Bachelor of Science with Honours in Mental Health Nursing

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses) or Academic Regulations (Apprentices) as relevant. These regulations are available online via the Open University ‘Student Policies and Regulations’ website at https://help.open.ac.uk/documents/policies.

Withdrawal of qualification
Approval has been given for this qualification to be withdrawn. The final date on which it will be awarded is 31 December 2025.

Short title
BSc (Honours) Mental Health Nursing

Award letters
BSc (Hons) Men Hlth Nsg (Open)

Entry requirements
To register, you must:
(a) not be rendered unsuitable to become a registered nurse by:
   (i) criminal caution or conviction (subject to the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974)
   (ii) health/sickness/disability (subject to occupational health screening)
(b) hold the following set of qualifications:
   (i) key skills Level 2 in Numeracy
   (ii) key skills Level 2 in Literacy
or
   other educational, professional or vocational qualification deemed to be equivalent
(c) satisfy any other restrictions set down by the NMC
(d) be sponsored and supported by your employer
(e) continue to receive sponsorship and support from your employer throughout your programme of study.

In order to maintain your registration and continue study on the degree, you must make satisfactory progress. To do this you must:
(a) attend the obligatory tutorials and/or other obligatory meetings for each module or obtain an excusal
(b) submit the continuous assessment assignments for each module at the specified time or obtain alternative permission
(c) attend any compulsory supervised practice learning periods required for each practice-based module
(d) complete a portfolio of practice assessment for each practice learning period that is accepted by the Examination and Assessment Board (EAB) as providing evidence that you meet the NMC standards for pre-registration nurse education (NMC 2010)

(e) not engage in behaviour that is judged by the EAB or Fitness to Practice Panel to be damaging or dangerous to either service users or other students or programme providers, or that creates an unacceptable risk to you or others.

Maximum duration of study
Apprenticeship time limit: If this qualification is studied as part of an Open University Apprenticeship Programme, there will be a planned Start and End date under which the apprenticeship (including qualification) must be completed. This takes precedence over any other Open University academic time limit.

Academic time limit: 7 years. Any credit obtained from Open University study or transferred credit prior to registering for the degree is not included within this time limit. Any transferred credit obtained prior to registering for the qualification is subject to the maximum age of credit transfer

Credit requirement
360

Stage 1 (120 credits)
120 credits from the specified compulsory modules

Stage 2 (120 credits)
120 credits from the specified compulsory modules

Stage 3 (120 credits)
120 credits from the specified compulsory modules

Maximum transferred credit
180 credits. Credit transfer is not permitted against the specified compulsory practice module at OU Stage 2 or against the specified compulsory modules at OU Stage 3.

Maximum age of credit transfer
5 years

Unique study requirement
120 credits at OU Stage 3

Additional rules
The BSc (Honours) Mental Health Nursing permits progression outside of the University requirements in the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). Students on this qualification may be permitted to commence study at OU Stage 3 if they have been awarded at least 30 credits at OU Stage 2 and are enrolled on the remaining 90 credits at Stage 2 which will not be completed or the module result will not be available prior to the start of the Stage 3 module recommended as the next module to study in that qualification.
The decision to award credit for each of the modules at OU Stage 1 is the responsibility of the EAB. Apart from a resit or re-submission of the examinable component of assessment, if you fail any of the compulsory OU Stage 1 modules you will be de-registered from the qualification. You must successfully complete the OU Stage 1 modules or have an equivalent award of transferred credit to achieve NMC progression point 1 and to be permitted to continue to study any OU Stage 2 modules for which you are enrolled.

The decision to award credit for each of the modules at OU Stage 2 is the responsibility of the EAB. Apart from a resit or re-submission of the examinable component of assessment, if you fail any of the compulsory OU Stage 2 modules you will be de-registered from the qualification. You must successfully complete the OU Stage 2 modules or have an award of transferred credit against one or both of the theory modules to achieve NMC progression point 2 and to continue to continue to study any OU Stage 3 modules for which you are enrolled where the exception to progression in has been permitted.

On successful completion of the degree, the Department of Nursing Progression Group will confirm that you can be recommended to the Nursing and Midwifery Council for eligibility to enter its register as a Registered Nurse.