

Catching the learning bug: inspirational stories and personal journeys



RPL and credit transfer

the benefits of RPL for social work and
other students

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OU SW Programme in Scotland

- 480 credits
- 4 stages – each of 120 credits
- Credit Transfer possible in Stages 1 & 2
- ‘Counting in’ courses possible up to Stage 3



OU Credit for SW Degree

- **90 credits** for HNC Health & Social Care (and some other HNCs) **Stage 1**
- **120 credits** for HNC Health & Social Care + SVQ3 Care **Stage 1**
- **120 credits** for any degree from any UK university **Stage 1**
- Up to **120 credits** for other qualifications **Stage 1**
- Up to **60 additional credits** if content of degree/other qualification maps to SiSWE **Stage 2**



'Counting in' courses

The following can be studied prior to registering as a SW student:

K100

DD100

K272

K225

K202 (K222)

K204 (K224)

K260

K207

For the first time, from February 2008, **K113**



OU Credit for other degrees

- Each HN Unit can be worth 8 credits
- HNC (12 Units) can give 95 credits at SCQF Level 7
- HNC (15 Units) can give 120 points at SCQF Level 7
- HND (30 units) can give 240 points – 120 at Level 7 & 120 at Levels 8 or 9
- SVQs at levels 4 & 5 can also be eligible for credit – up to 60 credits at Level 8 or 9



OU Credit for other degrees

- ***Shortened BA/BSc (Honours) Health and Social Care*** for holders of DipSW or a relevant DipHE (e.g. nursing) who want to ‘top-up’ their 240 credits to a degree



Want to try things out safely?

- The [OpenLearn](#) website gives free access to course materials from [The Open University](#). The LearningSpace is open to learners anywhere in the world

<http://openlearn.open.ac.uk/>



Are students admitted with credit transfer prepared for their study?

- Anecdotally – yes...but how do we know?
- SCQF research project – SSSC/Glasgow Caledonian/Open University
- Qualitative interviews with students entering social work degree programmes with:
 - degree in any discipline
 - HNC/SVQ3 in Social Care
 - no CT – doing entire programme



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