YOUR 2020/2021
HEALTH AND
SOCIAL CARE
PROSPECTUS
The Open University
FREE YOUR AMBITION
Whatever your ambition – whether you want to shape future social policy or offer help to society’s most vulnerable – we’re here to help make it happen.

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH THE OPEN UNIVERSITY

We’re pioneers in distance learning. Since we were founded, we’ve helped more than two million people realise their potential. Our unique approach to learning means you don’t have to put your life on hold to get the qualification you want.

We will:

- help you get a qualification to suit you and your goals
- provide you with the teaching and learning resources you’ll need
- offer a flexible learning experience based around you and your life
- use technology and teaching methods that enhance your study experience
- be there to support you every step of the way.

You can expect:

- materials that are designed with you in mind
- continuous innovation – we’ve been leading the way in distance learning for over 50 years, ensuring education is accessible, whatever your circumstances
- access to world-class resources, whenever you need them
- qualifications that are respected by employers the world over.

78% of FTSE 100 companies have sponsored employees on OU courses
FIVE REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE US

1. We’re open to you. We make learning available to all, regardless of background, age or additional learning needs.

2. You can study around your existing commitments. We’re experts in helping people fit their studies around their busy lives.

3. We guarantee outstanding value and a high-quality education at a competitive price.

4. Our qualifications enable you to put what you learn into practice immediately.

5. You get more than a highly respected qualification. You’ll be able to show you’re dedicated and committed – personal qualities that are valued in the workplace.
WHAT YOU NEED TO GET STARTED

Where you start in life shouldn’t limit where you go. If you’re determined to succeed and prepared to work hard, we can help you get started.

The next few pages will tell you more about how studying with The Open University works, the courses you can study, the funding available to you, and how long your qualification will take.

You can do it

The main reason we’re called The Open University is that we’re open to everyone. Every year, we help thousands of people achieve extraordinary things.

- There are no formal academic entry requirements for most of our undergraduate courses. For some qualifications, you may need to be in relevant employment.
- We helped over 24,000 students with disabilities and additional needs last year alone.
- Our students are diverse. Of our new undergraduate students, 34% are under 25. Our oldest students are in their nineties.

What you need

There are just a couple of things that you’ll need to be able to study with us.

- A computer with internet access. But don’t worry if you haven’t got access to one right now – you could receive financial support to help you buy one.
- A good grasp of the English language. We teach all our courses in English. If you’re not sure whether your English is at the right level, go to openuniversity.co.uk/englishlanguage for help and guidance.

Have you studied before?

If you’ve studied at higher education level before, you might be able to count it towards your OU qualification. This can cut down the modules you’ll need to study, saving you time and money.

If you tell us what you’ve done, we’ll do the rest.

Go to openuniversity.co.uk/credit-transfer.

1 There are specific entry criteria for nursing, social work, and advanced clinical practice – see the relevant section of the prospectus for details.
WHAT YOU CAN STUDY

We offer over 200 highly respected qualifications to help you reach your goals. You can study towards a degree or start with a certificate or diploma of higher education and build on your studies as you go.

Undergraduate

Named degree
Complete modules in a specific subject to earn an honours degree and open doors to a new interest or career.

Open degree
Design an honours degree from across a mix of subjects to suit your needs and interests.

Diploma of higher education
Expand your knowledge and improve your skillset in a specialised area.

Foundation degree
Focus on a subject related to what you’re doing now, in either a work or voluntary setting.

Certificate of higher education
Get a general grounding or improve your understanding of a subject area.

OU certificates
Develop and progress your knowledge and understanding of a particular subject area.

Postgraduate

Masters degree
Study modules towards an internationally respected qualification while gaining specialist academic, professional or technical skills.

Postgraduate diploma
Work towards a widely recognised qualification. A postgraduate diploma is equivalent to two-thirds of a masters degree.

Postgraduate certificate
Ideal for professional and career development, this is the first step towards a masters degree as well as being a valuable qualification in its own right.

We’ll give you:

‒ the flexibility to fit study around your other commitments
‒ the opportunity to improve your career
‒ freedom to follow your passions in depth.

To find out more about how you build your qualification and how long it takes, see pages 12–15.

Find the course to match your ambition
If you don’t know which type of course is right for you, discover more about the qualifications we offer on our website. Go to openuniversity.co.uk/course-types.
LEARN IN A WAY THAT SUITS YOU

You’ll have the flexibility to fit study around the other things going on in your life, whatever they may be.

Distance learning with the OU
We’ve designed our learning experience to combine flexibility and regular contact. We’ll give you the help you need to learn in the best possible way. You’ll get regular support from tutors and access to all the materials and resources essential to your course.
You’ll also have access to student support teams who’ll be there to help you on your learning journey.

How you’ll be assessed
You could be assessed in a variety of different ways depending on your choice of course. We use a combination of written assignments, oral or practical assessments, projects, examinations, dissertations and portfolios.
Your assessments will occur at set points during your course. For more information on how you’ll be assessed, go to openuniversity.co.uk/assessment.

Pioneering technology
We’ve been using innovative technology to connect with our students since we first started. Examples include our online tutorials and module forums. We’ll make sure that you always have what you need, and feel connected.

Connect with other students
You can use our module discussion groups to talk about subjects, course work or study methods.
You can also connect with us on social media or join one of the many informal Facebook groups set up by students.

Students association
You’ll become a member of our active students association when you register. You can help influence University decisions, meet fellow students and develop new skills.
Find out more at openuniversity.co.uk/ousa.
Or join the conversation on Facebook.com/OUstudents Twitter.com/OUstudents Instagram.com/OUstudentslive

Do you have additional study needs?
We’re committed to helping students with disabilities and additional needs. We’ll give you the tools to help overcome obstacles that could stand in the way of your learning – whatever your needs may be.

Disabled Students’ Allowance (DSA) – UK residents only
A DSA can help you with study costs that result directly from your disability or specific learning difficulty. They’re not means-tested and can go towards specialist equipment (such as an adapted computer), non-medical study support (e.g. a dyslexia support worker) or other related expenses. You can also apply for help with study-related travel costs that result directly from your disability.
For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/disability or call us on 0300 303 5303.

What’s it like to study with The Open University?
To find out more about distance learning, the OU study experience and how we’ll support you throughout your studies, go to openuniversity.co.uk/learning.
Welcome to Health and Social Care

Transforming society through life-changing learning

It’s hard to imagine a more dynamic, fast-changing sector than health and social care in the UK. Innovations in policy and practice, as well as new standards for treatment and care, provide constant challenges and opportunities for professionals working on the front line.

Why study with us?

We’re the UK’s largest and, we believe, most innovative provider of higher education in health and social care. Our studies have a flexible, step-on/step-off model that allows progression and development when it’s most convenient for you.

At The Open University, we offer exciting learning at all levels – whether you’re seeking entry into health and social care professions, or you’re already qualified and seeking to progress your career. Flexible study arrangements fit in with your work and home life, so you can earn while you learn.

We offer a wide range of practice-related courses and awards, from single modules for professional development to qualifying and post-qualifying routes, from vocational training to undergraduate and research degrees.

Our work is organised into the following areas: health and social care; health science; nursing; social work; and sport, fitness and coaching. Our aim is to transform health and social care practice through education and research.

Undergraduate

At undergraduate level, we offer numerous certificates, diplomas and degrees, such as the Certificate of Higher Education in Children and Families, the Diploma of Higher Education in Health and Social Care, and honours degrees in nursing and sport, fitness and coaching, among others.

We’re also the UK’s largest provider of a part-time qualifying degree in social work. If you already work in a social care context, this degree offers you a unique opportunity to build on your experience towards a professional qualification.

Remember that if the qualification you wish to study is relevant to your current work, your employer might pay for your studies: many of our students are sponsored by their employers.

Postgraduate

We offer certificates, diplomas and degrees at postgraduate level, covering the following areas: advanced clinical practice, childhood and youth, and social work.

Professional accreditation

We partner with employers to offer professional programmes in social work and pre-registration nursing. We’re one of the largest providers of social work training in the UK, with around 250 graduates every year. We offer learning programmes in nursing recognised by health and social care employers across the UK.
To anyone considering Open University study I’d say do it, you won’t look back. It’s hard but so worth it. For me, the highlights were passing each module and seeing my marks improve as I progressed. The pride you feel is something you definitely can’t buy!

Sarah Burgess, BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing
BOOST YOUR CONFIDENCE WITH AN ACCESS MODULE

An Access module is a great place to start if you want a gentle introduction to Open University study. It can also help you find out more about your interests and where you want your learning to take you.

We’re different to other universities because we’re open to people based on their potential rather than their prior qualifications. Our students come from a diverse range of academic backgrounds, so we offer a choice of starting points depending on how confident you are in your study skills. You can either dive straight in with an OU level 1 module, or you might prefer a gentler start with some extra preparation, in which case, an Access module is ideal.

An Access module builds your confidence by helping with things like:
- refreshing your study skills
- using computers
- introducing you to a range of subjects related to your area of interest
- finding out if OU study suits you and your life.

How it works
You’ll have a dedicated tutor, who’ll provide academic support via email and regular one-to-one telephone tutorials. Your Student Support Team will be on hand to help with everything else, including careers advice, fees and funding, administrative support, and study-related guidance.

Your Access module materials are a blend of printed and online resources. You’ll engage with the materials to complete tasks such as online quizzes and tutor-marked assignments. At the end, you’ll demonstrate your learning by completing a final written assignment. There’s no exam.

Access modules start every February and October and last for 30 weeks. Each week requires around nine or ten hours of study and it’s up to you how you organise that time, giving you the flexibility to fit study around your life.

What you need
We’ll set you up with access to your module website and make sure your books and other printed materials are posted out to you. All you need is:
- a phone
- a computer with internet access.

What you can study
The following Access modules will prepare you for the qualifications we offer in health and social care.

People, work and society Access module (Y032)
Get compelling insights into a wide range of areas, including childhood and youth studies; social science; psychology; health; business; and law. This module will help you to improve your subject knowledge in those areas particularly, but also prepare you for further study on a wide variety of OU qualifications.

Science, technology and maths Access module (Y033)
Grow your knowledge in a range of technical subjects, including science; engineering and design; environment; mathematics; and computing and IT. As the foundation for further studies in these fields, this module will help build your confidence and prepare you for more OU study.

We offer one other Access module, which is more relevant to other subject areas:
Arts and languages Access module (Y031)
Do you qualify for a free Access module?

You can study an Access module for free if you:

- live in the UK (excludes Channel Islands and Isle of Man) or have a British Forces Post Office address
- are studying the module as part of an OU qualification (this doesn’t apply if you live in Scotland)
- have a household income (or, in Scotland, a personal income) of £25,000 or less, or you receive qualifying benefits
- have completed less than one year of a full-time undergraduate programme at FHEQ or CQFW level 4/SCQF level 7 or above, and not completed 30 credits or more of OU study.

How much does an Access module cost?

If you don’t qualify to study for free, the cost depends on where you live.

- In England, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man it’s £774.
- In Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales it’s £258.

You can pay up front by debit or credit card, or by bank transfer. Or spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account – see page 17 for more information.

If you’re studying an Access module as part of an OU qualification and you live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, you could cover the cost with a student loan – see page 16 for more information.

Students who start with an Access module are more likely to be SUCCESSFUL when they advance to OU level 1 study.

The Access module really helped equip me with the skills and confidence I needed to go on and study at degree level.

Tim Walker,
Bachelor of Laws (Hons) LLB

NEXT STEPS

Order an Access Modules Prospectus or speak to our Student Recruitment team

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-access

Call 0300 303 0069
HOW YOU BUILD YOUR QUALIFICATION

Undergraduate students

You’ll need to build up a set number of credits to gain your qualification. Here’s how it works.

Stages

- Complete one stage for a certificate of higher education, two stages for a diploma of higher education and three stages to gain an honours degree.
- To complete each stage, you must build up a set number of credits.

Credits

- You need 120 credits to complete each stage.
- You need a set number of credits to gain your chosen qualification e.g. you need 360 credits to gain an honours degree.
- You gain credits by successfully completing modules.

Modules

- With each module you successfully complete, you’ll earn a set number of credits, either 30 or 60.
- Modules are either compulsory or selected from a choice of options.
- You choose the modules you want to study, year by year.

Stage 1

Access module
An optional module to build your confidence and prepare you for further study.

To complete Stage 1, you’ll need 120 credits, studying modules worth 30 or 60 credits.

120 credits
Certificate of higher education

Stage 2

To complete Stage 2, you’ll need a further 120 credits, studying modules worth 30 or 60 credits.

240 credits
Diploma of higher education or foundation degree

Stage 3

To complete Stage 3, you’ll need a further 120 credits, studying modules worth 30 or 60 credits.

360 credits
Honours degree
Postgraduate students

You gain a postgraduate qualification by building up a set number of credits.

Credits

You need:

- 60 credits to gain a postgraduate certificate
- 120 credits to gain a postgraduate diploma
- 180 credits to gain a masters degree.

You gain credits by successfully completing modules.

Modules

- With each module you successfully complete, you’ll earn a set number of credits, usually 30 or 60.
- Modules are either compulsory or selected from a choice of options.
- You choose the modules you want to study, year by year.

Getting started

All you need to do is choose which qualification you want to study and register on a module that counts towards that qualification. You can find out more about the postgraduate qualifications we offer in health and social care from page 51.
**HOW LONG YOUR QUALIFICATION WILL TAKE**

We give you the flexibility to choose the amount you want to study each year. This way, you get the qualification you want in a timeframe that’s right for you.

**Undergraduate qualifications**

Most of our students study part time, taking 60 credits a year. That’s like studying at half the rate of a full-time course at a traditional university. If you want to complete your study at a full-time rate, you’ll need to study 120 credits per year.

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Years to complete

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Postgraduate qualifications

The time it will take to complete your qualification depends on how it’s structured and the number of credits required. All of our postgraduate courses are offered as part-time study and the usual timescales for individual module completion are shown below.

- 15–30 credit module – typically five months.
- 60 credit module – typically nine months.

Find out more

For more information on finding time to study, and to use our time planner tool, go to openuniversity.co.uk/time.

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Some qualifications follow a different pattern of study. See individual descriptions for more information.
We believe cost shouldn’t be a barrier to achieving your potential. That’s why our tuition fees are among the most competitive in the UK. And we’ll always help you find a way of paying that suits your circumstances.

For undergraduate
You’ll pay on a module-by-module basis, rather than for your whole qualification up front. See below to get an idea of costs.

### LIVING IN ENGLAND
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In England, the cost for a 360-credit honours degree based on today’s prices is £18,576.

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In Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, the cost for a typical 360-credit honours degree based on today’s prices is £6,192.

### Funding – England and Wales
The best way to fund your studies, regardless of age or income, might be with a student loan from Student Finance England or Student Finance Wales. It’s the most popular way to pay.

**Key facts**
- Repayments only start when your salary exceeds the income threshold (£26,575 from April 2020).
- Repayments are deducted automatically from your salary.
- You can pay off the loan early without any penalties.
- Any balance outstanding after 30 years will be written off.

### Example Repayment Amounts

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³Repayments are based on what you earn, not what you owe. You’ll repay 9% of what you earn over £26,575. For example, if you earn £28,000, you’ll repay £128.25 that year (9% of £1,425). That’s just over £10 per month.

### Already have a degree?
You might still qualify for a student loan. You need to be living in England or Wales and looking to study an eligible qualification.

For more information, go to openuniversity.co.uk/quals.

### Maintenance support – Wales
New students in Wales studying part time towards a qualification can also apply for maintenance grants, worth up to £4,500 a year, to help with living costs.

### Funding – Northern Ireland
You could be eligible for a Part-Time Fee Grant of up to £1,230 a year to help towards your fees. The amount depends on your household income and the rate at which you study. If you’re not eligible for the grant, or if it doesn’t cover the full cost of your tuition fees, you can pay in full or in part using an alternative payment method, such as a Part-Time Tuition Fee Loan.

### Funding – Scotland
If your personal income is £25,000 or less, or you’re on certain benefits, and you’re studying at least 30 credits, you could qualify for a Part-Time Fee Grant and top-up funding to cover 100% of your course fees. It isn’t a loan and you won’t need to pay any of it back.

### Study support and discretionary funds
If your annual income is less than £25,000, you might be eligible for additional means-tested funding for study-related costs, such as travel, childcare and internet access.

### Self-funded study
You can pay using a debit or credit card, or by bank transfer. Or spread the cost with an Open University Student Budget Account – see opposite for more information.

### Get sponsored
See whether your employer would help you learn and develop. It’s always worth asking.

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**MORE ONLINE**
Find out more about undergraduate fees and funding

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/ug-fees

Call 0300 303 5303
For postgraduate
You pay for postgraduate qualifications module by module. Please go to our website to see the total fee listed for your qualification.

Funding – England
You could be eligible for a maintenance loan of up to £11,222 from Student Finance England.
To be eligible you must:
- be under 60 years old
- be resident in England
- be studying a masters degree that can be completed in no more than three years
- not currently have a masters degree or equivalent
- be studying your qualification from the beginning.

Key facts
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
- You’ll repay 6% of your income over £21,000 – so, for example, if you earn £25,000, you’ll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That’s just £20 a month.
- Loan repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
- You’ll repay 6% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £25,000, you’ll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That’s just £20 a month.

Funding – Northern Ireland and Scotland
You could be eligible for a fee loan of up to £5,500 from Student Finance Northern Ireland or the Student Awards Agency Scotland.
To be eligible you must be:
- resident in Northern Ireland or Scotland
- studying for an eligible postgraduate qualification.

Key facts
- Repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £18,935 in Northern Ireland and £18,330 in Scotland).
- You’ll repay 9% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £20,000 and live in Scotland, you’ll repay only £150.30 that year (9% of £1,670). That’s less than £13 a month.
- Payments are deducted automatically from your salary.

Funding – Wales
New postgraduate students can apply for financial support, made up of non-repayable grants and top-up loans.
To be eligible you must be:
- resident in Wales
- studying for a masters degree
- under 60 years old.

Key facts
- The support is made up of grants and loans and is worth up to £17,489.
- All eligible students will receive a non-repayable grant of £1,000, rising to a maximum of £6,885, depending on household income.
- Loan repayments only start when you earn more than the income threshold (currently, £21,000).
- You’ll repay 6% of your income over the threshold – so, for example, if you earn £25,000, you’ll repay only £240 that year (6% of £4,000). That’s just £20 a month.

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MORE ONLINE
Find out more about postgraduate fees and funding
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Call 0300 303 5303

Open University Student Budget Accounts Ltd (OUSBA)
When you enrol with us, you’ll be offered the opportunity to pay your fees through a loan from OUSBA.
OUSBA will pay your fees to The Open University, and you repay OUSBA either in a single sum before your course starts – in this case there’s no interest – or in monthly instalments of up to a year – in this case, interest does apply.
The interest rate is fixed for the duration of the course (representative APR 5.1%).
If you’re worried about affordability or a poor credit history, you can apply for a joint loan application with a third party e.g. partner, sibling, friend, etc.
Find out more about OUSBA at openuniversity.co.uk/ousba.
As a responsible lender, OUSBA carries out affordability checks as part of the application process.
I trained as a cardiographer (ECG Technician) working in an emergency cardiac ambulance for five years. Having always worked in a healthcare setting, I saw the positive influence nurses could have upon a patient’s experience, sometimes in the most difficult of circumstances.

I was nervous about studying again having left school over six years ago. My biggest concern was wondering if I would have the time to fit in study with full time work. I also didn’t know if I would be able to adapt to distance learning as I had only ever experienced classroom-based teaching before.

I’m lucky that the management team within my own practice department are very much pro-learning and encourage staff to develop. They’ve helped me throughout my training, offering their time and vast experience in nursing, and the tutors at the OU are always only a phone call away, so I have felt very supported.

Personally I’ve gained a lot of confidence in myself; I’ve never studied at degree level before and was unsure if I’d have the ability to complete such a course. I was never great at studying at school, but I’ve now proved that if you’re studying something that you are interested in you can do well if you apply yourself.

I’m currently based in a stroke ward as my final student nursing placement and I’ve been able to apply what I have learnt through my OU study. I’ve become a source of information to both patients and family members and my communication skills have improved greatly.

The opportunities for my future are endless. I would love to continue studying to become a specialist nurse and plan to do so when I qualify.

David Ferran, BSc (Hons) Adult Nursing
FIND AN
UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

You can register for the 2020/2021 academic year for undergraduate qualifications from 18 March 2020.

We’ve based the qualification start dates on the first module(s) you can study as part of your qualification.

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BA (HONS) HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

This degree provides you with the sound and critical understanding of health and social care essential in today's fast-changing care sector.

Health and social care professionals at all levels need to be proactive and flexible to succeed. With this degree you'll gain the skills you need for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment.

It'll help you build a foundation for effective management and leadership in the health and social care sector.

Throughout your studies you'll learn how ethical, legal, social, economic and political factors influence the provision and development of services. You will develop the critical and analytical skills that underpin evidence-based practice. You'll also explore new theories examining health and wellbeing in the 21st century, learning to challenge concepts you may have previously taken for granted.

By the end of your studies, you'll be able to evaluate your own and others' roles in the context of policy developments; assess emerging strategic solutions; and recognise and value diversity and difference.

Why choose this qualification?
- Encounter exciting new ideas and apply them to real life issues and situations that affect us all.
- Teaching based on our internationally recognised research into care issues across the life course.
- Explore the context and processes of change and new ways of working across agencies and professional boundaries.
- Develop as an independent and reflective learner.

Related qualifications
Diploma of Higher Education in Health and Social Care (W69)
openuniversity.co.uk/w69
Qualification structure

**Stage 1 120 credits**

**Introducing health and social care** (K102) (60 credits)

**Foundations for social work practice** (K113/KZW113) (60 credits) OR
**Introduction to childhood studies and child psychology** (E102) (60 credits) OR
**Perspectives in health and social care** (K118) (60 credits)

**Stage 2 120 credits**

**Critical issues in health and wellbeing** (K219) (60 credits)

**Death, dying and bereavement** (K220) (60 credits) OR
**Making a difference: working with children and young people** (KE206) (60 credits) OR
**Mental health and community** (K240) (60 credits)

**Diploma of Higher Education in Health and Social Care (W69)**

**Stage 3 120 credits**

**Leadership and management in health and social care** (K313) (60 credits)

**Approaches to mental health** (K314) (60 credits) OR
**Investigating health and social care** (K323) (60 credits) OR
**Young lives, parenting and families** (KE322) (60 credits)

**BA (HONS) HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

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**AT A GLANCE**

**Course code** R26

**Total credits** 360

**Start dates**
- Oct 2020: Register by 10 Sep 2020
- Feb 2021: Register by 14 Jan 2021

**Assessment**
Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments

**Study duration**
- Part time: 6 years
- Full time: 3 years

**Mode of study**
The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print

- Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)
- Online forum: Optional
- Collaborative work: Optional
- Practice-based learning: ❌

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**MORE ONLINE**
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/r26
Call 0300 303 5303
BSc (HONS) HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH SCIENCE

This degree will provide you with essential skills required for working in health and health science settings, giving you the ability to apply evidence-based scientific methodology to health-related issues.

Through a combination of healthcare and health science topics, you’ll develop a broad understanding of the range of debates surrounding the provision of healthcare. By exploring the experience of receiving care and working in the care services, and examining human health by focusing on particular health conditions, you’ll identify the key factors which influence health. Ultimately, you’ll learn to apply your understanding to a range of public health issues. You’ll also learn to evaluate the relationship between scientific and social understandings about the promotion of health.

Why choose this qualification?

- Develop a range of skills in interpreting, generating, and presenting information using a unique blend of learning materials.
- Learn about the ethical, social, scientific, economic and political issues that influence health and healthcare.
- Engage with an evidence-based, scientific approach to health sciences and gain an appreciation of the limits of scientific knowledge.
- Critically evaluate approaches to service provision and develop strategies for improving practice.

Related qualifications

Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare with Health Science (T28) openuniversity.co.uk/t28
Qualification structure

Stage 1 120 credits

Introducing health and social care (K102) (60 credits)

Science and health: an evidence-based approach (SDK100) (60 credits)

Certificate of Higher Education in Healthcare with Health Science (T28)

Stage 2 120 credits

Brain, mind and mental health (SK298) (30 credits)

Critical issues in health and wellbeing (K219) (60 credits)

Human biology (SK299) (30 credits)

Stage 3 120 credits

Infectious disease and public health (SK320) (30 credits)

Approaches to mental health (K314) (60 credits) OR Investigating health and social care (K323) (60 credits) OR Leadership and management in health and social care (K313) (60 credits)

Researching biology and health science (SXL390) (30 credits)

BSc (HONS) HEALTHCARE AND HEALTH SCIENCE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code Q96
Total credits 360
Start dates
Oct 2020 Register by 10 Sep 2020
Feb 2021 Register by 14 Jan 2021
Assessment
Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments
- Examinations
Study duration
Part time: 6 years
Full time: 3 years
Mode of study
The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print
Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)
Online forum Compulsory
Collaborative work Compulsory
Practice-based learning

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/q96
Call 0300 303 5303
DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

This diploma develops your critical understanding of health and social care policy, theory and practice, and the skills you need for effective practice in a diverse, multidisciplinary environment.

By the end of your studies, you’ll be able to evaluate your own and others’ roles in the context of policy developments; evaluate emerging strategic solutions; and recognise and value diversity and difference. You’ll also develop your understanding of how ethical, legal, social, economic and political factors influence the provision and development of services.

Why choose this qualification?
- Apply new ideas to real life issues and situations that affect us all.
- Develop as an independent and reflective learner.
- Explore the context and processes of change.
- Discover new ways of working across agency and professional boundaries.

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DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/w69
Call 0300 303 5303
FIND AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND)

Social care in Scotland is increasingly multidisciplinary and community focused – requiring a skilled, adaptable workforce to deliver high-quality services.

This diploma will deepen your insight of social care and social work, developing the knowledge and skills you need to support vulnerable adults and children effectively in multiple settings.

It places a strong emphasis on working across professional boundaries, with service users placed firmly at the centre. You’ll gain an up-to-date and authoritative overview of care services, drawing on real-life case studies with children, older people, mental-health communities and people with learning disabilities.

Why choose this qualification?

- Explore key roles, standards and codes of practice.
- Focus on particular areas relevant to your own role.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

Entry requirements

There are no formal entry requirements to study this diploma, but you need to be working in, or have access to, a social care agency, for example, through voluntary work.

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DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (SCOTLAND)

Don't stop there

You can choose modules in this diploma to carry forward to the BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (Q41) – see page 40. Please note that completing the diploma does not give automatic entry to the social work degree, which is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

1 These modules are compulsory in the BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (Q41). If you are intending to seek entry into the degree, you should opt for these.
CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

If you work in health and social care, use services yourself, or would simply like to find out more about how we support adults in our care system, this certificate is for you.

It provides an authoritative overview of the current context of health and social care for adults and older people, using real-life case studies to explore a wide range of issues and debates.

Why choose this qualification?
- Deepen your knowledge and understanding of health and social care.
- Apply theories to help you understand real-life case studies.
- Develop practical and employability skills.
- Build a solid foundation for further study in this sector.

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CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Compulsory modules
Awarded qualification

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code T23
Total credits 120
Start dates
- Oct 2020 Register by 10 Sep 2020
- Feb 2021 Register by 14 Jan 2021

Assessment
Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments

Study duration
Part time: 2 years
Full time: 1 year

Mode of study
The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)
Online forum Optional
Collaborative work Optional
Practice-based learning ×

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/t23
Call 0300 303 5303
CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Ideal if you want to develop your interest in health and social care in the area of working with children, young people and families.

If you’re directly engaged in this area (or hope to be) as a paid or unpaid worker or carer, this certificate provides you with a solid foundation.

You’ll be introduced to issues relating to the welfare of children and young people, including how health and social care services and practices are organised. You’ll also acquire valuable knowledge and understanding about childhood, child development and children’s rights that can be applied to work in a variety of health and social care contexts.

Why choose this qualification?

- Investigate key issues and debates about childhood, child development, child psychology and children’s rights.
- Apply your knowledge and understanding to your own life or work environment.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

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CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

- Compulsory modules
- Awarded qualification

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code: T24
Total credits: 120
Start dates:
- Oct 2020: Register by 10 Sep 2020
- Feb 2021: Register by 14 Jan 2021

Assessment:
Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments

Study duration:
Part time: 2 years
Full time: 1 year

Mode of study:
The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)

- Online forum: Optional ✓
- Collaborative work: Optional ✓
- Practice-based learning: X

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit: openuniversity.co.uk/t24
Call: 0300 303 5303
CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTHCARE PRACTICE

This certificate helps healthcare support staff develop the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to underpin effective practice.

You'll develop a wide range of practical skills and competencies, while exploring essential biological, social, political, ethical and psychological concepts. You'll also build valuable numeracy, literacy, ICT, communication and cognitive skills.

Why choose this qualification?
- Designed as the first step to prepare healthcare support workers for the role of assistant practitioner.
- Includes a strong practice-based element.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

Entry requirements
There are no academic entry requirements for this course, however, in order to gain entry onto the course, you must be providing direct care to patients and service users for a minimum of two days per week. You must have the support of your employer for the work-based module Introduction to healthcare practice (K104).

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CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTHCARE PRACTICE

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| Compulsory modules | |
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Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

Don't stop there
If you want to progress to nurse training, you may be able to count the credit gained from this qualification towards the BSc (Hons) Nursing (R39) – see page 34. Please note that completing this certificate does not give automatic entry to the nursing degree, which is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

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MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/t01

Call 0300 303 5303
CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTHCARE WITH HEALTH SCIENCE

This certificate will provide skills required for working in healthcare and health science.

You’ll explore the experience of receiving care and working in the care services, as well as investigating particular health conditions. Using science, maths, psychology and epidemiology you’ll explore the causes and distribution of ill health and disability and see their impact on individuals and populations. By the end of the course, you’ll have developed a range of employability and study skills and an understanding of many important health issues.

Why choose this qualification?

¬ Develop the skills required for working in health science.
¬ Understand how evidence-based scientific methodology applies to health-related issues.
¬ Gain the skills required to become a reflective practitioner in a range of health-related settings.
¬ Develop skills in interpreting, generating, and presenting information and data.

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CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN HEALTHCARE WITH HEALTH SCIENCE

Compulsory modules

Awarded qualification

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code T28
Total credits 120
Start dates
Oct 2020 Register by 10 Sep 2020
Feb 2021 Register by 14 Jan 2021

Assessment
Based on a mix of:
¬ Tutor-marked assignments
¬ Interactive computer-marked assignments
¬ End-of-module assessments

Study duration
Part time: 2 years
Full time: 1 year

Mode of study
The learning materials provided are a balance of print and online

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)

Online forum

Collaborative work

Practice-based learning

MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/t28

Call 0300 303 5303
CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE

This certificate explores ideas about what social work is. You’ll use case studies with children, older people, mental-health communities, children with disabilities and people with learning disabilities to apply learning to practice contexts.

Why choose this qualification?
- Apply your learning to your professional social work practice.
- Use real-life case studies to aid learning.
- Build key skills in information and communication technologies, digital and information literacy and reflective writing.
- Perfect first step towards an honours degree in social work.

Entry requirements
There are no formal entry requirements to study this certificate, but you will need to be working within, or have access to, a social care agency, for example, through voluntary work.

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CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE

Compulsory modules
Awarded qualification

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

Don't stop there
In addition to providing an excellent introduction to social work and social care, the modules in this certificate form the first part of the BA (Hons) Social Work (England) (Q32) – see page 36. Please note that completing the certificate does not give automatic entry to the social work degree, which is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

More online
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/t39
Call 0300 303 5303
This certificate explores ideas about what social work is in Scotland. Using case studies with children, older people, mental-health communities, children with disabilities and people with learning disabilities to apply learning to practice contexts.

Why choose this qualification?
- Apply your learning to your professional social work practice.
- Use real-life case studies to aid your learning.
- Build key skills in information and communication technologies, digital and information literacy and reflective writing.
- Perfect first step towards an honours degree in social work in Scotland.

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Certificate of Higher Education in Social Care (Scotland)

Don't stop there
In addition to providing an excellent introduction to social work and social care, the modules in this certificate form the first part of the BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (Q41) – see page 40. Please note that completing the this certificate does not give automatic entry to the social work degree, which is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

Entry requirements
There are no formal entry requirements to study this certificate, but you will need to be working within, or have access to, a social care agency, for example, through voluntary work.
CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOCIAL CARE PRACTICE (WALES)

This certificate explores ideas about what social work is. You’ll use case studies with children, older people, mental-health communities, children with disabilities and people with learning disabilities to apply learning to practice contexts.

Why choose this qualification?
- Consider the nature of social work and social care, and apply learning to practice.
- Build key skills in information and communication technologies, digital and information literacy and reflective writing.
- Support and encouragement if you want to use Welsh in your studies.
- Recognised by Social Care Wales as meeting the needs of social care workers involved in case assessments and giving information on access to services.
- Perfect first step towards an honours degree in social work in Wales.

Entry requirements
There are no formal entry requirements to study this certificate, but you will need to be working within, or have access to, a social care agency, for example, through voluntary work.

Qualification structure

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In addition to providing an excellent introduction to social work and social care, the modules in this certificate form the first part of the BA (Hons) Social Work (Wales) (Q42) – see page 42. Please note that completing the certificate does not give automatic entry to the social work degree, which is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/t34
Call 0300 303 5303
CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

This certificate is focused on two things: it provides a valuable introduction to learning in higher education and it also provides an authoritative overview of health and social care.

Real-life case studies will give you an insight into what it is like to experience care, and to work in care services. Whether you're involved in care work (paid or unpaid), use services yourself, or simply have a general interest, this course helps you build knowledge, understanding, a range of learning skills, as well as preparing you for further study.

Why choose this qualification?
- Gain a fascinating insight into the provision of health and social care services in the UK.
- Draw on your own ideas and experiences.
- An introduction to the essential skills of academic study.
- Build a solid foundation for further study.

Qualification structure

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CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Compulsory modules
Awarded qualification

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/s33
Call 0300 303 5303
The BSc (Hons) Nursing degree is a unique, flexible practice-based learning route to qualify as a registered nurse, in a range of specialisms.

The degree addresses the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) requirements for entry to the nursing professional register. This makes it ideal for healthcare and support workers to qualify as a registered nurse specialising in adult, children and young people, learning disabilities or mental health nursing.

You’ll develop a systematic and extensive understanding of today’s health and social care sector, exploring theories and concepts relevant to contemporary nursing practice.

Through practice-based learning you’ll develop the on-the-job experience and professional skills needed to deliver high-quality, safe and effective person-centred care for people with varied health needs, in a range of care settings.

**Why choose this qualification?**

- Develop effective evidence-based nursing practice and underpinning knowledge in an inter-professional and interdisciplinary environment.
- A balance of theory and practice delivered through practice-based and distance learning.
- Continue to work part time for your employer whilst studying; you don’t need to put your career on hold.

**Entry requirements**

We offer this practice-based qualification in association with partnering employers. You must be working in healthcare practice in a caring role where registered practice supervisors and practice assessors are available. As entry is subject to an interview process and meeting the minimum entry requirements, you’ll need to apply at least six months before your chosen start date. See the online description for more information.

**Apprenticeships**

For information on higher and degree apprenticeships in Nursing, including the Registered Nurse Degree Apprenticeship and the Higher Apprenticeship in Health (Nurse Associate), go to openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships or call 0300 303 0529.

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**Sponsorship, fees, workplace support and tuition fee loans in England**

If you’re a healthcare support worker, you could train to become a nurse with our flexible, practice-based degree.

- Your workplace must be a healthcare provider and employer of registered nurses, some of whom must meet the NMC requirements for practice supervisors and assessors.
- Your employer needs to fully support your application.
- You’ll need access to a range of practice learning environments agreed by the University.

In England, most people will need to take out a full-time tuition fee loan. Under current arrangements, you won’t need to pay anything back until your total earnings meet a threshold – which is currently £26,575 a year. The current rate of repayment is 9% of all earnings above the threshold.

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1 Subject to successful NMC approval, planned for March 2020.
Qualification structure

Stage 1 120 credits

- Introducing health and social care (KYN102) (60 credits)
- Introduction to healthcare practice (KYN104) (60 credits)

Stage 2 120 credits

- Understanding nursing: knowledge and theory (KYN210) (60 credits)
- Developing nursing practice (KYN211) (60 credits)

Stage 3 120 credits

- Assimilating nursing: knowledge and theory (KYN325) (60 credits)

Choose 60 credits from your chosen field of practice:
- Becoming an autonomous practitioner: adult (KYN326) (60 credits) OR
- Becoming an autonomous practitioner: children and young people (KYN329) (60 credits) OR
- Becoming an autonomous practitioner: learning disabilities (KYN328) (60 credits) OR
- Becoming an autonomous practitioner: mental health (KYN327) (60 credits)

BSc (Hons) Nursing

2 Your choice of specialism at Stage 3 will be reflected in your awarded degree, e.g. BSc (Hons) Nursing (Adult).

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.
The OU offers a work-based distance learning route to the degree in social work. Successful graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a qualified social worker with Social Work England (SWE).

With our employer partners we offer a different route into the profession. It’s one that opens up a host of opportunities to people who, for one reason or another, require a more flexible and individualised approach to social work training. While you study you receive extensive support from the OU, from programme tutors and practice educators who are committed to developing professional social workers, and from subject tutors who will support and guide you through the individual modules that make up the degree.

**Why choose this qualification?**

- Continue in your employment while you study, earning while you learn.
- Study through work-based and distance learning.
- Develop the knowledge and practical skills that underpin effective practice.
- Improve your career progression opportunities within social work.

**Entry requirements**

This degree is restricted to students working in social care in England and who are sponsored or supported by their employer. Admission is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

**Social work employers**

If you’re a social work employer and would like more information about our social work qualifications, please email wels-sw-enquiries@open.ac.uk or call 01908 654 229.

**Apprenticeships**

For information on the Social Worker Degree Apprenticeship, go to openuniversity.co.uk/apprenticeships or call 0300 303 0529.
Qualification structure

Stage 1 120 credits

Introducing health and social care (K102) (60 credits)

Stage 2 120 credits

Foundations for social work practice (K113) (60 credits)

Stage 3 120 credits

Social work law (K271) (60 credits)

Applied social work practice (K216) (60 credits)

Approaches to mental health (K314) (60 credits)
Investigating health and social care (K323) (60 credits)
Leadership and management in health and social care (K313) (60 credits)
Young lives, parenting and families (KE322) (60 credits)

Critical social work practice (K315) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (ENGLAND) ¹

¹ Subject to satisfactory demonstration and maintenance of standards for suitability and fitness for practice.
Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code Q32
Total credits 360

Start dates
Oct 2020
Applications close 5 Jun 2020
Feb 2021
Applications close 7 Aug 2020

Assessment
Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments or quizzes
- End-of-module assessments
- Practice assessment

Study duration
Part time: 6 years
Full time: 3 years

Mode of study
The learning materials provided are a balance of print and online
- Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)
- Online forum Optional ✓
- Collaborative work Compulsory ✓
- Practice-based learning ✓

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/q32
Call 0300 303 0529
The OU offers a work-based distance learning route to the degree in social work. Successful graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a qualified social worker with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC)\(^1\).

With our employer partners we offer a different route into the profession. It’s one that opens up a host of opportunities to people who, for one reason or another, require a more flexible and individualised approach to social work training. While you study you receive extensive support from the OU, from programme tutors and practice educators who are committed to developing professional social workers, and from subject tutors who will support and guide you through the individual modules that make up the degree.

### Why choose this qualification?
- Continue in your employment while you study, earning while you learn.
- Study through work-based and distance learning.
- Develop the knowledge and practical skills that underpin effective practice.
- Improve your career progression opportunities within social work.

### Entry requirements
This degree is restricted to students working in social care in Northern Ireland and who are sponsored or supported by their employer. Admission is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

### Social work employers
If you’re a social work employer and would like more information about our social work qualifications, please contact the social work team in Northern Ireland on 02890 245025 or email ireland-social-work@open.ac.uk.

\(^1\)Subject to successful NMC approval, planned for March 2020.
FIND AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

Qualification structure

Stage 1 120 credits

Introducing health and social care
(K102) (60 credits)

Foundations for social work practice
(K113) (60 credits)

Stage 2 120 credits

Social work law
(K271) (60 credits)

Applied social work practice
(K216) (60 credits)

Stage 3 120 credits

Approaches to mental health
(K314) (60 credits) OR
Investigating health and social care
(K323) (60 credits) OR
Leadership and management in health and social care
(K313) (60 credits) OR
Young lives, parenting and families
(K322) (60 credits)

Critical social work practice
(K315) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (NORTHERN IRELAND)²

² Subject to satisfactory demonstration and maintenance of standards for suitability and fitness for practice.

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code: R61
Total credits: 360
Start dates:
- Oct 2020
- Feb 2021
Go to openuniversity.co.uk/r61 for more information

Assessment
Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments or quizzes
- End-of-module assessments
- Practice assessment

Study duration
Part time: 6 years
Full time: 3 years

Mode of study
The learning materials provided are a balance of print and online

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)

Online forum
Optional

Collaborative work
Compulsory

Practice-based learning

MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/r61

Call 0300 303 5303
The Open University offers a work-based distance learning route to the degree in social work, and eligibility for registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) upon completion. This programme is approved by the SSSC.

The degree programme is available to staff who are working in social care, are sponsored and supported by their employer or who meet the selection criteria for the independent (non-sponsored) route and are selected onto the degree.

Why choose this qualification?
- Continue in your employment while you study, earning while you learn.
- Study through work-based and distance learning.
- Develop the knowledge and practical skills that underpin effective practice.
- Improve your career progression opportunities within social work.

Entry requirements
This degree is restricted to students working in social care in Scotland. You must normally be sponsored or supported by your employer. Admission is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

Social work employers
Employing agencies and individuals who are interested in this degree should contact the Social Work Co-ordinator at The Open University in Scotland on 0131 226 3851 or email scotland@open.ac.uk.

Related qualification
BA (Hons) Social Work (Scotland) (graduate entry) (Q50) openuniversity.co.uk/q50
Students who have a degree in any subject from a UK university, no matter when it was achieved, can enter the programme at Stage 2. Further details about the graduate-entry route can be obtained from the Social Work Co-ordinator, Scotland email scotland@open.ac.uk or call 0131 226 3851.
Qualification structure

Stage 1 120 credits

Introducing health and social care (K102) (60 credits)

Introducing the social sciences (DD102) (60 credits)

Stage 2 120 credits

Foundations for social work practice (K113) (60 credits)

Making a difference: working with children and young people (KE206) (60 credits)

Stage 3 120 credits

Social work law (K271) (60 credits)

Applied social work practice (K216) (60 credits)

Stage 4 120 credits

Approaches to mental health (K314) (60 credits) OR

Investigating health and social care (K323) (60 credits)

Critical social work practice (K315) (60 credits)

BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND)¹

¹ Subject to satisfactory demonstration and maintenance of standards for suitability and fitness for practice.

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code Q41
Total credits 480
Start dates
Oct 2020 Applications close 13 Jul 2020 for the sponsored route
Feb 2021 Applications close 1 Nov 2020 for the sponsored route

Assessment
Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments or quizzes
- End-of-module assessments
- Practice assessment

Study duration
Part time: 8 years
Full time: 4 years

Mode of study
The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF) ✔

Online forum Optional

Collaborative work Compulsory ✔

Practice-based learning ✔

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/q41
Call 0300 303 5303
BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (WALES)

The Open University offers a distance learning, work-based route to the degree in social work. The programme is approved by Social Care Wales (SCW) and graduates are eligible to apply for registration with SCW as a qualified social worker.

The degree programme is available to staff who are working in social care, and are supported by their employer or meet the selection criteria for the independent route and are selected onto the degree.

The programme is provided in partnership with employers in Wales, who take an active part in monitoring the work of the programme and in developing new initiatives to widen opportunities and support students.

Service users and carers also take an active part in the development, management and delivery of the programme, bringing their own expertise developed through personal experience.

Why choose this qualification?
- Continue in your employment while you study, earning while you learn.
- Study through work-based and distance learning.
- Develop the knowledge and practical skills that underpin effective practice.
- Improve your career progression opportunities within social work.

Entry requirements
This degree is restricted to students working or volunteering in social care in Wales. There are two routes into the degree, depending on whether you are being sponsored by your employer or studying independently. Admission is subject to an interview process and meeting minimum entry requirements.

Employing agencies and individuals who are interested in this degree should contact The Open University in Wales on 029 2026 2728 or email wales-hwsc@open.ac.uk.
Qualification structure

**Stage 1 120 credits**

*Introducing health and social care* (K102) (60 credits)

*Foundations for social work practice* (KZW113) (60 credits)

**Stage 2 120 credits**

*Social work law* (K271) (60 credits)

*Applied social work practice* (KZW216) (60 credits)

**Stage 3 120 credits**

*Approaches to mental health* (K314) (60 credits) OR

*Investigating health and social care* (K323) (60 credits) OR

*Leadership and management in health and social care* (K313) (60 credits) OR

*Young lives, parenting and families* (KE322) (60 credits)

*Critical social work practice* (KZW315) (60 credits)

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**BA (HONS) SOCIAL WORK (WALES)**

Subject to satisfactory demonstration and maintenance of standards for suitability and fitness for practice.

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

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**AT A GLANCE**

**Course code** Q42

**Total credits** 360

**Start dates**

Oct 2020
Applications close 30 Apr 2020 for the independent route and 30 Jul 2020 for the sponsored route

Feb 2021
Applications close 30 Apr 2020 for the independent route and 26 Nov 2020 for the sponsored route

**Assessment**

Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments or quizzes
- End-of-module assessments
- Practice assessment

**Study duration**

Part time: 6 years
Full time: 3 years

**Mode of study**

The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print

Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)

Online forum
Compulsory

Collaborative work
Optional

Practice-based learning

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**MORE ONLINE**

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/q42

Call 0300 303 5303
HEALTH SCIENCE

BSc (HONS) HEALTH SCIENCES

This degree examines the science behind health. From individual health to global issues like epidemics or the treatment of dementia.

You’ll study scientific concepts that underpin the function of the human mind and body. Explore the incidence, diagnosis and treatment of disease and disability. And examine the maintenance and improvement of health in different populations. It’s particularly relevant if you work in, or aspire to work in, a health-related profession.

Why choose this qualification?

‒ Explore health and disease from a multidisciplinary, evidence-based perspective.
‒ Use innovative online collaborative and virtual experiences to build your practical skills.
‒ Develop transferable skills that enhance your employability in healthcare and other settings.

Related qualifications

Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences (W44)
openuniversity.co.uk/w44

Certificate of Higher Education in Health Sciences (T18)
openuniversity.co.uk/t18

Certificate in Health Sciences (S19)
openuniversity.co.uk/s19
Qualification structure

Stage 1 120 credits

Science and health: an evidence-based approach
(SDK100) (60 credits)

Certificate in Health Sciences (S19)

Investigating psychology 1
(DE100) (60 credits) OR
Science: concepts and practice
(S112) (60 credits)

Certificate of Higher Education in Health Sciences (T18)

Human biology
(SK299) (30 credits)

Brain, mind and mental health
(SK298) (30 credits)

Investigating human health and disease
(S290) (60 credits)

Diploma of Higher Education in Health Sciences (W44)

Infectious disease and public health
(SK320) (30 credits)

Signals and perception: the science of the senses
(SD329) (30 credits)

Evaluating contemporary science
(S350) (30 credits)

Researching biology and health science
(SXL390) (30 credits)

BSc (HONS) HEALTH SCIENCES

Qualification delivery, module availability and qualification structure are subject to change.

AT A GLANCE

Course code Q71
Total credits 360
Start dates
Oct 2020
Register by 10 Sep 2020
Feb 2021
Register by 14 Jan 2021
Entry requirements
No specific requirements
Assessment
Based on a mix of:
- Tutor-marked assignments
- Interactive computer-marked assignments
- End-of-module assessments
- Examinations
Study duration
Part time: 6 years
Full time: 3 years
Mode of study
The learning materials provided are a balance of print and online
Electronic versions of printed materials available (e.g. PDF)
Online forum Optional
Collaborative work Compulsory
Practice-based learning ×

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit openuniversity.co.uk/q71
Call 0300 303 5303
Are you an aspiring or practising leader of sport or fitness activities? This degree will develop your skills and understanding of sports science, training, coaching and leadership.

It will enhance your awareness of your role, increasing your effectiveness at work. You’ll also develop your communication and analytical skills – further boosting your career prospects. You’ll apply science and theory to practice. Reflecting on case studies and work situations. You’ll focus on the all-round physical and psychological needs of sports and exercise participants.

Why choose this qualification?
- Flexible learning fits around your sport, fitness and work commitments.
- Extensive use of audiovisual case studies.
- Innovative technology such as augmented reality.
- Gain Register of Exercise Professionals CPD points.
- Preparatory step towards teaching physical education.

Related qualifications
Diploma of Higher Education in Sport and Fitness (W07) openuniversity.co.uk/w07
Certificate of Higher Education in Sport, Fitness and Management (T05) openuniversity.co.uk/t05
## Qualification structure

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**BSc (HONS) SPORT, FITNESS AND COACHING**

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- End-of-module assessments |
| **Study duration** | Part time: 6 years  Full time: 3 years |
| **Mode of study** | The learning materials provided are mostly online with some print |
| **Electronic versions of printed materials available** | ✓ |
| **Online forum** | Compulsory ✓ |
| **Collaborative work** | Compulsory ✓ |
| **Practice-based learning** | ✗ |

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Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

**Visit** openuniversity.co.uk/q76

**Call** 0300 303 5303
Do you want the freedom to study a range of subjects that interest you? Then our Open qualifications are ideal.

The degree allows you to choose modules from a wide range of subject areas so you can, for example, combine health and social care modules with modules from other disciplines, such as science or the humanities.

**Why choose this qualification?**
- Tailor your qualification to suit your needs.
- Choose modules from a wide range of subject areas.
- Study to fit evolving career ambitions or personal interests.
- Open up your career prospects.
- Count previous university study towards your qualification.

**Open qualifications and your career**
Achieving an Open qualification demonstrates your exposure to different subjects and disciplines, and the rich world-view you’ve developed in the process. You’ll also have a highly employable set of skills and attributes, including:
- adaptability
- critical thinking
- analysis and problem solving.

Research shows almost 86% of graduate job vacancies are open to graduates of any subject (Institute of Student Employers, 2019). Employers value the personal qualities needed to achieve a degree through distance learning.

“...The fact that the OU has the option of choosing an Open degree is fabulous. So many people I have spoken to wish that they’d had this option at university rather than going down one route.

Carol Dow, BA (Hons) Open

**Related qualifications**
- Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34) [openuniversity.co.uk/w34]
- Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09) [openuniversity.co.uk/t09]
How you can focus your Open degree on health and social care

This selection of modules shows how you can focus on aspects of health and social care and combine them with other subjects that are of particular interest to you.

However, this is just one example of the many combinations you can study and you’re not restricted to this route.

Stage 1 120 credits

Introducing health and social care
(K102) (60 credits)

You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 1 modules

Certificate of Higher Education Open (T09)

Stage 2 120 credits

Critical issues in health and social care
(K219) (60 credits)

You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 2 modules

Diploma of Higher Education Open (W34)

Stage 3 120 credits

Leadership and management in health and social care
(K313) (60 credits)

You’ll choose 60 credits from a wide range of OU level 3 modules

BA/BSc (Hons) OPEN

1 Whether you qualify for a BA or BSc (Hons) Open will be determined by the number of credits you have from modules suitable for a BA or for a BSc.

Call 0300 303 5303

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/qd

More about this course
FIND A SHORT COURSE

Education and training can play a vital role in transforming care by equipping staff with the knowledge, skills and confidence to provide high quality, person-centred and compassionate care.

We offer a range of short courses across many different subjects. Explore new areas that interest you, including:

- health and social care
- science
- professional development.

The following short course was developed explicitly for a wide range of people, from support workers to senior practitioners.

This non-credit-bearing short course offers:

- High quality, multimedia, learning which you can apply right from the start.
- Flexibility and accessibility – you can study whenever you want, wherever you have access to a computer or mobile device – and you don’t have to be away from work or caring responsibilities. No need to wait – start studying right now.

This course is not formally assessed and does not provide credit towards Open University qualifications.

**IMPROVING DIABETES MANAGEMENT (KG003)**

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This 55-hour online course provides an introduction to the medical, psychological and social dimensions of diabetes. You’ll learn about the parts of the body and physiological processes involved in diabetes. The course covers diagnosis and treatment as well as day-to-day management and monitoring for complications. You’ll also study diabetes within the context of the everyday life of the person with the condition. Living well with diabetes as well as the potential social and psychological impact is also considered. This course has been designed with a wide range of people in mind: people with diabetes, carers, lay educators and a variety of healthcare practitioners, including clinical support workers.

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Find out about short courses and register

Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/short-courses](http://openuniversity.co.uk/short-courses)
To work towards a postgraduate qualification, you first need to choose and register on a module that counts towards that qualification.

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MSc IN ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE

This qualification prepares you for an advanced clinical practice (ACP) role, incorporating the capabilities of ACP as detailed in the four pillars of advanced practice. You’ll develop your knowledge and critical understanding of these pillars – advanced clinical practice, leadership, research and education – and learn advanced skills that enable you to act with a high level of autonomy. Delivered through a distance learning approach, you’ll enhance your skills in holistic and systematic assessment, complex decision making, and the provision of high-quality evidence-based interventions for patients, clients and their families. By studying while you work, your learning will be underpinned by applying theory to your scope of practice.

This programme is aimed at registered and experienced health professionals, including nurses, midwives, allied health professionals and pharmacists employed in healthcare settings. You should be supported by your healthcare employer to develop into an advanced clinical practice role.

This qualification will prepare you to be eligible to apply for annotation to your professional register as an Independent and/or Supplementary Prescriber.

Aimed at nurses, midwives, allied health professionals and pharmacists, you will gain a sound and critical understanding of the necessary clinical and practical aspects of prescribing in your clinical area or practice. Diagnostic radiographers and dietitians will be eligible to apply for annotation as Supplementary Prescribers.

### Qualification structure

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### AT A GLANCE

**Course code**: K33  
**Total credits**: 60  
**Start dates**  
- Sep 2020: Register by 6 Aug 2020  
- Feb 2021: Register by 14 Jan 2021

**Entry requirements**
- A degree from a UK university or equivalent, or, if a registered non-graduate practitioner, demonstrate equivalent academic and professional experience
- Registered with an appropriate regulatory body
- Gained appropriate experience as set by the respective regulatory body
- Have a current and valid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check or equivalent

**Study duration**  
Part time: 7 months

**Related qualifications**
- MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice (F85) [openuniversity.co.uk/f85](http://openuniversity.co.uk/f85)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Enhanced Clinical Practice (E95) [openuniversity.co.uk/e95](http://openuniversity.co.uk/e95)

**MORE ONLINE**

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
- Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/k33](http://openuniversity.co.uk/k33)
- Call 0300 303 5303
MA IN CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH

This masters degree delivers an interdisciplinary approach to studying childhood and youth covering aspects of theory, policy and practice.

It’s well suited if you work with, or aspire to work with, children and young people or if you want to advance academically or in your profession. It’s designed for graduates in childhood and youth studies; sociology; health and social care; anthropology; psychology; or education.

In the final stage of your masters, you’ll expand your research and communication skills through a multi-disciplinary dissertation that offers different opportunities to engage with research that will fit around your own context and professional circumstances.

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Course code  F55
Total credits  180
Start dates  Oct 2020
Register by 17 Sep 2020
Entry requirements  A UK bachelors degree or other recognised equivalent qualification
Study duration  Part time: 3 years

Related qualifications
Postgraduate Diploma in Childhood and Youth Studies (E93)  openuniversity.co.uk/e93
Postgraduate Certificate in Childhood and Youth Studies (K32)  openuniversity.co.uk/k32

Module availability is subject to change.

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register
Visit  openuniversity.co.uk/f55
Call  0300 303 5303
This work-based programme allows you to qualify as a social worker in less than 18 months. It covers children and families, adult and mental health social work with reference throughout to the legal context.

During this course you will learn about social work theory and legislation, apply your learning to practice, and then develop your critical and analytical skills as a qualified practitioner. The subject matter is interdisciplinary, derived from psychology, sociology, social policy, law and social work studies.

The qualification includes an embedded, professionally qualifying Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work. This leads to eligibility to apply for registration as a qualified social worker with Social Work England (SWE) or the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC).

### Qualification structure

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\(^{1}\) KXX829 will be replaced by a new module from October 2021.

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### Related qualifications

Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (E85) openuniversity.co.uk/e85

### MORE ONLINE

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register

**Visit** openuniversity.co.uk/f80

**Call** 0300 303 5303
The Doctorate in Health and Social Care (DHSC) is an innovative programme of part-time study. It’s designed to support original research that will have an impact on health and social care policy and practice.

The doctorate programme is open to established professionals working in health and social care settings, including registered nurses, social workers and educators, but also other professionals working across health and social care including the public, voluntary and private sectors. The degree is also open to unpaid carers, 'experts by experience' and advocates.

Research areas
The DHSC programme is organised into four research areas:
- care and advocacy
- leadership in health and social care
- nursing
- social work and social care

Programme of study
This is a highly-structured programme of study and research in two stages: Stage 1 (2 years taught) and Stage 2 (2+ years research). You’re expected to engage with the core online teaching material and a series of supporting online seminars. You’ll be allocated two supervisors – your primary supervisor in year 1, and a co-supervisor in year 2 – and be linked to other students and their supervisors via the programme website and forums; you’ll have the opportunity for face-to face supervision, teaching input and student interactions through annual residential weekends.
Stage 1 (Taught)
This first stage will involve studying online materials on topics that include:

- The context of health and social care research.
- Literature reviewing.
- Ethics.
- The principles of research design.
- Methods of data collection and analysis.

Stage 1 is assessed through the submission of formative and summative assignments which focus on developing your literature review, refining your research questions and your proposal for research. This work forms the basis for the thesis work in Stage 2.

Stage 2 (Research)
If you make satisfactory progress in Stage 1, you’ll begin supported and supervised research for another two-year period. During this time, you’ll follow a more independent and individual programme of work, with the continuing support of your supervisors. Progress is monitored through regular written drafts and culminates in the submission of a thesis of up to 65,000 words. The thesis element will be examined by viva-voce.

The general criteria for assessment are:

- The demonstration of reflection on the relationship between theory and practice in health and social care.
- A significant contribution to the theory and practice of health and social care.
- A high level of critical analysis.
- An ability to select and apply appropriate research methods.

On successfully meeting these criteria, you’ll be awarded the Doctorate in Health and Social Care, entitling you to use the title ‘Doctor’.

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Start dates
Oct 2021
Applications close Jan 2021

Entry requirements
- You should have a masters degree, in health and social care or a related discipline, from a UK or EU university or other recognised degree-awarding body
- If you don’t have a masters degree, you must demonstrate your suitability for postgraduate level research. Publications, written reports or other evidence of previous research may be considered
- At least two years of relevant professional experience

Study duration
Part time: 4–8 years

MORE ONLINE
Find out more about how the DHSC works, entry requirements, funding, and how to apply

Visit openuniversity.co.uk/dhsc
Call 0300 303 5303
MA/MSc OPEN

Do you want the freedom to create a personalised course of study across a range of academic disciplines? Then our MA/MSc Open is ideal.

Put simply, the MA/MSc Open gives you choice. It allows you the freedom to tailor your qualification to suit you. Choose modules from a wide range of related subject areas to suit your evolving ambitions or personal interests.

Qualification structure

There are two routes through this qualification:

Route 1: You can study 180 credits and specialise within one of the following broadly related study areas:
- Arts, Humanities and Language
- Education, Psychology and Health Science
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
- Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law.

Route 2: You can choose to study 120 credits, specialising within one study area (as above) and take up to 60 credits from any other study area, including:
- Further professional development modules.

Module availability is subject to change.

Arts, Humanities modules

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Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics modules

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Academy, Psychology and Health Science modules

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### Business, Finance, Human Resources and Law modules

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- **Course code**: F81
- **Total credits**: 180
- **Start dates**: Oct 2020, Nov 2020, Feb 2021, May 2021
- **Entry requirements**: Entry to this qualification will typically require a bachelor’s degree or equivalent qualification relevant to your intended specialist area of study
- **Study duration**: Part time: 3 years

**More Online**

Find out more about this course, fees and funding, and how to register.

- Visit [openuniversity.co.uk/f81](http://openuniversity.co.uk/f81)
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United Kingdom

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We want to reassure you that online registration remains open as normal. Our registration deadline for October 2020 courses is 10 September 2020, which means there’s plenty of time to secure your place to study.

Please note that our current opening times are 09:00–17:30, Monday – Friday.
While we aren’t currently accepting incoming calls, if you have any queries about our courses or registration, you can email us by visiting openuniversity.co.uk/contact.

It will take us longer than usual to respond to your emails, so we thank you for your patience at this time.

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Noder mai ein horiau agor ar hyn o bryd yw 09:00–17:30, Llun-Gwener.
Er nad ydym yn derbyn galwadau ar hyn o bryd, os oes gennych unrhyw ymholiadau ynghylch ein cyrsiau neu gofrestru, gallwch anfon e-bost atom drwy fynd i openuniversity.co.uk/contact.

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