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Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for Masters and Professional Development courses in the School of Education

An early application is advised as places are allocated on a first come first served basis. All applications plus supplementary material (letters of recommendations/references, official transcripts etc) must be submitted no later than 4 weeks prior to the start date of your chosen programme in order for your application to be considered for the academic year. If your supplementary material is received after the deadline, your application may be considered for the following academic year.

Upon receipt of your application you may, if you live in the UK, be invited for an interview or to visit the University.

Overseas applicants applying for full time study are advised to make an early application in order to ensure necessary arrangements can be made should your application be successful.

Apply online at **http://apply.bham.ac.uk/cp/home/loginf (http://apply.bham.ac.uk/cp/home/loginf)**

Accreditation of Prior Learning(APL)/Non standard qualifications

Academic and professional qualifications and prior experience, if any, are normally taken into account and in some cases can form an integral part of the entry requirement. If you are unsure of what information to submit, please send as much information as possible to demonstrate qualifications and experience. **More information on APL and non standard qualifications (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students/requirements/requirements-pg/index.aspx)**

Unless any particular requirements are specified on the programmes pages, admission entry requirements should be used as a guide to entry onto following awards.

University Certificate (UCert): Level C

A University certificate consists of 60 credits (3 x 20 credit modules). Minimum duration is 12 months

Candidates shall be required:

- To have normally at least two years' relevant experience in a related field and should be educated to GCSE/O-Level standard (but see entry requirements under specific programmes).

Certificate in Higher Education (CertHE): Level C

A certificate of Higher Education consists of 120 credits (6 x 20 credit modules). A certificate of Higher Education is equivalent to the first year of a full honours degree and show you are capable of studying at university level. This award can only be taken after the UCert has been completed. Minimum duration is 12 months

Candidates shall be required:

- To have normally at least two years' relevant experience in a related field and should be educated to GCSE/O-Level standard (but see entry requirements under specific programmes).

Advanced Certificate (AdCert): Level H

An Advanced Certificate consists of 60 credits (3 x 20 credit modules at level H). Minimum duration is three months

Candidates shall be required:

- Relevant professional qualifications or the equivalent of 240 credits obtained after the equivalent of a two-year full-time programme of study at HE level and have relevant experience;
  or: to have five years relevant professional experience and an appropriate educational background.

The School may admit candidates with other qualifications and experience deemed suitable for entry to this programme of study.

Bachelor of Philosophy (BPhil): Level H

The BPhil is awarded after successful completion of four modules at Level H, plus a dissertation of 10,0000 words (40 credits) amounting to 120 credits in total. I takes a minimum of 12 months study.

- To have a degree from an approved university or to hold diplomas or other qualifications judged satisfactory for this purpose and have relevant experience;
  or: to have five years relevant professional experience and an appropriate educational background.
- The School may admit candidates with other qualifications and experience deemed suitable for entry to this programme of study.

Postgraduate Certificate (PgCert): Level M

The PgCert is awarded after successful completion of three modules at Level M (3 x 20 credit modules). The minimum duration is 3 months study.

- Candidates shall be required to have a 1st degree or diplomas or 5 years relevant professional experience, training or other qualifications and experience deemed suitable for entry onto this programme

Postgraduate Diploma (PgDip): Level M

The PgCert is awarded after successful completion of six modules at Level M (6 x 20 credit modules) amounting to 60 credits in total. The minimum duration is 12 months study.

Candidates shall be required to have a 1st degree or diplomas or 5 years relevant professional experience, training or other qualifications and experience deemed suitable for entry onto this programme

Master of Arts (Education) (MA): Level M

The MA is awarded after successful completion of six modules at Level M (6 x 20 credit modules). One of the modules will be the educational research module - Practitioner Inquiry in Education (PIE). In addition students complete a dissertation of 15,000 words worth 60 credits. The total amounts to 180 credits. The minimum duration is 12 months study.

- Candidates shall be required to have a 1st degree or diplomas or 5 years relevant professional experience, training or other qualifications and experience deemed suitable for entry onto this programme

Master of Education (MEd): Level M

The MEd is awarded after successful completion of six modules at Level M (6 x 20 credit modules). One of the modules will be the educational research module - Practitioner Inquiry in Education (PIE). In addition students complete a dissertation of 15,000 words worth 60 credits. The total amounts to 180 credits. The minimum duration is 12 months study.

- Candidates shall be required to have a 1st degree from an approved university or to hold diplomas or other qualifications judged satisfactory for this purpose.
- Candidates must have successfully completed a programme of professional training.
- Candidates must have relevant experience.
- The School may admit candidates with other qualifications and experience deemed suitable for entry to this programme of study.

International Students

For information on admission for international students, please visit the **International Students webpage (/schools/education/international/courses.aspx)** .

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