



BA in Professional Development (BAPD) Degree Programme

The BA in Professional Development (BAPD) is a degree programme that enables you to gain credit from studying your professional practice. It is designed to meet the needs of a range of professionals, and its interdisciplinary nature enables you to engage with other professionals. The degree allows you to build on your existing qualifications, and provides an opportunity to research some aspect of your practice.

Programme Structure

The BAPD degree is awarded on successful completion of 120 credits at SCQF level 9 that comprise 3 Core and 4 Optional Courses. The Core Courses are: Professional Development 3, Action Inquiry, Professional Project 3. A range of Optional Courses is available in the BAPD course bank. Entry requirements and availability of some of these courses vary. Other options may be available, with agreement, from other programmes. Students are entitled to submit claims for recognition of prior learning.

BAPD Core Courses (60 Credits in total)

Professional Development 3 (15 Credits)

You will be asked to consider through reflective practice your own professional context and the nature of the professional issues and challenges you face.

Action Inquiry (15 Credits)

This course aims to encourage and support a critical and analytical approach to professional practice. It develops an introduction to research and evaluation, and emphasises how inquiry can enhance your practice.

Professional Project 3 (30 Credits)

This course offers you the opportunity to draw together in a personally relevant way your practitioner/researcher skills, undertake a project of professional significance, and communicate to a wider public the outcome of your project.



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Optional Courses (15 Credits each) 4 Optional Courses must be selected

Teaching Qualification (Further Education)

Understanding
Learners in FE

Facilitating
Learning in FE

Professional
Issues in FE

Teaching
Experience in FE

Certificate in Adult and Community Learning

Adults
Learning

Designing & Implementing
Learning for Adults

Community Work &
Community Development

Communities
Learning

Therapeutic Approaches
to Working with Families

Working with Children
& Young People

Understanding
Literacies

Developing
Literacies

Learning in
Practice

Individual Options

Supporting
Successful Learners

Self-management &
Personal Effectiveness

Child Abuse
& Neglect

Counselling
Supervision

Understanding
Hazard & Risk

Responding to
Hazard & Risk

Teaching
Employability Skills

Negotiated
Independent Study

Core Courses (60 Credits in total) All Core Courses are mandatory

Professional Development 3
(15 Credits)

Action Inquiry
(15 Credits)

Professional Project 3
(30 Credits)



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Study and Duration

Study is flexible and part-time, using distance learning resources with workshop and tutor support.

Optional Courses - normally studied over 1 or 2 academic sessions.

Core Courses - studied over approx 18 months (September start).

Entry Requirements

Applicants must satisfy the requirement for direct entry to the programme, normally a HND or equivalent, or must complete a claim for recognition of prior learning (RPL).

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