

Postgraduate

GradCert / PGCert / PGDip / MA / MTeach (full-time and part-time)

# Bath Spa University Professional Master's Programme





Our postgraduate Professional Master's Programme (PMP) has been designed to offer professional learning related to general and specialist fields of education and training.

We offer flexible study on a range of work based, independent study, taught and core modules, leading to Grad Cert, PG Cert, PG Dip or Master's degree qualifications.

The PMP and its work based learning constituents are endorsed by fdf (Foundation Degree Forward) and are compliant with the Training and Development Agency's (TDA) Integrated Qualifications Framework (IQF).



# Snapshot



## Awards

- MA or MTeach (award title).
- PG Dip (award title).
- PG Cert (award title).
- Grad Cert (award title).
- Certificate in Education (Lifelong Learning).
- Professional Graduate Certificate (Lifelong Learning).

## Course length

- The MA is up to six years part-time and normally one year full-time.
- PG Dip up to four years part-time and normally one year full-time.
- PG Cert normally one year part-time.
- Grad Cert normally one year part-time.

## Course location

Newton Park, Corsham Court, or one of our partner schools, Local Authority training venues or partner colleges: Bridgwater College; Norton Radstock College; Weston College; Weymouth College; Wiltshire College.

## Key features

- flexible study arrangements allowing you to choose from a range of accredited short modules or longer programmes of study.
- flexible learning through choices that offer a mixed menu of either taught modules and/or supervised independent study.
- wide range of specialist and generic career-based award titles.

- a number of specialist award areas are linked to career enhancing membership of professional associations, e.g. the British Dyslexia Association, Chartered Institute of Educational Assessors, the Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) and British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists.

## Applications

Applications are completed online using the Bath Spa student portal. Please contact CPD Admin for a project/module code and for all other enquiries.  
T: (01225) 875593  
E: cpdadmin@bathspa.ac.uk

## Enquiries

Please contact the CPD admin office:  
T: (01225) 875593  
E: cpdadmin@bathspa.ac.uk

Head of CPD -  
Dr Steve Coombs:  
T: (01225) 876149  
E: s.coombs@bathspa.ac.uk

Head of Lifelong Learning -  
Jim Crawley:  
T: (01225) 875677  
E: j.crawley@bathspa.ac.uk

School based CPD -  
Dr Fiona Maine:  
T: (01225) 876315  
E: f.maine@bathspa.ac.uk

Full-time PMP Programme -  
Dr Howard Gibson:  
T: (01225) 875438  
E: h.gibson@bathspa.ac.uk

# PMP Awards

The PMP has a selection of both specialised and general awards, some of which can be studied as a full-time programme.

## Specialised awards

These awards that include specific modules for study are:

- Education Studies (full-time option)
- International Education and Global Citizenship (full-time option)
- Specific Learning Difficulties/ Dyslexia (full-time option)
- Counselling and Psychotherapy Practice
- Educational Assessment

## General awards

These flexible awards reflect the general focus of independent or work-based study undertaken. Participants undertaking general awards are initially registered to the 'Educational Practice' award. Based on the focus of their study, they may choose from a number of different titles for their final award.

The awards are:

- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Early Childhood Studies
- Educational Practice
- Educational Leadership and Management
- Learning and Knowledge Technology
- Mentoring and Coaching
- Primary Science Education
- Primary Mathematics Education
- Primary English Education
- Tertiary and Adult Education
- Vulnerable Learners and Inclusion

For further information on the various awards please contact CPD admin (see snapshot).

## Qualifications within the programme

The range of qualifications offered have different requirements in terms of the number of module credits involved:

### Graduate Certificate (Grad Cert)

This involves the study and completion of 60 credits at Level 6 (Honours ).

### Postgraduate Certificate (PG Cert)

This involves the study and completion of 60 credits, a maximum of 15 at Level 6 (Honours) and a minimum of 45 credits at Level 7 (Master's).

### Postgraduate Diploma (PG Dip)

This involves the completion of 120 credits. At least 90 credits must be at Level 7 with a maximum of 30 at Level 6.

### Master of Arts or Teaching (MA/MTeach)

The MA or MTeach qualification is gained through the completion of 180 credits that includes a final dissertation of 60 credits.

The final stage 60 credits dissertation research project is 15,000-20,000 words or equivalent.

The period of registration for part-time students is usually a minimum of two years and a maximum of six years, whereas for full-time this is from one year up to two years maximum.

Working professionals do not necessarily need a first degree to study for a master's degree. A professional qualification and at least two years professional experience are usually acceptable, with evidence that you would benefit from study at this level.

## Elective and Core Modules within the programme

### Elective Mid Stage Modules for General Awards:

These 30 credit modules are intended for those participants who have gained 60 credits and are moving through the General Awards. They are independent study options, and involve four evening sessions. They are additionally supported by Educational Context Seminars. The modules are:

- Learning and Teaching
- Leadership, Mentoring & Coaching
- Learning & Knowledge Technology
- Education, Politics & Society

### PMP Core Research Modules for Master's Awards:

The core modules that all participants must complete to progress towards a Master's dissertation are:

- Research and the Professional: Part 1 – Research Methodology (15 credits)
- Research and the Professional: Part 2 – Project Preparation (15 credits)

This then leads to

- Master's Research Project (60 credits)

# PMP Framework

## PG CERTIFICATE

### 60 credits:

#### First stage for all awards

- General Awards: work-based and independent study modules
- Specialised Awards

Credit for professional experience and other previous HE courses or equivalent (APL) – only available for PGDip and MA qualifications.

## PG DIPLOMA

### 60 credits:

#### Second stage for PG Dip award

#### OR

### 30 credits:

#### Second stage for Master's award

Award specific modules

OR Mid-stage Master's modules on:

- Learning and Teaching OR
- Leading and Coaching OR
- Education, Politics & Society OR
- Learning & Knowledge Technology OR
- Inclusion

To support these modules there are three Education Context seminars held throughout the year covering contemporary education topics, for example, The English Education System since 1960.

### 30 credits:

#### Compulsory second stage for all Master's awards

#### Research and the Professional

- Part 1 - includes gaining an understanding of research methodologies
- Part 2 - includes project proposal for continuation to the dissertation (the final stage for a Master's award)

### 60 credits:

#### Final Stage Master's Awards - Master's Research Project or Cognate

Where a specific award title is being followed, the research project must reflect the subject or area of specialism.

Progression onto MPhil and PhD is available via consultation with your award leader and/or the head of research.

## MASTER'S DEGREE

# NQT: Early Professional Practice module (EPP)

The 60 credit EPP module has been specially designed to meet the needs of any teacher who is new to the profession. It builds upon the PGCE and sessions address specific Core Standards including those related to behaviour management, special educational needs and assessment for learning. This module is relevant to NQTs, supply teachers and those seeking class teaching roles in school and can be included within your NQT file as evidence of your ongoing professional development. The first year in teaching can feel quite isolating (in comparison with PGCE) and a strength of this module is that it also provides you with opportunity to network with other teachers who are new to the profession.

For further details please contact Tony Caston at [a.caston@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:a.caston@bathspa.ac.uk)

## Assessment methods

Assessment for most modules is based on completing assignments related to professional learning tasks. An innovative range of assessment modes have been designed to reflect a diversity of professional needs and experience.

## Lifelong Learning (Initial Teacher Training)

We offer a Certificate in Education / Professional Graduate Certificate in Education, as a part-time, two year in-service programme. These awards are aimed at professionals teaching and training in the 'lifelong learning' post-16 education and training sector.

This provision has been recognised as one of the best in the country during 2007/2008, when it was awarded a Grade 1 in an Ofsted inspection. Please contact Jim Crawley for further information (see snapshot).

We also offer a generic PMP Award for those working in the further education and adult training sector linked to our range of level 6 & 7 qualifications.

## Entry requirements

Applications from all backgrounds will be considered. Candidates without a degree may apply to the Grad Cert route to enable them to progress to higher level awards. Please contact Dr Steve Coombs to discuss which level of qualification would suit you best (see snapshot).

## Valuing Previous Learning (APL)

Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) can be offered if you have successfully completed previous Level 7 modules at another university. We accept APL for our PGDip or Master's qualifications. As a guide, a maximum of 90 credits may be credited towards a Master's Degree and 75 credits towards a PGDip. We will require a full transcript from the awarding university.

It is also possible to gain accreditation for other kinds of professional development by compiling an independent study portfolio of professional development (APEL - Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning). For further information about gaining credits in this way please contact Zara Johnson at [z.johnson@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:z.johnson@bathspa.ac.uk) or phone (01225) 875440.

## School-Based CPD and Consultancy

At Bath Spa University we offer a wide range of school-based CPD opportunities. We are keen to provide professional development which reflects the changing contexts and priorities of schools and our current involvement ranges from specific CPD programmes for individual schools, or networks and clusters, through to strategic partnerships with Local Authorities. Timings for bespoke school/LA centre based modules will be individually negotiated to meet the group's needs. These development projects include:

- School Leadership and Team Development
  - Learning and Teaching Projects
  - Mentoring and Coaching
- University staff and members of our Affiliated Field Consultants and Tutors network support schools through:
- In-service days (planned in consultation with staff in the school);
  - Staff meetings or general professional development sessions;
  - Twilight sessions with staff;
  - Individual tutorial sessions for teachers working towards accreditation.

For more information about school-based CPD and consultancy visit our School of Education web pages, or contact Dr Fiona Maine (see snapshot). [www.bathspa.ac.uk/schools/education](http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/schools/education)

# Fees and Financial Support

The fees are for the academic year 2010-2011 and may be subject to change. Please visit [www.bathspa.ac.uk/schools/education/cpd](http://www.bathspa.ac.uk/schools/education/cpd) for the latest information on fees.

## Standard University Fees (UK/EU residents)

£4,260 – full-time fee (UK/EU students only)  
£355 per 15 credit module  
£710 per 30 credit module  
£1,065 per 45 credit module  
£1,420 per 60 credits & Master's final Project

## Overseas Students

£9,360 for the full-time PMP awards

## DfE Qualified UK Teachers (QTS)

£135 per 15 credit module  
£270 per 30 credit module  
£405 per 45 credit module  
£540 per 60 credit module  
£680 for the Master's final Project  
£1,420 per 60 credits & Master's final Project

## Bath Spa FE partner colleges (Wessex)

A 50% discount will apply to all the standard fees given above:  
£180 per 15 credit module  
£355 per 30 credit module  
£535 per 45 credit module  
£710 per 60 credits & Master's final Project

## Whole-school Consultancy Fees

These will be kept to a minimum and in many cases all fees will be waived towards the costs of university accreditation and providing a CPD Affiliated Field Consultant/Tutor (AFC/T) attached to the school or school cluster, but requires a minimum group size.

## Financial Support and Assistance

Qualified Teachers in schools (QTS) have the following funding opportunities:

- Teachers with QTS can apply for CPD funding and various grants. Further details are available at [www.teachernet.gov.uk](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk). All our CPD and PMP work is recognised by the TDA and is considered as suitable evidence for career-based salary enhancement schemes.
- Complete waiver of fees is offered for large whole-school CPD projects via modules accredited within our PMP.
- Bath Spa University Academic Stipends worth £100 towards future CPD course fees will be provided upon request for all those successfully completing 60 or more credits achieved at level 7 within one year.
- Individual annual bursaries towards the full-time Master's and part-time PhD fees.

- The PMP is recognised under the government's professional career development loan scheme for working adults wishing to re-train at levels 6&7. Further details can be found at [www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/Adultlearning](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/Adultlearning)

For personal career consultancy and career-based HE postgraduate opportunities, please contact Dr Steven Coombs (see snapshot).

## Notes

We advise you to obtain a copy of our postgraduate prospectus for full details of Bath Spa University and its programmes of study.

The contents of this leaflet are correct at the time of going to press. We will try to publicise any changes to it.

Please check the continued availability of the course and its modules before you apply by telephoning Student Services on +44 (0)1225 875875.

The operation of each course or module depends upon recruiting viable numbers. We may not be able to provide a course or module if insufficient numbers enrol. Our offer to you and your acceptance of a place here will be subject to this express condition.

Bath Spa University,  
Newton St Loe, Bath,  
BA2 9BN, UK

T +44(0)1225 875875  
F +44(0)1225 875444

[enquiries@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@bathspa.ac.uk)  
[www.bathspa.ac.uk](http://www.bathspa.ac.uk)

