



DEdPsy Professional Doctorate in Educational Psychology

The DEdPsy critically appraises the evidential basis of teaching, learning and assessment practice. It makes a valuable and original contribution to knowledge, methodology, practice and policy. The highest standards of rigour and excellence are met and products widely disseminated.

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Are you a practitioner in education or psychology or educational psychology? Do you feel that in your profession practice should be more evidence-based? Do you want to contribute to developing evidence - then disseminating it and developing practice and policy not only in your own profession but also internationally? Then consider the Doctorate in Educational Psychology.

The maximum length of time for a part-time candidate is 8 years, but many complete much sooner than this – four years is typical. The fees for the degree are the same as for a PhD. Many candidates approach their employers for allocation of time and funding, especially where the work relates to the employer's objectives and adds value to the employer's operations.

Candidates come from all over the world. If you cannot claim Recognition of Prior Learning for Research Methods Training, you need to complete this at the University of Dundee or at a university local to you who will give you modular credit. After this there is much individual supervision, accompanied by group meetings three times per year. Both individual supervision and group meetings can occur by telephone, email and video conferencing. Consequently the degree is ideally suited to distance candidates. The Professional Doctorate does not certify competence to practice.

Course content

The structure is of 5 Modules spread over 3 Levels. All modules are individually tailored to the interests/expertise of the entrant and the needs of their employer or sponsor. They are very flexible and adapted to the needs of part-time candidates. Each Level can be independently award-bearing, if candidates wish to leave with a lesser award.

At Level 1, candidates undertake Research Methods Training and complete a Critical Analysis and Review of Research Literature (in their specialist area of choice). (You can exit here with a Postgraduate Diploma in advanced professional practice.) At Level 2, each candidate develops an Individualised Learning Plan for future modules. They then complete a second research module on a topic of their choice. (You can exit here with a Master's degree in advanced professional practice.) At Level 3, there are Modules 3, 4 and 5. These are also research modules on a topic or topics of your choice. They may be related to each other or quite independent of each other. Each module is assessed by a written product of 15,000 words.

Recognition of Prior Learning is possible for up to 50% of the degree, when the material for recognition has not been submitted for any other award and when it is of a high enough standard. Peer reviewed journal publications or research reports are good examples of suitable products for recognition.

To apply

- First degree in a relevant subject
- Preferably a master's degree, preferably in educational psychology
- Preferably some field experience in educational psychology
- A current post, preferably in educational psychology
- Those with different experience may be suitable for our other professional doctorate degrees (DEd, DSW, DCLD)
- IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent) for candidates whose first language is not English
- For application information: http://www.dundee.ac.uk/postgraduate/research/how_to_apply.htm
- Selection is by curriculum vitae and interview which can be done by video conference.

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