



## DOCTORATE IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### With Specialisms in Professional Development

#### The Advanced Award In Professional Development

The Doctorate with Professional Development routes is an advanced award designed for practitioners who can demonstrate leadership and expertise in their area of work. Practitioners who achieve this award will be making contributions to the development of services in their organisation and in their profession through policy making, innovative practice, research and education.

The award requires both evidence of competence at an advanced level and completion of a significant project in work based studies. To achieve it, you will design a Programme Plan in which you set out your strengths and any development areas, against a set of standards which have been identified in association with professional bodies.

In areas where appropriate standards do not exist, or in specialist areas of professional practice, or where there is rapid change, you will need to define new competencies.

The model of professional development on which this award is based is that of the Reflective Practitioner. There are three key areas of competence:

- Core Requirements: these apply to all professional practice at this level.
- General Requirements: these reflect a commitment to appropriate standards of practice.
- Advanced Requirements: these represent an advanced contribution to practice.

You will be required to present evidence of your competence against these professional standards. Evidence may be developed during your learning programme or accredited against prior learning from study or experience.

In working towards the advanced award in professional development, you will be required to show that you meet the core requirements that apply to all areas of professional development. In addition you will identify areas of competence specific to your area of professional activity which may be in one or more of the following:

- Professional practice
- Education and training
- Management
- Research

#### ***Advanced Requirements***

All candidates must demonstrate:

- evidence of significant contribution to the development, delivery and evaluation of the service provided in a chosen area, through the ability to research, plan, implement, monitor and evaluate strategies for improvement or change,
- evidence of leadership in chosen field.