MEd Studies in Education
Award Bearing Programme

The Studies in Education programme has been carefully designed for both early career and mid-career professionals who wish to expand their understanding and acquire new skills and knowledge to enhance their professional practice. Studies in Education is particularly suitable for policy makers, managers, lecturers/teachers and researchers working in a range of educational settings. The programme is specially designed for international and Home/EU applicants working in formal and non-formal sectors in education and other relevant areas.

This programme provides students with opportunities to:

• broaden and deepen understanding of issues relating to educational developments globally
• develop enhanced knowledge about globalisation, education and development
• develop a deep understanding of the theory and practice of education in Scotland
• relate new knowledge and insight about education to their home and professional contexts
• research aspects of education of personal and/or professional importance
• examine educational processes that lead and shape change through innovation
• develop research skills as well as reflect on educational and social theory, practice and policy

Programme Content

The core courses to be taken by all students are:

Core Course 1 - Personal Effectiveness & Professionalism (15 SM credit points)
This introductory course inducts students into postgraduate study at the University of Aberdeen.
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Core Course 2 - Education & the Global Society (15 SM credit points)
By studying this course participants will develop a deeper understanding and knowledge of key global issues which have an influence on education and society.

Core Course 3 - Enhanced Practice in Teaching & Learning (30 SM credit points)
This course explores how learning and teaching theories and approaches improve professional practice in education.

Core Course 4 - Professional Enquiry (30 SM credit points)
Professional Enquiry explores the nature of research and provides the necessary knowledge, understanding and skills to enable participants to undertake research and improve their own practice.

Core Course 5 - Exploring Leadership/Teaching & Learning for Enterprise & Employability (30 SM credit points)
Students undertake a 'professional focus' course (30 SM credit points), for example Exploring Leadership or Teaching & Learning for Enterprise & Employability.

Core Course 6 - Dissertation (60 SM credit points)
This course is a sustained and independent research and development project, which is directly related to participants’ professional interests and practice.

Study Methods & Assessment
Teaching and learning involves structured discussions, student-led seminars and individual tutorials. Learning involves the extensive use of the University’s virtual learning environment. Opportunities for students to go on educational field trips are a feature of the programme. There are 6 units of assessment involving two assignments of 3,000 - 4,000 words, another three of 6,000 - 7,000 words and a dissertation of 16,000 words.

Information about Entrance Requirements
For further information please visit the website www.abdn.ac.uk/education

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
The programme runs from September to August each year. This is a 12 month, full-time programme of study, delivered on campus.

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