



Recognition of Prior Learning Factsheet

ADVANCED CLINICAL PRACTITIONER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP (ACP) F91

If you have prior learning completed at the same academic level as OU modules, we may be able to award you credit exemption towards an OU apprenticeship programme: this could reduce the number of OU modules you have to study to complete your apprenticeship programme. You need to decide which apprenticeship programme you wish to study for with us before you can apply for recognition of prior learning (RPL).

Types of RPL offered:

RPCL – Recognition of prior certificated learning (credit transfer)

RPEL – Recognition of prior experiential learning

This factsheet tells you about RPCL (credit transfer) and RPEL into this particular OU programme.

Please note that:

- We can only confirm how much credit you can be awarded once you have made a formal application which has been considered by an OU assessor.
- Your prior learning must be at the same academic level. For RPCL (credit transfer), your prior learning must carry at least as many credits, as the OU study from which you are to be exempted. More details about CATS points and levels can be found on our website at www.open.ac.uk/credit-transfer.
- We will award you as much credit as possible, but the amount of credit you can be awarded depends on several factors (such as the number of credits you have already achieved and how closely your prior learning matches the learning outcomes of the OU modules and the criteria of the apprenticeship standard).
- Confirmation of the duration of the apprenticeship programme following an award of RPCL (credit transfer) will be subject to a discussion with the OU Wellbeing, Education and Language Studies (WELS) Professional Programmes Team who will advise on the potential impact of RPL.

RPCL (credit transfer) towards the Advanced Clinical Practitioner Degree Apprenticeship (Programme Code: F91)

Please note that any award of RPL towards this qualification does not guarantee acceptance onto the programme. For further advice about entry to the qualification, please contact your staff tutor in your local National/Regional Centre **before** submitting your credit transfer application.

Maximum RPCL (credit transfer) available towards this qualification

The maximum number of credits that can be transferred towards this qualification are shown in the table below. The actual number of credits that you are awarded will be determined when your application for credit transfer has been assessed and may be less than the maximum shown below.

Total number of credits required for this qualification	180 credits
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Maximum RPL total	60 credits
Maximum RPCL (credit transfer)	60 credits
Maximum RPEL	60 credits
Minimum number of OU credits to be completed if awarded the maximum RPCL total	120 credits

Age of prior learning

For this programme we can consider the following:

RPCL (credit transfer) - prior learning completed up to 16 years ago

RPEL – prior learning/experience up to 5 years ago.

We will calculate the age of your previous study using the date we receive your completed application with all required supporting evidence.

Learning for which you could be awarded RPL

You can apply for RPCL (credit transfer) towards this OU programme if you have any of the eligible previous study shown on our website www.open.ac.uk/credit-transfer. When we assess your application, we will look at how similar your prior study is to the OU modules in this programme.

How much credit you are awarded is likely to depend in part on how closely the subjects of your previous studies match the learning outcomes of the OU modules and the criteria of the apprenticeship standard. If your previous study is in an unrelated subject area, we will not be able to award you RPCL (credit transfer) towards this programme. To read about the subjects covered in this programme visit the [programme description](#).

You can apply for RPEL towards this OU programme if through your professional experience you can demonstrate learning against the Knowledge, Skills and Behaviour requirements (KSBs) of the apprenticeship Standard relevant to the modules specified in this factsheet. Prior experiential learning will be assessed through the submission of an RPEL Application form and supplementary evidence.

What do I need to provide with my application?

Every application for RPCL (credit transfer) must be supported by official evidence, usually in the form of an academic transcript and/or a certificate. Please see the application form for more information about the evidence you will need to provide.

You will also need to provide syllabus information/learning outcomes so that the academic expert can map how closely your previous study matches that of the OU modules in the programme. Your academic transcript will provide a list of the modules or units you have completed, but syllabus information provides a detailed description of the content of each of those modules, often about a paragraph per module/unit. If you do not provide syllabus information, we will be unable to assess your application.

KXY803 Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP) - If you have completed a postgraduate level 60 credit NMP programme, you only need to provide your official transcript and your syllabus/learning outcomes, along with the credit transfer application form (for recognition of prior certificated learning - RPCL). If you have completed NMP at undergraduate level, or at

postgraduate level but with less than 60 credits, you will need to complete the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPEL) Application too.

Please see our full [Guidance on applying for Recognition of Prior Learning](#).

KXY804 Developing Advanced Clinical Practice – You can apply for RPL by evidencing postgraduate level learning, accredited and/or experiential, equivalent to 60 credits that is mapped to the learning outcomes for that module. Depending on your experience, you may be eligible for RPEL.

Please see our full [Guidance on applying for Recognition of Prior Learning](#).

Unique study

For each OU programme, you must include an amount of OU study that is unique to that particular programme (credit from study completed at the OU which has not previously been counted towards another OU programme). Full details are given in the Regulations section of the [programme description](#).

Further information

You should read this RPL factsheet in conjunction with the [programme description](#) which

- contains the regulations specific to this OU programme
- gives information on the structure of your chosen OU programme

If you require a version of these notes in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact us credit-transfer@open.ac.uk

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If you would like to discuss your application for RPL please contact the OU Professional Programmes Team. Please note that they will be unable to advise you how much you could be awarded before your application has been formally assessed.

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