualification?

- Explore health and disease from a multidisciplinary, evidence-based perspective.
- Use innovative online collaborative and virtual experiences to build your practical skills.
- Develop transferable skills that enhance your employability in healthcare and other settings.

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences (W44)

[openuniversity.co.uk/w44](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w44)

Certificate of Higher Education in Health Sciences (T18)

[openuniversity.co.uk/t18](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t18)

Certificate in Health Sciences (S19)

[openuniversity.co.uk/s19](https://openuniversity.co.uk/s19)

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Science and health: an evidence-based approach* (SDK100) (60 credits)

Choose 60 credits from:  
*Investigating psychology 1* (DE100) (60 credits)  
OR  
*Science: concepts and practice* (S112) (60 credits)

### Certificate of Higher Education in Health Sciences (T18)

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Human biology* (SK299) (30 credits)

*Brain, mind and mental health* (SK298) (30 credits)

*Investigating human health and disease* (S290) (60 credits)

### Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences (W44)

Stage 3 – 120 credits

*Infectious disease and public health* (SK320) (30 credits)

*Signals and perception: the science of the senses* (SD329) (30 credits)

*Evaluating contemporary science* (S350) (30 credits)

*Researching biology and health science* (SXL390) (30 credits)

## BSc (HONS) HEALTH SCIENCES

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

- Compulsory modules
- Option modules
- Intermediate qualifications
- Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

Course code Q71

Total credits 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessment  
— Examinations

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **a balance of print and online**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Optional** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✗

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/q71](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q71)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**





# BSc (HONS) SPORT, FITNESS AND COACHING

Are you an aspiring or practicing leader of sport or fitness activities? Develop your skills and understanding of sports science, training, coaching and leadership.

Our sport, fitness and coaching degree will enhance your awareness of your role, increasing your effectiveness at work. You'll also develop your communication and analytical skills – further boosting your career prospects. You'll apply science and theory to practice. Reflecting on case studies and work situations. You'll focus on the all-round physical and psychological needs of sports and exercise participants.

## Why this qualification?

- Flexible learning fits around your sport, fitness and work commitments.
- Extensive use of audiovisual case studies.
- Innovative technology such as augmented reality.
- Preparatory step towards teaching physical education.

## Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Sport and Fitness (W07)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w07](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w07)

Certificate of Higher Education in Sport, Fitness and Management (T05)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t05](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t05)

## Qualification structure

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introduction to sport and fitness*  
(E117) (60 credits)

*Working with people in sport and fitness*  
(E119) (60 credits)

**Certificate of Higher Education in Sport,  
Fitness and Management (T05)**

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Sport and exercise psychology in action*  
(E235) (60 credits)

*Applying sport and exercise sciences  
to coaching* (E236) (60 credits)

**Diploma of Higher Education in Sport  
and Fitness (W07)**

Stage 3 – 120 credits

*Athletic development: a psychological  
perspective* (E312) (60 credits)

*Exploring contemporary issues in sport  
and exercise* (E314) (60 credits)

**BSc (HONS) SPORT, FITNESS AND  
COACHING**

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualifications
- Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** Q76

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Based on a mix of:  
— Tutor-marked assignments  
— Interactive computer-marked assignments  
— End-of-module assessment

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

The learning materials provided are **mostly online with some print**

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✓

Online forum **Compulsory** ✓

Collaborative work **Compulsory** ✓

Practice-based learning ✗

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/q76](https://openuniversity.co.uk/q76)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**



## BA/BSc (HONS) OPEN

Do you want the freedom to study a range of subjects that interest you? Then our Open qualifications are ideal.

The degree allows you to choose modules from a wide range of subject areas so you can, for example, combine health and social care modules with modules from other disciplines, such as science or the humanities.

### Why this qualification?

- Tailor your qualification to suit your needs.
- Choose modules from a wide range of subject areas.
- Study to fit evolving career ambitions or personal interests.
- Open up your career prospects.
- Count previous university study towards your qualification.

### Open qualifications and your career

Achieving an Open qualification demonstrates your exposure to different subjects and disciplines, affording you the opportunity to develop a rich world-view in the process. You'll also have a highly employable set of skills and attributes, including:

- adaptability
- critical thinking
- analysis and problem solving.

Research shows that almost 86% of graduate job vacancies are open to graduates of any subject (Institute of Student Employers, 2019). Employers value the personal qualities needed to achieve a degree through distance learning.

“

The fact that the OU has the option of choosing an Open degree is fabulous. So many people I have spoken to wish that they'd had this option at university rather than going down one route.

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**Carol Dow**  
**BA (Hons) Open**

### Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/w34](https://openuniversity.co.uk/w34)

Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/t09](https://openuniversity.co.uk/t09)

## How you can focus your Open degree on health and social care

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on aspects of health and social care and combine them with other subjects that are of particular interest to you.

However, this is just one example of the many combinations you can study and you're not restricted to this route.

### Example route

Stage 1 – 120 credits

*Introducing health and social care*  
(K102) (60 credits)

You'll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 1 modules

**Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)**

Stage 2 – 120 credits

*Critical issues in health and wellbeing*  
(K219) (60 credits)

You'll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 2 modules

**Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)**

Stage 3 – 120 credits

*Leading, managing, caring*  
(K318) (60 credits)

You'll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 3 modules

**BA/BSc (HONS) OPEN<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Whether you qualify for a BA or BSc (Hons) Open will be determined by the number of credits you have from modules suitable for a BA or for a BSc.

- Health and social care modules
- Option modules
- Intermediate qualifications
- Awarded qualification

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** QD

**Total credits** 360

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Register by 9 Sep 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

No specific requirements

### Assessment

Depending on the modules you choose to study, you may be assessed in any or all of the following ways:

- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessment

### Study duration

Part time: 6 years  
Full time: 3 years

### Mode of study

As the BA/BSc (Hons) Open can be made up of a range of different modules, the learning materials provided, use of online forums and inclusion of collaborative work will depend on the modules you choose to study

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



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Call  
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# FIND A POSTGRADUATE COURSE

To work towards a postgraduate qualification, you first need to choose and register on a module that counts towards that qualification.

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# MSc IN ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE

This qualification prepares you for an advanced clinical practice (ACP) role, incorporating the capabilities of ACP as detailed in the four pillars of advanced practice<sup>1</sup>.

You'll develop your knowledge and critical understanding of these pillars – advanced clinical practice, leadership, research and education – and learn advanced skills that enable you to act with a high level of autonomy. Delivered through a distance learning approach, you'll enhance your skills in holistic and systematic assessment, complex decision making, and the provision of high-quality evidence-based interventions for patients, clients and their families. By studying while you work, your learning will be underpinned by applying theory to your scope of practice.

This programme is aimed at registered and experienced health professionals, including nurses, midwives, allied health professionals and pharmacists employed in healthcare settings. You should be supported by your healthcare employer to develop into an advanced clinical practice role.

<sup>1</sup> HEE 2017; NLIAH 2010; NPEX 2016; CNOD/SEND/Healthier Scotland 2016.

## Qualification structure

| Modules  | Credits | Code |
|--|---------|------|
| <i>Non-medical independent and supplementary prescribing</i>     | 60      | K803 |
| <b>Postgraduate Certificate in Non-Medical Prescribing (K33)</b> |         |      |
| <i>Developing advanced clinical practice</i>                     | 60      | K804 |
| <b>Postgraduate Diploma in Enhanced Clinical Practice (E95)</b>  |         |      |
| <i>Advancing professional practice</i>                           | 60      | K805 |

## MSc IN ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualifications
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

Course code F85

Total credits 180

### Start dates

Sep 2021  
Register by 29 Jul 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/f85](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f85)

### Study duration

Part time: 2.5–5 years

## Related qualifications

Diploma in Enhanced Clinical Practice (E95)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/e95](https://openuniversity.co.uk/e95)

Postgraduate Certificate in Non-medical Prescribing (K33)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/k33](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k33)

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/f85](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f85)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**

# POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBING

This qualification will prepare you to be eligible to apply for annotation to your professional register as an Independent and/or Supplementary Prescriber.

Aimed at nurses, midwives<sup>1</sup>, allied health professionals and pharmacists, you'll gain a sound and critical understanding of the necessary clinical and practical aspects of prescribing in your clinical area of practice. Diagnostic radiographers and dietitians will be eligible to apply for annotation as Supplementary Prescribers.

<sup>1</sup>For up-to-date information on whether this qualification is available to midwives, please visit our website at [openuniversity.co.uk/k33](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k33) or contact us on 0300 303 5303 to discuss your study options. Availability of this qualification to midwives is subject to confirmation.

## Qualification structure

| Modules  | Credits | Code |
|--|---------|------|
| <i>Non-medical independent and supplementary prescribing</i> | 60      | K803 |

### POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NON-MEDICAL PRESCRIBING

Compulsory module

Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** K33

**Total credits** 60

### Start dates

Sep 2021  
Register by 29 Jul 2021

Feb 2022  
Register by 13 Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

- A degree from a UK university or equivalent, or, if a registered non-graduate practitioner, demonstrate equivalent academic and professional experience
- Registration with an appropriate regulatory body
- Appropriate experience as set by the respective regulatory body
- A current and valid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check or equivalent

### Study duration

Part time: 7 months

## Related qualifications

MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice (F85)

[openuniversity.co.uk/f85](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f85)

Postgraduate Diploma in Enhanced Clinical Practice (E95)

[openuniversity.co.uk/e95](https://openuniversity.co.uk/e95)

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/k33](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k33)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**

# MA IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

This masters degree delivers an interdisciplinary approach to studying childhood and youth, covering aspects of theory, policy and practice.

It's well suited if you work with, or aspire to work with, children and young people. Or if you want to advance academically or in your profession. It's designed for graduates in childhood and youth studies, sociology, health and social care, anthropology, psychology, or education.

In the final stage of your masters, you'll expand your research and communication skills through the multi-disciplinary dissertation. Depending on your individual circumstances, you'll undertake either a small-scale inquiry, or an extended literature review and research proposal. This offers the opportunity to engage with research that will fit around your own context and professional circumstances.

## Qualification structure

| Modules  | Credits | Code |
|--|---------|------|
| <i>Children and young people's worlds</i>                                      | 60      | E808 |
| <b>Postgraduate Certificate in Childhood and Youth Studies (K32)</b>           |         |      |
| <i>Frameworks for critical practice with children and young people</i>         | 60      | E809 |
| <b>Postgraduate Diploma in Childhood and Youth Studies (E93)</b>               |         |      |
| <i>Masters multi-disciplinary dissertation: education, childhood and youth</i> | 60      | E822 |

### MA IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualifications
- Awarded qualification

Module availability is subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Course code</b>        | F55                                 |
| <b>Total credits</b>      | 180                                 |
| <b>Start dates</b>        | Oct 2021<br>Register by 16 Sep 2021 |
| <b>Entry requirements</b> | UK bachelors degree (or equivalent) |
| <b>Study duration</b>     | Part time: 3 years                  |

## Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma in Childhood and Youth Studies (E93)

[openuniversity.co.uk/e93](https://openuniversity.co.uk/e93)

Postgraduate Certificate in Childhood and Youth Studies (K32)

[openuniversity.co.uk/k32](https://openuniversity.co.uk/k32)

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/f55](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f55)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**

# MA IN SOCIAL WORK

Our work-based programme allows you to qualify as a social worker in England and Scotland. It covers children and families, adult and mental health social work with reference throughout to the legal context.

During this course you will learn about social work theory and legislation, apply your learning to practice, and then develop your critical and analytical skills as a qualified practitioner. The subject matter is interdisciplinary, derived from psychology, sociology, social policy, law and social work studies.

## Qualification structure

| Modules  | Credits | Code   |
|--|---------|--------|
| <i>Developing social work practice</i>                 | 60      | K832   |
| <i>Advancing social work practice</i>                  | 60      | K833   |
| <b>Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (E85)</b>       |         |        |
| <i>Transforming professional practice</i> <sup>1</sup> | 60      | KXK829 |

### MA IN SOCIAL WORK

- Compulsory modules
- Intermediate qualification
- Awarded qualification

<sup>1</sup>KXK829 will be replaced by a new module from October 2022.

Module availability is subject to change.

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** F80

**Total credits** 180

### Start dates

Feb 2022

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/f80](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f80) for more information

### Entry requirements

Go to [openuniversity.co.uk/f80](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f80)

### Study duration

Part time: 3 years

## Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (E85)  
[openuniversity.co.uk/e85](https://openuniversity.co.uk/e85)

The MA includes an embedded, professionally qualifying Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work. This leads to eligibility to apply for registration as a qualified social worker with Social Work England (SWE) or the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) in just 18 months.

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/f80](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f80)  
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**0300 303 5303**





# DOCTORATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Doctorate in Health and Social Care (DHSC) is an innovative programme of part-time study. It's designed to support original research that will have an impact on health and social care policy and practice.

The doctorate programme is open to established professionals working in health and social care settings, including registered nurses, social workers and educators, but also other professionals working across health and social care including the public, voluntary and private sectors. The degree is also open to unpaid carers, 'experts by experience' and advocates.

## Research areas

The DHSC programme is organised into four research areas:

- care and advocacy
- leadership in health and social care
- nursing
- social work and social care.

## Programme of study

This is a highly-structured programme of study and research in two stages: Stage 1 (2 years taught) and Stage 2 (2–6 years research). You're expected to engage with the core online teaching material and a series of supporting online seminars. You'll be allocated two supervisors – your primary supervisor in year 1, and a co-supervisor in year 2 – and be linked to other students and their supervisors via the programme website and forums; you'll have the opportunity for face to face supervision, teaching input and student interactions through annual residential weekends.

## AT A GLANCE

### Start dates

Oct 2022  
Applications close Jan 2022

### Entry requirements

- You should have a masters degree, in health and social care or a related discipline, from a UK or EU university or other recognised degree awarding body
- If you don't have a masters degree, you must demonstrate your suitability for postgraduate level research. Publications, written reports or other evidence of previous research may be considered
- At least two years of relevant professional experience

### Study duration

Part time: 4-8 years



## Stage 1 (Taught)

This first stage will involve studying online materials on topics that include:

- The context of health and social care research.
- Literature reviewing.
- Ethics.
- The principles of research design.
- Methods of data collection and analysis.

Stage 1 is assessed through the submission of formative and summative assignments that focus on developing your literature review, refining your research questions and your proposal for research. This work forms the basis for the thesis work in Stage 2.

## Stage 2 (Research)

If you make satisfactory progress in Stage 1, you'll begin supported and supervised research for another 2–6 year period. During this time, you'll follow a more independent and individual programme of work, with the continuing support of your supervisors. Progress is monitored through regular written drafts and culminates in the submission of a thesis of up to 65,000 words.

The thesis element will be examined by viva-voce.

The general criteria for assessment are:

- The demonstration of reflection on the relationship between theory and practice in health and social care.
- A significant contribution to the theory and practice of health and social care.
- A high level of critical analysis.
- An ability to select and apply appropriate research methods.

On successfully meeting these criteria, you'll be awarded the Doctorate in Health and Social Care, entitling you to use the title 'Doctor'.

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/dhsc](https://openuniversity.co.uk/dhsc)  
Call  
**0300 303 5303**

# MA/MSc OPEN

Do you want the freedom to create a personalised course of study across a range of academic disciplines? Then our MA/MSc Open is ideal.

Put simply, the MA/MSc Open gives you choice. It allows you the freedom to tailor your qualification to suit you. Choose modules from a wide range of related subject areas to fit your evolving ambitions or personal interests.

## Qualification structure

There are two routes through this qualification:

**Route 1:** You can study 180 credits and specialise within one of the following broadly related study areas:

- Arts, humanities, music and language
- Education, psychology and health science
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Business, finance, human resources and law.

**Route 2:** You can choose to study 120 credits, specialising within one study area (as above) and take up to 60 credits from any other study area, including:

- Further professional development modules.

Module availability is subject to change.

## Arts, humanities, music and language modules

| Modules                            | Credits | Code |
|------------------------------------|---------|------|
| <i>MA Creative Writing part 1</i>  | 60      | A802 |
| <i>MA English part 1</i>           | 120     | A815 |
| <i>MA History part 1</i>           | 120     | A825 |
| <i>MA Art History part 1</i>       | 60      | A843 |
| <i>MA Philosophy part 1</i>        | 60      | A853 |
| <i>MA Classical Studies part 1</i> | 60      | A863 |
| <i>MA Music part 1</i>             | 60      | A873 |
| <i>Introduction to translation</i> | 60      | L801 |

## Education, psychology and health science modules

| Modules  | Credits | Code  |
|--|---------|-------|
| <i>Principles of social and psychological inquiry</i>                    | 60      | DD801 |
| <i>Children and young people's worlds</i>                                | 60      | E808  |
| <i>Educational leadership: agency, professional learning and change</i>  | 60      | EE811 |
| <i>Addressing inequality and difference in educational practice</i>      | 60      | EE814 |
| <i>Applied linguistics and English language</i>                          | 60      | EE817 |
| <i>Learning and teaching: educating the next generation</i>              | 60      | EE830 |
| <i>Technology-enhanced learning: foundations and futures<sup>1</sup></i> | 60      | H880  |
| <i>Non-medical independent and supplementary prescribing</i>             | 60      | K803  |
| <i>Developing advanced clinical practice</i>                             | 60      | K804  |
| <i>Introduction to mental health science</i>                             | 60      | S826  |

<sup>1</sup>Module hosted on FutureLearn platform.

## Science, technology, engineering and mathematics modules

| Modules   | Credits | Code |
|---|---------|------|
| <i>Information security</i>                                       | 30      | M811 |
| <i>Digital forensics</i>  | 30      | M812 |
| <i>Software development</i>                                       | 30      | M813 |
| <i>Data management</i>  | 30      | M816 |
| <i>Calculus of variations and advanced calculus</i>               | 30      | M820 |
| <i>Analytic number theory I</i>                                   | 30      | M823 |
| <i>Advanced mathematical methods</i>                              | 30      | M833 |
| <i>Coding theory</i>  | 30      | M836 |
| <i>Space science</i>  | 60      | S818 |
| <i>Environmental science challenges</i>                           | 30      | S831 |
| <i>Finite element analysis: basic principles and applications</i> | 30      | T804 |
| <i>Manufacture materials design</i>                               | 30      | T805 |
| <i>Network security</i>   | 30      | T828 |
| <i>Environmental monitoring and protection</i>                    | 30      | T868 |
| <i>Making environmental decisions</i>                             | 30      | T891 |

## Business, finance, human resources and law modules

| Modules   | Credits | Code |
|---|---------|------|
| <i>Introduction to corporate finance</i>                              | 30      | B858 |
| <i>Financial strategy: valuation, governance and ethics</i>           | 30      | B859 |
| <i>Research methods for finance</i>                                   | 30      | B860 |
| <i>The human resource professional</i>                                | 30      | B863 |
| <i>Employment relations and employee engagement</i>                   | 30      | B866 |
| <i>Workplace learning with coaching and mentoring</i>                 | 30      | B867 |
| <i>Exploring legal meaning</i>  | 30      | W820 |
| <i>Exploring the boundaries of international law</i>                  | 30      | W821 |
| <i>Business, human rights law and corporate social responsibility</i> | 30      | W822 |

## Further professional development modules

| Modules  | Credits | Code   |
|--|---------|--------|
| <i>Investment and portfolio management</i>                 | 30      | B861   |
| <i>Derivatives and risk management</i>                     | 30      | B862   |
| <i>Sustainable creative management</i>                     | 15      | BB842  |
| <i>Supply chain management</i>                             | 15      | BB849  |
| <i>Entrepreneurship in context</i>                         | 15      | BB851  |
| <i>Leadership and management of public services</i>        | 15      | BB852  |
| <i>Contemporary issues in organisations</i>                | 15      | BB853  |
| <i>Global development in practice<sup>1</sup></i>          | 60      | D890   |
| <i>Understanding global development</i>                    | 60      | DD870  |
| <i>Project management</i>                                  | 30      | M815   |
| <i>Strategic capabilities for technological innovation</i> | 30      | T849   |
| <i>Managing for sustainability</i>                         | 30      | T867   |
| <i>Technology and innovation management</i>                | 30      | TB801  |
| <i>Making strategy with systems thinking in practice</i>   | 30      | TB871  |
| <i>Managing change with systems thinking in practice</i>   | 30      | TB872  |
| <i>Continuing professional development in practice</i>     | 30      | U810   |
| <i>Advance your independent learning</i>                   | 30      | YXM830 |

<sup>1</sup>Module hosted on FutureLearn platform.

## AT A GLANCE

**Course code** F81

**Total credits** 180

### Start dates

Oct 2021  
Nov 2021  
Feb 2022  
May 2022

### Entry requirements

Entry to this qualification will typically require a bachelors degree or equivalent qualification relevant to your intended specialist area of study

### Study duration

Part time: 3 years

## MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.



Visit  
[openuniversity.co.uk/f81](https://openuniversity.co.uk/f81)  
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## Undergraduate study

Ready to fulfil your ambition?  
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### 1. Register

Go to your chosen qualification webpage, select your preferred start date and click 'Register now'.

### 2. Choose your modules

Select the modules you want to study in your first year. Some may be compulsory while others may be selected from a list of options.

### 3. Organise your funding

Tell us how you'll be funding your chosen module. You'll find all your options here [openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees](https://openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees).

### 4. Complete your registration

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### 1. Choose your qualification.

### 2. Review the entry requirements.

### 3. Register for your first module online.

### 4. Arrange your funding – you'll find all your options at [openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees](https://openuniversity.co.uk/pg-fees).

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- Science
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