POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MENTAL
HEALTH SCIENCE

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- MHS1 DEGREE NAME**

**PD- MHS1.1** The University offers the Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health Science. Holders of
this qualification are permitted to use the letters PG Dip MHS (Open) after their names.

**PG–MHS 1.2** If you obtain a distinction grade in 120 of the credits in your degree you will be
awarded the degree with distinction.

**PG–MHS 1.3** If you obtain at least a merit grade in 120 of the credits in your degree you will be
awarded the degree with merit.

**PD- MHS2 REGISTRATION**

**PD- MHS2.1** 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
normal minimum entrance requirement is an Honours degree from a UK university or other
recognised degree-awarding body. This degree should be in science or in a science-related subject
including biomedical and psychological sciences, health science, mental health nursing or medicine.

**PD- MHS2.2** If you do not satisfy regulation PD- MHS2.1 but can satisfy the Senate that your
qualifications or other evidence of competence are an adequate preparation for the course of study,
your application may, in certain circumstances, be considered.

**PD- MHS2.3** To be awarded the postgraduate diploma, you must declare it as an intended
qualification and ensure that your credit is linked to it.

**PD- MHS3 CREDIT REQUIREMENT**

**PD- MHS3.1** The University will award you the postgraduate diploma in Mental Health Science if
you have obtained 120 credits from:

a) The compulsory module in Stage 1

b) The compulsory module in Stage 2

**PD- MHS3.3** The Senate may permit you to qualify for the postgraduate diploma if you have 120
credits of which not less than 60 are from successfully completed compulsory modules including the
Stage 2 module, and not more than 60 are transferred credit.

**PD- MHS3.4** The credit for this postgraduate diploma must include from Open University modules
a minimum amount that meets the University’s unique study requirements; that minimum amount is
40 credits.

**PD- MHS4 CREDIT TRANSFER**

**PD- MHS4.1** The credit transfer scheme for the postgraduate diploma in Mental Health Science is
governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).
PD- MHS4.2  Any award of transferred credit towards the postgraduate diploma will take the form of module exemption against the compulsory module in Stage 1.

PD- MHS4.3  Transferred credit is not permitted against the Stage 2 module.

PD- MHS4.4  The maximum award of transferred credit towards the postgraduate diploma in Mental Health Science is 60 credits.

PD- MHS4.5  The maximum age of any transferred credit towards the postgraduate diploma in Mental Health Science is 10 years.

PD- MHS5  PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

PD- MHS5.1  The credit required for the postgraduate diploma in Mental Health Science must be obtained during a period not exceeding four years. Stages must be studied in order.