This is a credit-based qualification.

These regulations should not be read in isolation. It is important that you read them in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

PD–AHP 1  QUALIFICATION NAME

PD–AHP 1.1  The University offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Advancing Healthcare Practice. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters PG Dip Adv HCP (Open) after their names.

PD–AHP 1.2  The Senate will award the diploma with distinction if you obtain a distinction grade for a minimum of 60 credits.

PD–AHP 1.3  The Senate will award the diploma with merit if you obtain at least a merit grade for a minimum of 60 credits.

PD–AHP 2  REGISTRATION

PD–AHP 2.1  To register as a student, you must adhere to registration regulations in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) and show evidence of suitable preparation for postgraduate study. The minimum entry requirement is:

(a) a degree or equivalent qualification, conferred by a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body, or a relevant professional qualification

(b) you must have access to a practice environment, which can be clinical, education, management or research.

PD–AHP 2.2  To be awarded the postgraduate diploma, you must declare it as an intended qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

PD–AHP 3  CREDIT REQUIREMENT

PD–AHP 3.1  To be awarded the qualification, you must obtain 120 credits through the successful completion of core options or compulsory modules in the diploma profile.

PD–AHP 3.2  The Senate may permit you to qualify for the diploma if you have at least 120 credits, of which not less than 60 are from Open University modules and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

PD–AHP 3.3  Exceptionally the Senate may permit you to qualify for the diploma if you have at least 120 credits, of which not less than 20 are from Open University modules, where the remaining 100 credits required can be all from collaborative scheme credit or can include up to 60 credits in the form of an award of transferred credit.

PD–AHP 3.4  The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules or collaborative scheme credit a minimum amount of credit that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 40 credits.
PD–AHP 4  CREDIT TRANSFER
PD–AHP 4.1  The credit transfer scheme for the Postgraduate Diploma in Advancing Healthcare Practice is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).
PD–AHP 4.2  Any award of transferred credit must take the form of general credit exemption.
PD–AHP 4.3  The maximum award of transferred credit is 60 credits.

PD–AHP 5  DURATION OF STUDY
PD–AHP 5.1  The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the Postgraduate Diploma in Advancing Healthcare Practice must be obtained during a period not exceeding six years.
PD–AHP 5.2  Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the Postgraduate Diploma in Advancing Healthcare Practice at a specified point in time after their final presentation.