

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE)

PUSH THE BOUNDARIES OF YOUR TEACHING PRACTICE

- ❑ Gain an internationally recognised qualification in higher education with a University ranked gold for Teaching Excellence
- ❑ Blend classroom and e-learning methods to help further your teaching career
- ❑ Study flexibly online – whenever and wherever you want

Award title: Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (Level 7)

Awarding body: Falmouth University

Study mode: Online, part-time

Duration: 30 weeks

Cost: £2,950

OPEN UP A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY IN YOUR TEACHING CAREER

With today's higher education sector eager to embrace the digital advantages of e-learning, more and more academics are using blended teaching methods to deliver and enhance student learning.

Our Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE) provides the practical skills and theoretical knowledge necessary to confidently engage with this fast-changing world of higher education, both in the classroom and online.

Falmouth University's 'learning by doing' online course provides an exciting space to explore these blended teaching methods. And what better place to push the boundaries of your personal development and teaching practice, than with a University ranked 6th in the UK by

the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2017.

Continuous feedback from our expert tutors, alongside your own academic peers, will encourage you to take risks within a supportive environment - whilst practical assignments will provide a robust, adaptive approach to student learning. The course offers the much-needed time and space for teachers to personally reflect and evaluate their practice.

At the end of this course – you'll not only have gained an internationally recognised postgraduate qualification – you'll also be equipped with extensive teaching skills to propel you forward in exciting new ways on your professional journey.

Who is the course for?

Typical applicants may:

- Starting a Teaching Career in Higher Education
- University Lecturers
- Student Support Workers
- International Teachers Working Outside the UK

Pursue your academic career goals whilst enjoying the freedom to study flexibly

- Benefit from studying online - where your peers may be from different countries, disciplines and backgrounds - allowing you to interact with new perspectives, and ideas of teaching and learning practice
- Gain first-hand experience in e-learning and apply the knowledge and skills required to teach, through blended and online approaches
- Study flexibly online – whenever and wherever it suits you – without having to put your career or personal commitments on-hold
- Flexible entry requirements mean that your relevant work experience may qualify you for entry into the course

What modules will you cover?

The modules you'll cover during your online studies are:

- Supporting Student Learning** – This module applies a range of theories, concepts and practices to help plan your teaching such as: constructive alignment, deep and surface learning, student-centred learning. Through online and offline exercises, learning-by-doing, preparatory readings and reflective discussion, you will be encouraged to demonstrate your understanding of pedagogy within your own context of teaching practice. A micro-teaching session where you plan and deliver a learning activity will be recorded and shared online with your tutor and peers, giving you valuable feedback and critical analysis to improve your practice.

- Developing Flexible Learning Environments** – This module enables you to further explore and develop the delivery of student learning in different environments, especially online and blended learning. You will be provided with opportunities to engage with technology and create curriculums that support flexible, inclusive online and/or blended classroom learning.

Falmouth University ranked
GOLD
in the Teaching Excellence
Framework (TEF) in 2017





Is this course the right choice for you?

This course is a perfect fit for your career goals if you'd like to:

- ❑ Push the limits of your practice by being allowed to try ideas and new initiatives within a supportive environment
- ❑ Become more confident in your teaching practice and your ability to respond to the rapidly shifting HE sector and its growing emphasis on the student experience
- ❑ Gain the confidence, knowledge and pedagogical fluency to articulate your choice of curriculum - and help ensure that colleagues, students and managers respect and accept your approach.
- ❑ Develop your knowledge and skills in using online and blended learning delivery to support and enhance student learning
- ❑ Gain expert help with preparing your applications for various professional bodies worldwide such as a portfolio for Fellowship Recognition (FHEA) from the Higher Education Academy (HEA) in the UK
- ❑ Gain an internationally recognised qualification for teaching in Higher Education

E-learning at your fingertips

Thanks to its flexible online format, you can study the course on your own terms – whenever and wherever suits you.

Your online studies will be supported by Canvas – an advanced virtual learning environment (VLE) that you can easily access via your PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone app.

You, your fellow students and the course team will use Canvas throughout your studies to interact, collaborate, assess, and provide feedback.

How you'll learn

Your studies will incorporate guided learning activities and include:

- ❑ **Online presentations** to introduce you to key concepts of teaching
- ❑ **Guided online E-seminars**, forums, discussions and activities to facilitate interaction and dialogue
- ❑ **Online evaluation** of teaching and learning practice as a valuable opportunity to gain feedback from your peers and tutors
- ❑ **Independent study** of pedagogical theory and research to develop your practice
- ❑ **Practical assignments** for example a micro-teaching session and use of e-learning tools

“ This course has helped me to see how my teaching methods align with current educational theory.... giving me the confidence to try out new ideas that make my teaching more inclusive and engaging. As a practising journalist turned lecturer, this course has given me the opportunity and space to find new ways of using my professional experience to enhance my teaching. ”

Angela Annesley
Studied the on-campus version of this PGCHE

Entry requirements

Falmouth University welcomes students from around the world and all applications are considered on an individual basis.

Generally, you should have:

- An **honours degree** or **Level 6 equivalent qualification**
- **Proof of proficiency in English** (an IELTS score of 6.5 with a minimum of 6.0 in Reading, Speaking, Writing and Listening or equivalent) if English isn't your first language
- As a guideline, we expect applicants to be actively engaged in supporting student learning in HE for a minimum of 50 hours over the course's duration - and be able to give evidence of this.

If you don't have a degree, but you have relevant work experience, you may still be eligible to apply. Please contact us at: flexible@falmouth.ac.uk to check your eligibility.

Tuition fees

- **Total cost:** : £2950
- Payment options:
 - One-off payment of £2950 (including £200 acceptance fee)
 - 2 instalments of £1375 plus £200 acceptance fee


Discounts and funding

- **Early bird discount:** If you apply before the specified deadlines, you'll receive an early bird discount of up to £400
- **Alumni discount:** If you're a Falmouth University alumnus, you're eligible for a 15% discount.
- **Falmouth Flexible Bursaries:** Help finance your studies by applying for a bursary.

For more information about discounts and funding, please email us at flexible@falmouth.ac.uk, or call us on 0800 5999123 or +44 (0)1223 447713

How to apply

To apply for Falmouth University's flexible PGCHE course, simply follow these steps:

1.  **SUBMIT AN ONLINE APPLICATION FORM**
2. Submit a copy of your **degree certificate** or **Level 6 equivalent qualification** and your **IELTS certificate** if English isn't your first language
3. Within your application you will be expected to demonstrate sufficient previous and current practice in supporting student learning in Higher Education (HE).

Once you've received an offer letter, you'll need to pay a non-refundable **acceptance fee** of £200 to secure your place. This must be received within 2 weeks of the offer letter date.



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Contact us

To find out if Falmouth University's flexible Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education is right for you, or for help with knowing if you're eligible to apply, get in touch with one of our course advisors.

Call us on:

0800 5999 123 (from the UK)

+44 (0)1223 447 713 (from overseas)