

Recognition of Prior Learning (Credit Transfer)

Factsheet

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENHANCED CLINICAL PRACTICE (E95)

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 qualification: this will reduce the number of OU modules you have to study to complete your OU qualification. You need to decide which OU qualification 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 qualification.

Please note that:

- Any award of credit towards this qualification does not guarantee acceptance onto the programme. If you wish to check your eligibility for entry to this programme, or if you decide to go ahead with an RPL application, please contact our RPL Lead: Tracy.Oldfield@open.ac.uk or email WELS-NMP-Programme@open.ac.uk before making an application.
- We can only confirm how much credit you can be awarded once you have made a formal application which has been considered by our RPL Lead.
- 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 credit 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).

Recognition of Prior Learning towards the Postgraduate Diploma in Enhanced Clinical Practice (Qualification code E95)

Maximum credit available towards this qualification

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

Degree component	Type and amount of possible credit transfer
60 credits – K803 Non-Medical Prescribing (NMP)	60 credits of module exemption
60 credits – K804 Developing Advanced Clinical Practice	60 credits of module exemption
Maximum credit awarded towards this qualification	60 credits

Maximum Age of prior learning

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.

Maximum duration of study

4 years, or 2 years with credit transfer.

Learning for which you could be awarded RPL

You can apply for RPCL (credit transfer) towards this OU qualification 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 qualification.

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. If your previous study is in an unrelated subject area, we will not be able to award you RPCL (credit transfer) towards this qualification. To read about the subjects covered in this qualification, please visit the qualification description at <http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/qualifications/e95>.

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 a certificate. Please see the application form and the FAQs on our website for more information about the evidence you will need to provide.

You will also need to provide syllabus information/learning outcomes in order that the academic expert can map how closely your previous study matches that of the OU modules in the qualification. Your academic transcript will provide a list of the modules or units you completed, but syllabus information/learning outcomes provide 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/learning outcomes, we will be unable to assess your previous study towards this qualification.

K803 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

[ACP K803 RPL Application Form.v2](#).

Please see our full [ACP RPL Application Guidance](#).

K804 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 [ACP K804 RPL Application Form.v2](#).

Please see our full [ACP RPL Application Guidance](#).

Unique study rule

For each OU qualification, you must include an amount of OU study that is unique to that particular qualification (credit from study completed at the OU which has not previously been counted towards another OU qualification). Full details are given in the degree regulations, in the Qualification Regulations section of the qualification description: <http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/qualifications/e95>.

Further information you will need

To find out more about credit transfer, and to download a Credit Transfer application form, visit our Credit Transfer website: www.open.ac.uk/credit-transfer. This site also tells you what previous study can be used for credit transfer and

explains in detail how the application process works.

You should read this Credit Transfer factsheet in conjunction with the qualification description which can be found at:

<http://www.open.ac.uk/postgraduate/qualifications/e95> which

- Contains the University regulations
- Gives information on the structure of your chosen OU qualification

If you require a version of these notes in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact us.

This factsheet has been prepared by the Credit Transfer Centre at
The Open University,

You are welcome to contact us regarding your application for credit transfer. However, please note that we are unable to advise you how much credit transfer you could be awarded before we have assessed your formal application.

You may find that your query has already been answered at

www.open.ac.uk/credit-transfer.

Email: credit-transfer@open.ac.uk

Website: www.open.ac.uk/credit-transfer

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