Postgraduate Diploma in Advanced Clinical Practice

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). These regulations are available online via the Open University 'Essential Documents' website at https://help.open.ac.uk/documents/policies.

Short title
PG Dip in Advanced Clinical Practice

Award letters
PG Dip ACP (Open)

Entry requirements
Students must be employed and have the support of their employer to undertake this qualification. Where a practitioner is self-employed, assurances of support, appropriate learning opportunities, governance and safety measures will be discussed with the qualification lead.

Students undertaking the Non-Medical Prescribing module as part of this qualification will also need to meet the specific requirements for that module.

To register, you must also provide evidence of:

Bachelor's degree (minimum second class Honours) in the cognitive field of health from a UK university or other recognised degree-awarding body, or be able to demonstrate equivalent academic ability through experiential learning.

Registration with a statutory healthcare and/or social care regulator with proof of current registration.

A minimum of two years post-qualification experience.

Identification of a designated GMC registered medical practitioner or ANP/ACP with evidence of a qualification at level 7 to support learning in clinical practice.

Credit requirement
120 credits from core option modules

Classification scheme
Students who obtain a Distinction grade in 60 credits will be awarded the degree with Distinction.

Students who obtain a Merit grade in 60 credits will be awarded the degree with Merit.

Maximum duration of study
4 years, or 2 years with credit transfer.
**Maximum transferred credit**
60 credits. Credit transfer is not available against the Professional Inquiry in Advanced Clinical Practice module.

**Maximum age of credit transfer**
No maximum

**Unique study requirement**
40 credits

**Additional rules**
The Professional Inquiry in Advanced Clinical Practice module is only available to students who complete or are awarded credit transfer against the Clinical Foundations of Advanced Clinical Practice module. The Professional Inquiry in Advanced Clinical Practice module cannot therefore be combined with the Non-Medical Prescribing module.