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**NEW FLEXIBLE PROFESSIONAL POSTGRADUATE STUDY AT UWS**

**PgCert/PgDip/MProf**  
**PROFESSIONAL  
PRACTICE**

**AN ONLINE FOCUS GROUP SESSION TO HEAR ABOUT NEW  
DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES**

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# A NEW PROGRAMME AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES



UWS recognises that graduates and professionals need to continually update their knowledge and skills to ensure a currency of expertise and competence of practice, and this has been increasingly prominent in today's rapidly changing professional landscape.



A new PG programme in Professional Practice, has been introduced by UWS to provide a **flexible approach** to meet the **lifelong learning** needs of graduates and **professionals** who are looking for exciting **opportunities** to engage in **personalised, accelerated, and impactful professional development** that can be **managed alongside their existing commitments**.



# A FLEXIBLE PROGRAMME...

- ...that starts at multiple points in the year, at a time that suits you and your professional needs;
- ...where learners define their own module choices (from across the university's catalogue);
- ...that includes options for you to exit with an open award, or the choice to add a sector-focused bracket to your award including:
  - PgCert/Pg Dip/MProf Professional Practice
  - PgCert/Pg Dip/MProf Professional Practice (Sustainable Development)
  - PgCert/Pg Dip/MProf Professional Practice (Creative Leadership & Management)
  - PgCert/Pg Dip/MProf Professional Practice (Healthcare Education)
  - PgCert/Pg Dip/MProf Professional Practice (Learning & Teaching)
  - PgCert/Pg Dip/MProf Professional Practice (Social Justice)
- ...which provides individuals with access to an inter-professional and interdisciplinary group of peers, through networking and meeting other classmates on the programme;
- ...where learners can bring in credit from prior experience or other formal study in a supported way;
- ...that is designed to be flexible and accommodate learners' work and professional commitments. Students have the opportunity to work closely with a professional academic advisor to choose modules and projects that align with their interests and needs, and to design their own course of study accordingly to best suit their unique situation and goals;
- ...where the Masters level project has been designed to accommodate real-world professional challenges that the learner wants to explore in the workplace, and produce meaningful impact within their career; that can be studied on a full or part-time basis, and has options for online and on campus delivery depending on the learner's needs;
- ...that allows the learner to combine formal credit-based learning with continuing professional development (CPD) events;
- ...that allows the learner to leave with a variety of choices for the level of exit award (Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, Masters);
- ...which provides access to a professional academic advisor;
- ...that includes flexible payment terms.



# PgCert/PgDip/MProf Professional Practice

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Although available with full-time option, this new framework is designed to help those who wish to gain a postgraduate degree but may not be able to commit to the velocity of a full-time programme of study due to other existing, or emergent, personal and professional commitments. We expect that most of our applicants will be more attracted to part-time modes. By providing scope to respond and integrate professional and applied opportunities as part of a personal learning trajectory, the Professional Practice programme allows those with busy lives and significant commitments, to still be able to pursue a postgraduate qualification.

A key feature of this programme is the opportunity to work with a Personal Academic Advisor in order to identify an area of focus that will support the individual learner in developing their own professional practice, cognisant of the rapid developments and changes which may emerge in their field. The programme offers a flexible start date, enabling learners to register and begin their studies at any point throughout the year, and upon enrolment, learners work with a Personal Academic Advisor to identify an area of focus that will support the development of their own professional practice structured around a personalised curriculum.

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“ To support meaningful personal development, the programme of study is designed to promote critical self-awareness through a challenging and engaging curriculum. Through this, learners will be encouraged to explore approaches to creative thinking, enhanced problem- solving, and decision-making techniques, through the context of their own professional area.

Through the core modules, learners will focus on a range of skills to support their own professional development, including but not limited to goal setting, communication, reflective thinking competencies, negotiation, networking and working with others, and a range of practical approaches which will support their own future development. They will also identify future opportunities for change and impact in a chosen area, develop a proposal for execution, and then subsequently carry out a focused Masters level project. For their remaining credit, and to provide opportunities for a personalised curriculum, throughout their studies learners will select from a range of modules in the wider postgraduate catalogue at UWS, providing a unique opportunity to refresh, upskill or reskill across a variety of disciplines.

A key feature of the programme is the opportunity to become part of a dynamic and supportive inter- professional network through the cohort. With learners joining throughout the year from diverse backgrounds and professional areas, this peer community offers an exciting chance to engage, collaborate, and build professional relationships with individuals who bring unique expertise and experiences to the table.

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Through active participation in group projects, peer review sessions, and online forums, learners will have ample opportunities to learn from their classmates, share insights, and gain valuable feedback. This community-based approach not only enhances the learning experience but also creates a supportive and inclusive environment where learners can thrive and develop lasting professional connections.

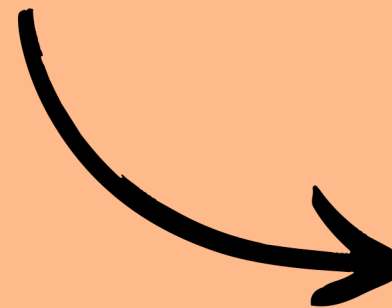
Upon successful completion of the programme, graduates will have developed a sophisticated and nuanced approach to professional development that enables them to respond effectively to sectoral changes and wider social developments. Armed with this valuable knowledge and expertise, programme graduates will be poised to make a significant impact in their chosen field, and to achieve success with confidence and conviction.

Overall, this programme is an exciting opportunity for individuals requiring a flexible means to advance their careers through innovative and impactful professional development, and for professionals seeking a flexible means of lifelong learning.

# STRUCTURE

- One Core Module
- Choose from across the UWS Postgraduate module catalogue
- Option to use recognition of prior (experiential) learning

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**PgDip**



Professional  
Project

**MProf/  
Professional Masters**

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



# DISCUSSION





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