Leadership in Professional Contexts
PG Certificate/Diploma/MSc

MSc: Leadership in Professional Contexts
incorporating the Standard for Headship (SQH)

This MSc programme is designed for aspiring leaders interested in developing their leadership and management skills. Central to the programme is a menu of University based modules. Participants will also be encouraged to engage with leadership development opportunities provided within their work environment or relevant Local Authority.

It is anticipated that participants will blend University courses with study within their own local authority or work environment and may claim credit for these courses within the MSc (subject to credit transfer regulations and arrangements).

The Leadership in Professional Contexts Programme aims to promote:

The Capacity to Lead:
The range of activities offered provides the opportunity to develop and support leadership capacity in educational settings and the public sector.

Flexibility:
Participants will be able to match their own professional learning to a wide range of learning opportunities online, at a distance and face-to-face. Accreditation for Prior Learning is built into the programme. GTC registered participants have access to the flexible route to the attainment of the Standard for Headship (SQH).

Work Based Learning:
All components of the programme will focus on self-evaluation, professional leadership action, transformational change, organisational improvement and capacity building.
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Networked Learning:
Action learning, action project teams, coaching & mentoring and research based learning leading to school improvement (SI), feature throughout the programme.

Extended Professionalism:
The emphasis is on collaboration, professional enquiry and change. There are opportunities to demonstrate competence against a range of professional standards, including the Standard for Headship in Scotland.

Module Groupings:

Group A - Emerging and Applying Leadership:
Open to any participant who has access to a work environment in which they will be able to engage in meaningful change processes.

Group B - Integrating Leadership:
Suitable for candidates who have some experience of leading and managing change within their work based setting and have maintained a CPD portfolio.

Group C - Innovating Leadership:
Candidates should have at least five years work based experience and be able to provide evidence of successfully leading a range of improvement initiatives. Participants who wish to demonstrate competence against the Standard for Headship in Scotland are normally required to be nominated by their individual local authority and have achieved 120 credit status.

Indicative list of courses

Emerging and Applying Leadership
• Exploring leadership
• Mentoring and coaching

Integrating Leadership
• Leading professional development
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Integrating Leadership cont
- Leading learning and teaching
- Leading and developing people and teams
- Organisational effectiveness and improvement
- Leading change
- Leading effective school improvement
- Policy and strategic planning
- School Law

Innovating Leadership
- The work based project (SQH)
- Dissertation
- Creating leadership communities
- Sustainable leadership
- Achieve the Standard for Headship

Course Fees
Fees are reviewed annually. Up-to-date fee information can be found at:
http://www.abdn.ac.uk/infohub/finance/fee-rates.php

Dates and Delivery
Entry dates into the programme are in September and February each year. All courses can be taken at a distance through e-learning. Optional face-to-face seminars are made available where circumstances allow. However, there are no formal travel or residential requirements.

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