

DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION (EdD)

The Doctor of Education (EdD) is a professionally-focused, cohort-based doctorate, aimed primarily at experienced professionals working in education, health and related fields.

The course is an opportunity to pursue doctoral study in the context of your professional role, combining taught courses with independent research. Your work will enable you to develop and use advanced research skills and so become an independent, reflective and competent researcher.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

The EdD is open to professionals who are currently practising in education, healthcare or a related setting, and who have a minimum of four years' experience. The programme of study is structured specifically to meet the needs of people who are in full-time employment.

DAY / TIMES / VENUE

- Taught assessed modules will take place on 6-7 Saturdays throughout the year, normally at Harcourt Hill Campus.
- The independent research component is supported by two specialist supervisors from the School of Education and (if appropriate) other departments in the university, who will help you to develop a research project in your chosen field.
- The course is part-time and takes 4-7 years to complete.

COURSE FEES

In 2017/18 fees for the EdD are £2,740 per year. Fees will increase by approximately 2% each year.

COURSE CONTENT

In the first two years of the EdD, there are a number of taught modules to start your journey to doctoral work.

Years 1 and 2

RESEARCH 1: PARADIGMS AND RESEARCH 2: METHODS

These two modules will enhance your awareness of the methodological perspectives that inform social and educational research. Discussion of the main debates between the various traditions of enquiry will be followed by in-depth discussions of relevant research methods.

WRITING FOR ACADEMIC PRACTICE 1 AND 2

These two modules will develop your writing skills and help you to write for publication.



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LEARNING, CULTURE AND SOCIETY (TRIPLE MODULE)

In this module you will engage in significant educational conversations and debates that cut across schooling, further and higher education and a range of professional educational contexts and you will undertake a small research project or a substantive literature review.

INVESTIGATING COMPLEXITY (DOUBLE MODULE)

At doctoral level this module will help you develop a conceptual framework which you can use in your thesis.

Years 3-5

PREPARING YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL

This double module at doctoral level will help you to refine your research study and support you through the university's registration requirements for doctoral students.

THESIS

Your thesis will be about 50,000 words in length and will focus on a specialist area of your choice. It will make a distinct contribution to knowledge in the field of study and demonstrate your capacity for original, autonomous research. We will give you support when writing your thesis through meetings with your assigned supervisors and regular thesis workshops.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

You should normally have at least four years' experience in a relevant professional area, and should hold a postgraduate master's degree from a recognised university.

We will be looking for a good grade (usually merit or distinction) in your master's, and you will need to provide an extract from your dissertation or from an equally substantial piece of academic writing.

We also ask you to provide a statement in support of your application, not exceeding 1,000 words, which should indicate:

- Possible areas of research for your thesis (we recognise that these may change during the course of your doctoral studies)
- Why you want to join the EdD programme
- How you feel that it will enhance your professional development

HOW TO APPLY

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