



What does 'level 5' (Higher Education Level 2), 'level 6' (Higher Education Level 3) and 'level 7' (Higher Education Level 'M') refer to?

Undergraduate courses are delivered in the UK at different levels, which are generally described under the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) as level 4 (certificate), level 5 (diploma) and level 6 (degree). Within these levels individual modules are credited with general credit points which approximate to the amount of study time or learning achieved. These levels equate to the academic level of study of years 1, 2 & 3 of a conventional three-year full time undergraduate degree, with each year requiring 120 credits.

Taking this into account, studying any of our Diploma of Higher Education Programme pathways (Long Term Conditions, Respiratory or Cardiovascular), successful completion of an award is the equivalent of two years' full time undergraduate study.

In many cases, previous study and relevant professional qualifications can be used to contribute towards the credit points required for full programmes of study. For example, if a Diploma of Higher Education in a relevant discipline has already been obtained, there would only be the need to study 120 further degree level credits with us to achieve a full degree. For those already with a degree, Postgraduate studies start at level 7 (MSc). If you are unsure of the most appropriate way forward, our academic staff are available to discuss things and to advise on the most relevant study courses to suit your situation or refer to the Education and Training section of our website at:

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