

Education MA

This is a postgraduate study programme for in-service teachers and practitioners from a range of disciplines and workplaces, including the caring professions and commercial enterprises.

There are many flexible packages of study, all underpinned by a reflective practice approach, designed to enable learners to benefit from personal and professional development. The Masters in Education uses a variety of teaching methods, including led lectures, seminars, workshops, intensive weekends, summer schools and an Independent Study.

Where appropriate, an attachment to a school/college or children's centre will be arranged, where possible meeting your needs and interests, to enable you to carry out your study. Most of the assessment is of a written nature, with assignments of varying type and length. There may also be presentations and assessed portfolios. Detailed feedback will be provided to assist your intellectual development.

How to Apply

For all taught postgraduate and PG Cert programmes, please apply directly to University of Worcester. You can download an application form, or can contact the Admissions office on 01905 855111 / pg-admissions@worc.ac.uk

Please post your completed application form to:
Admissions Office
University Of Worcester
Henwick Grove
Worcester
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Alternatively you can apply online for postgraduate programmes at University of Worcester via the [Prospects online directory](#) of postgraduate programmes. There is no fee for using the online application service.

When we receive your application form, your details will be passed to the Masters Programme Leader who will contact you to arrange an informal interview. You may include additional material, such as references, in support of your application or bring them with you to interview.

You can apply for postgraduate taught courses and PG Certs at any time, but preferably as early as possible before the start of the academic year, which begins in September.

Study options

In many cases it is possible to gain credit for previous study or experience. Previous study at the same level in other institutions is recognised as transferred academic credit, and professional learning can be analysed through the completion of an Independent Study. Up to 50% of taught elements of the award for which you are registered may be achieved through Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) or Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL).

It is possible to study towards a Masters award (nine modules) or either of the interim awards:

Postgraduate Certificate

To gain a Postgraduate Certificate students must successfully complete three modules, which may be all taught or a combination of taught and individual study modules.

Postgraduate Diploma

After completing the Postgraduate Certificate, it is possible to complete a further three modules to achieve the award of Postgraduate Diploma

International Pathway

This pathway meets the needs of professionals wishing to study and familiarise themselves with the UK educational environment alongside their own contrasting experience. The programme consists of three taught modules in each of the first two terms and a three-module Dissertation in the third term. A Masters Degree can enhance your career aspirations and offers you the chance to excel through promotional opportunities. It will enable you to work in management and advisory roles. //

Get in touch

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You will normally have one of the following:

A first or second-class Honours degree in a relevant, cognate discipline

A wide range of relevant experience

If English is not your first language, you will be expected to have reached a sufficient standard on admission to the course (e.g. IELTS 6.5, with a minimum of 6.0 in each element)

Modules

This programme offers participants the opportunity to select modules from a menu of possibilities. In addition participants can design their own focus of study utilising the Negotiated Learning module to investigate a personal research question.

Mandatory Modules

Approaches to Educational Research: Research Methods for Professional Enquiry in Education

Professional Development Module (international students)

A Dissertation (equal to four modules) and Research Methods module is required for the Masters award

Optional Modules

Four modules chosen from areas such as:

Early Childhood

Special and Inclusive Education

Educational Management and Leadership

School Improvement

Independent Study

Assessment

There are a variety of methods that include lead lectures and seminars, out of term conferences, summer schools, independent study, and LEA based courses, to suit the needs of most participants. A school improvement course in your own school or area can be set up if a viable number can be recruited.

To achieve a Masters you must complete nine modules worth 20 CATS points each. This includes one compulsory module, four optional modules and a 20,000 word Dissertation (quadruple module).

Most of the assessment will be of a written nature, requiring students to read and research widely, reflect upon the material gathered and structure the synthesized ideas into critical, coherent assignments of varying type and length. There may also be presentations and assessed portfolios. Detailed feedback will be provided to assist your intellectual development.

Genea Alexander

Student, Education MA

"I'm a music teacher at a Primary school, and wanted to find a course that would develop my skills and knowledge in the teaching and learning of music, but that also fit in around my busy work and home life. The Education Masters at Worcester is exactly what I was looking for- it allows me to work mainly from home, and the hours, timescales and deadlines are all really flexible- for me, it's like a Research Master, but it can also be taken as a normal Taught Masters. My dissertation was a real highlight. My tutor was really supportive, and I was allowed to focus on the improvement of teaching and learning of singing in Primary schools. I'm not sure if this qualification will necessarily change my career, but I'm now an expert in my field, and I've certainly got more options!"

Academic department

[Institute of Education](#)

"Our high quality programmes and innovative teaching methods prepare and train the very best professionals. Worcester graduates

have made a huge difference in the field of education.”
Professor Chris Robertson, Head of Institute

Employability

Postgraduate study will mark you out in today's competitive job market, showing that you have enhanced knowledge in this subject area, as well as highlighting your ability to analyse, communicate and apply theory – all skills which are sought after by employers.

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