OU Validation – Adding Value, Enabling Success

Looking for validation?
Here is what we can offer you…

• A supportive framework that will help you to take ownership of the day to day quality assurance and enhancement of programmes

• Robust quality assurance through peer review

• The support of a dedicated Quality and Partnerships Manager

• A dedicated academic link between institution and university

• Our experience and expertise on all aspects of HE validation
Through its Royal Charter, the OU is able to validate programmes offered by institutions that do not have their own degree awarding powers. Validated awards are of the same standard as other UK awards at the same level. They are exactly the same as OU direct awards for employment and application for postgraduate study.

- Providing validation expertise since 1992
- High value network of partnerships, including FE colleges offering HE
- Over 42,000 students currently studying on a validated programme
- Over 250 validated programmes
- Wide range of subject areas including: Art and Design; Business, Management and Law; Education; Health and Social Care; Humanities; Maths, Computing and Technology; Performing Arts; Social Science and many more
- Often with a vocational aspect, or part-time employer sponsored courses

“Thanks to our partnership with The Open University and our close relationship with the creative business community, we offer a range of innovative programmes that meet the needs of employers at local, regional and national level and enable students to fulfil their creative potential and achieve their ambitions.”
(Plymouth College of Art)

“Our exciting new partnership with the OU will give the Hull College Group the opportunity to further expand our HE programmes and develop research and scholarly activity benefiting from the Open University’s world leading expertise in research and innovation. In due course, this could mean the chance to carry out our own research programmes – an exciting prospect for both staff and students.”
(Hull College Group)

“OU validated awards have been essential in assisting the College to enhance its Higher Education provision by meeting the needs of students and employers alike. Many of our students have secured high level jobs and promotion as a direct result of successful study on these programmes.”
(Havering College of Further and Higher Education)

“The government is keen to encourage greater competition and choice in higher education provision in order to better respond to student demand. I am therefore pleased that another alternative provider, Regent’s College, has met the rigorous standards required of institutions who apply for the power to award degrees.”
(Universities Minister David Willets, on OU partner Regent’s College – now Regent’s University London – being granted its own degree awarding powers)

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