Diploma of Higher Education in Counselling

These regulations must be read in conjunction with the Academic Regulations (Taught Courses). These regulations are available by going online to the Open University ‘Essential Documents’ website at www.open.ac.uk/essential-documents.

Award letters
Dip HE (Open)

Entry requirements
None

Maximum duration of study
7 years to complete the OU study requirements

Credit requirement
240

Stage 1 (120 credits)
120 credits from the approved Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling awarded by the Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body in the form of collaborative scheme credit

Stage 2 (120 credits)
30 credits at OU Stage 2 from either the approved Certificate in Cognitive Behavioural Therapeutic Skills and Theory or the approved Diploma in Psychotherapeutic Counselling awarded by the Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body in the form of general credit exemption.
A further 30 credits from the specified compulsory module and a further 60 credits from the specified core option modules at OU Stage 2.

Maximum transferred credit
150 minimum/ maximum credits, see additional rules

Maximum age of credit transfer
16 years

Unique study requirement
90 credits

Additional rules
To qualify for the Diploma of Higher Education in Counselling, you must have an award of 150 credits for the study completed for the specified qualifications of the Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body in OU Stages 1 and 2.