

PgDip/MA Learning and Teaching in Post-Compulsory Education

Overview of the course programme

The PGDip/MA offers the opportunity for those working in the post-compulsory education sector, who have already achieved a PG Certificate in Higher Education (or its equivalent), to progress within their professional roles. Additionally, participants can, if they choose, take the units as 'stand-alone' continuing professional development.

This programme aims to develop participants' informed and critical awareness of the impact on their educational practice of embedding the values of diversity, equality and local and global sustainability. Participants will be encouraged to develop their critical and reflective practice as educators.

Some of the areas that will be addressed include:

- acquiring knowledge of relevant research and policy developments
- actively linking learning to practice
- providing high quality appropriate support to students (especially in the area of skills development)
- sustainability issues in post-compulsory education and their relevance across the curriculum
- developing more complex understanding and skills in order to influence change in educational policy and practice in the workplace
- accessing and critically reading research literature

At LSBU we aim to provide a supportive environment which celebrates the diversity of our community and which enables our students to develop both academically and personally. This programme aims to allow participants to develop to their full potential and in turn to give them enhanced skills to enable them to provide a similar environment for their own students. This supports our vision for learning which demands excellence in teaching.

Career opportunities

Those taking the PGDip/MA will already be working in the post-compulsory sector. Completion of independent units or the PG Diploma or Master's will better equip participants to perform their jobs and be a positive asset when they apply for promotion or a new position. The MA would form an excellent route for those wishing to study on LSBU's Doctorate in Education (EdD) programme which also has a particular focus on equality, diversity and sustainability.

Course Units

Currently the following 4 units are offered. We plan to add to these as the course develops.

- *Current Issues in Post-Compulsory Education* (15 M credits) examines the challenges faced in the contemporary turbulent environment of education from a range of perspectives. The unit will draw on the contributions of a number of experts (internal

and external) to address issues of concern to the post-compulsory sector. These contributions are drawn together using debate in a seminar format.

- *Learning and Language Skills in Academic Study* (15 M credits) is a unique unit which helps staff in the post-compulsory sector learn how to develop skills to support their diverse students to become better learners and to develop their communication skills. It will draw on current research and development in this area.
- *Sustainability Issues in Post-Compulsory Education* (15 M credits) London South Bank has an excellent reputation for its leadership in this field. This particular unit is tailor-made for people working in the post-compulsory sector and designed to help practitioners develop the capacity to deliver the skills for sustainable living whatever subject they are teaching.
- *Educational Research Methods: Reading Research / Doing Research* (15 M credits) aims to extend the educational literacy of professionals to enable them to substantially improve their ability to critically read and understand educational research. It will also be useful preparation for those wishing to go on to complete the dissertation.

Location

Southwark Campus

Course mode and length

PGDip 1 to 2 years; MA requires an additional year.

When course starts

You can start studying from 21 September 2009 or 25 January 2010.

Fee

£410 per unit (UK/EU student)

Entry requirements

If you are interested in studying at LSBU, please refer to our Standard Entry Requirements.

Additional entry requirements

Applicants for this course must also meet the following additional entry requirements.

To take a unit as free-standing CPD you simply need to be employed now or recently in the post-compulsory sector.

Admission to the PGDip/MA would normally require:

- A first degree
- A qualification in learning and teaching in post-compulsory education such as the PG Certificate for Learning and Teaching or similar
- Experience of learning and teaching in post-compulsory education, minimum 3 years and preferably more.

Applicants who do not exactly meet these criteria should consult with the course director.

We also consider applications from those who have gained relevant skills through a wide range of vocational qualifications or responsible experience

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