MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCING HEALTHCARE PRACTICE

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).

MSc–AHP 1  DEGREE NAME

MSc–AHP 1.1 The University offers the Master of Science in Advancing Healthcare Practice, referred to as the MSc in Advancing Healthcare Practice. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters MSc Adv HCP (Open) as appropriate after their names.

MSc–AHP 1.2 If you obtain (i) a Distinction grade in the 60-credit dissertation and (ii) at least 40 credits from other modules at Distinction grade you will qualify for the award of the degree with Distinction.

MSc–AHP 1.3 If you obtain (i) a Merit grade in the 60-credit dissertation and (ii) at least 40 credits from other modules at least at Merit grade you will qualify for the award of the degree with Merit.

MSc–AHP 1.4 Approval has been given for this qualification to be withdrawn. The final date on which it will be awarded is 31 December 2021.

MSc–AHP 2  REGISTRATION

MSc–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.

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

MSc–AHP 3  CREDIT REQUIREMENT

MSc–AHP 3.1 To be awarded the degree, you must obtain 180 credits by the successful completion of:

(a) 120 credits from specified core option or compulsory modules as contained in the degree profile

(b) 60 credits from the compulsory dissertation

MSc–AHP 3.2 The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you satisfy the other requirements of the regulations and you have at least 180 credits, of which not less than 120 are from Open University modules including the 60-credit compulsory dissertation and not more than 60 are transferred credit.
MSc–AHP 3.3 Exceptionally, the Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you satisfy the other requirements of the regulations and you have at least 180 credits, of which not less than 60 are from Open University modules including the 60-credit compulsory dissertation. The remaining 120 credits can be all collaborative scheme credit or can include up to 60 in the form of an award of transferred credit.

MSc–AHP 3.4 The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules or collaborative scheme credit a minimum amount that meets the University’s unique study regulations, that minimum amount is 60 credits.

MSc–AHP 4 CREDIT TRANSFER

MSc–AHP 4.1 The credit transfer scheme for the MSc in Advancing Healthcare Practice is governed by the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–AHP 4.2 Any award of transferred credit must take the form of general credit exemption.

MSc–AHP 4.3 The maximum award of transferred credit allowed towards the MSc in Advancing Healthcare Practice is 60 credits.

MSc–AHP 5 PROGRESS TOWARDS THE DEGREE

MSc–AHP 5.1 The credit required from modules or any permitted credit transfer for the award of the MSc in Advancing Healthcare Practice must be obtained during a period not exceeding eight years.

MSc–AHP 5.2 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the MSc in Advancing Healthcare Practice at a specified point in time after their final presentation.

MSc–AHP 6 DISSERTATION

MSc–AHP 6.1 You must complete a dissertation as part of the credit required for your degree and it must form the final credit for your degree.

MSc–AHP 6.2 The dissertation must be submitted within the specified period for the degree and must conform to the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses).

MSc–AHP 6.3 The dissertation must be 18,000 words in length, excluding footnotes and appendices. The dissertation will be submitted to examiners appointed by the Senate. It may be found to be:

(a) acceptable
(b) acceptable subject to satisfactory amendment within a specified timescale (only one resubmission allowed)
(c) unacceptable but with permission to resubmit (only one resubmission allowed)
(d) unacceptable with permission for you to re-register on a taught module.