Postgraduate Diploma in Enhanced Clinical Practice

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

Short title
PG Dip in Enhanced Clinical Practice

Award letters
PG Dip ECP (Open)

Entry requirements
Students must be employed and have the support of their employer to undertake this qualification. Where a practitioner is self-employed, assurances of support, appropriate learning opportunities, governance and safety measures will be discussed with the qualification lead.

Students will also need to meet the specific entry requirements for modules within the qualification.

The normal entry requirements for the PG Dip ECP programme are:

- Normally a first degree in a health-related discipline. Applicants with evidence of equivalent professional development or academic proficiency will be considered. Applicants with non-European academic qualifications will need to supply evidence of equivalency through NARIC
- Current registration with one of the statutory regulators of health and care professions
- Employment as a health care professional
- Evidence of their employer’s recommendation for their application for a programme of study leading to an Advanced Practice role including a formal reference from the employer confirming;
  - the applicant demonstrates professional values and behaviours, respecting people’s diversity, beliefs, culture, needs, values and preferences and shows respect and empathy acting as a role model for others
  - the applicants ‘clinical readiness’ to undertake the programme
- Evidence of employer support to undertake the programme including:
  - the provision of a mentor to ensure appropriate learning in practice
  - the availability of appropriate supervision in clinical practice
  - for the Non-Medical prescribing module the provision of a Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP) with evidence of a qualification at level 7
• Relevant post-qualification experience, as specified by the appropriate regulatory body.
• Students undertaking the NMP module will need to meet the specific requirements for that module.

Credit requirement
120 credits from compulsory modules

Classification scheme
Distinction: 60 module credits at Distinction grade
Merit: 60 module credits at Merit grade

Maximum duration of study
4 years, or 2 years with credit transfer

Maximum transferred credit
60 credits

Maximum age of credit transfer
16 years

Unique study requirement
40* credits

Additional rules
* The minimum requirement will require completion of a 60 credit module

The classification scheme was amended in April 2021