BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH HONOURS IN NURSING 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 following documents.

- General Qualification Regulations (Registered Qualifications)
- Schedule A to The Qualification Regulations (Registered Qualifications)
- Student Regulations
- Module Regulations

These regulations are available by going online to the Open University ‘Essential Documents’ website at www.open.ac.uk/essential-documents and following the link to Registration Documents.

BSc–NP Q1  DEGREE NAME

BSc–NP Q1.1 The University offers the Bachelor of Science with Honours in Nursing Practice. The degree is referred to as the BSc (Honours) Nursing Practice. Holders of this qualification are permitted to use the letters BSc (Hons) Nurs Prac (Open) after their names.

BSc–NP Q2  REGISTRATION

BSc–NP Q2.1 To register as a student, you must satisfy the requirements set out in Student Regulation OU 3 and:

(a) you must be the holder of either a Diploma of Higher Education in Nursing or an alternative registered nurse qualification from an awarding body that is approved for this purpose by the University, subject to regulation BSc–NP Q6.1

and

(b) you must have evidence of a current, live registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

BSc–NP Q2.2 To be awarded the degree, you must be registered for it and have successfully completed all the requirements.

BSc–NP Q2.3 You must study modules in the order, if any, specified in the enrolment process, unless exceptional permission is given by the Programme Director for the qualification.

BSc–NP Q2.4 If you are counting OU credit that was awarded before registering for the qualification or an award of credit transfer, or if you are changing your study route within the qualification, the remaining credit must be studied in the order, if any, specified in the enrolment process, unless exceptional permission is given by the Programme Director for the qualification.

BSc–NP Q3  CREDIT REQUIREMENT

BSc–NP Q3.1 The University will award you the BSc (Honours) Nursing Practice if you have a minimum of 360 credits from approved modules providing that:

(a) 120 credits are from specified compulsory modules at OU Stage 1 that fulfil the OU Stage 1 credit requirement of the Open University Diploma of Higher Education (Adult Nursing) or the Open University Diploma of Higher Education (Mental Health Nursing), subject to regulation BSc–NP Q6.1, or
(b) 120 credits are from an award of credit transfer that fulfils the OU Stage 1 credit requirement, awarded on the basis of meeting the requirements in BSc-NP Q2.1 (b), and subject to regulation BSc-NP 6.1.

(c) 120 credits are from specified option modules at OU Stage 2 that fulfil the OU second level credit requirement of the Open University Diploma of Higher Education (Adult Nursing) or the Open University Diploma of Higher Education (Mental Health Nursing), subject to regulation BSc–NP Q6.1, or

(d) 120 credits are from the specified option modules at OU Stage 2, or an award of credit transfer that fulfils the OU Stage 2 requirement, subject to regulation BSc-NP Q6.1

(e) 60 credits are from the specified core option modules at OU Stage 3

(f) 60 credits are from the compulsory module at OU Stage 3

**BSc–NP Q3.2** The Senate may permit you to qualify for the degree if you have 360 credits, of which not less than 120 are from Open University modules at OU Stage 3 and not more than 240 are transferred credit.

**BSc–NP Q3.3** The credit for this qualification must include from Open University modules a minimum amount of credit that meets the conditions of General Qualification Regulation GQR 4.4*; that minimum amount is 120 credits. If you already have an Open University BSc degree conferred without honours, the minimum amount is reduced to 60 credits.

**BSc–NP Q4 CREDIT TRANSFER**

**BSc–NP Q4.1** The credit transfer scheme for the BSc (Honours) Nursing Practice is governed by General Qualification Regulation GQR 5*.

**BSc–NP Q4.2** If you have completed the Open University Diploma of Higher Education (Adult Nursing) or the Open University Diploma of Higher Education (Mental Health Nursing) and have an award of credit transfer within that, that award of credit transfer can be counted towards the credit requirements of the degree, subject to regulation BSc–NP Q6.1.

**BSc–NP Q4.3** The maximum award of transferred credit towards the BSc (Honours) Nursing Practice is 240 credits.

**BSc–NP Q5 HONOURS DEGREE CLASSIFICATION**

**BSc–NP Q5.1** The BSc (Honours) Nursing Practice is classified as follows:
- first class
- upper second class
- lower second class
- third class.

**BSc–NP Q5.2** For the purpose of classifying your degree, the University will use a minimum of 120 and up to 240 credits from your best grades on specified Open University modules at OU Stage 2 or higher. Of these, 120 credits must be from modules at OU Stage 3. The class of the degree must be in accordance with the scheme of classification prescribed by the Senate.

**BSc–NP Q6 DURATION OF STUDY**

**BSc–NP Q6.1** The OU credit required for the award of the BSc (Honours) Nursing Practice must be obtained during a period not exceeding 16 years, except where credit transfer has been awarded, in which case the time to complete the OU credit will be less, as detailed in General Qualification Regulation GQR 5.13*.
BSc–NP Q6.2 The BSc (Honours) Nursing Practice can be obtained during the time that the degree is available. If the degree is approved for withdrawal regulation GQR 4.1* will apply.

BSc–NP Q6.3 Credit from particular modules may cease to be countable towards the BSc (Honours) Nursing Practice at a specified point in time after their final presentation.

* The paragraph references to the GQR in this document refer to the 2014 version, effective from 1 August 2014. Equivalent references to the previous version (2012) are as follows: Progression: GQR 3.4 (GQR 2.2) Unique Study: GQR 4.4 (GQR 3.4) Credit Transfer: GQR 5 (GQR 6) Time Limit on Qualification with Credit Transfer GQR 5.13 (GQR 6.13) Withdrawals of Qualifications GQR 4.1.2 (GQR 3.1.2)