

Course Information Sheet for entry in 2019-20

PGCert in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education

About the course

The Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education is designed for academic, teaching and research staff, who are currently teaching students registered at the University of Oxford.

The course is accredited by the Department for Continuing Education at the University of Oxford and upon completion you will receive the award 'Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education'.

The course is also mapped at Descriptor 2 to the UK Professional Standards Framework for Teaching and Supporting Learning in Higher Education (UKPSF). This is a UK framework for recognising professional development in teaching, and means that your award can be compared to teaching qualifications in other institutions. You can find out more about the UKPSF here:

<https://www.heacademy.ac.uk/recognition-accreditation/uk-professional-standards-framework-ukpsf>

The aims of the PGCert in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education are to:

- Support you as a teacher in higher education as you reflect upon and extend the range of your teaching;
- Prepare you to design your own modules/courses/papers and to critically appraise designs created by others;
- Increase your knowledge and awareness of a range of evidence and ideas which might influence your teaching and course design.

Course structure and assessment

The taught course lasts for ten months and consists of several complementary elements:

- A series of interactive workshops focusing on a range of topics including student learning, course design, feedback, assessment, inclusive teaching practices and evaluation of teaching (7 half-day workshops spread throughout the year);
- A set of structured assignments which draw on your own teaching practice and explore practices at other institutions;
- The preparation of a teaching portfolio, based on the course assignments. The portfolio integrates ideas from the course with discussion and analysis of your own teaching practices. It is the portfolio which is assessed for the final award of PGCert in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education.

Changes to courses

The University will seek to deliver this course in accordance with the description set out above. However, there may be situations in which it is desirable or necessary for the University to make changes in course provision, either before or after registration. For further information, please see the University's Terms and Conditions.

Expected length of course

1 year part-time.