Bachelor of Science (Honours) Nursing (Specialism)

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

Short title
BSc (Honours) Nursing

Award letters
BSc (Hons) Nsg (Open)

Entry requirements
To register, you must:

a) Demonstrate the capability to develop numeracy and literacy skills to meet the outcomes of the programme (evidenced by English and mathematics qualifications e.g. Functional skills Level 2 or GCSE grades A*-C / 4-9).
b) Provide certified evidence of 12 years of general education.
c) Be based in the UK and work for an organisation that has agreed to support you on the programme and can enable you to gain appropriately supervised practice learning experience for your selected field of nursing, and to be assessed in practice by suitably prepared registered nurses, in line with the NMC’s (2018) Education Framework.
d) Meet selection and entry criteria for professional practice and behaviours in accordance with the Nursing and Midwifery Council Code and demonstrate your suitability for your chosen field of nursing (Adult, Mental Health, Learning Disabilities or Children and Young People). The selection process will be conducted jointly between the employer and the Open University.

Maximum duration of study
6 years. Previously completed Open University study within the previous 10 years may be included outside of the maximum duration of study at the discretion of the Academic Committee (Learning Teaching and Assessment)

Credit requirement
360

Stage 1 (120 credits)
120 credits from the specified compulsory modules (60 practice, 60 theory)

Stage 2 (120 credits)
120 credits from the specified compulsory modules (60 practice, 60 theory)
Stage 3 (120 credits)
120 credits from the specified compulsory modules (60 practice, 60 theory)

Maximum transferred credit
180 credits. Credit transfer is not permitted against the compulsory modules within OU Stage 3.

Maximum age of credit transfer
5 years or up to 10 years at the discretion of the Academic Committee (Learning Teaching and Assessment)

Unique study requirement
120 credits at OU Stage 3

Additional rules
Subject to the conditions set out in these regulations, the University will award the BSc (Honours) Nursing with one of the following named specialisms:

- BSc (Honours) Nursing (Adult)
- BSc (Honours) Nursing (Mental Health)
- BSc (Honours) Nursing (Learning Disabilities)
- BSc (Honours) Nursing (Children and Young People)

The specialism awarded will reflect the field of practice variant of the practice module completed in OU Stage 3.