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**The Doctorate in Professional Practice (DProf ) is a professional doctorate which provides a structured programme of study through the delivery of taught modules, closely integrated with an individual's professional career development.**

The programme is open to practitioners who should normally have a minimum of five years' experience of undertaking a significant managerial or executive role in their professional area. The individuals who undertake this programme are senior in their field, engaged in high level tasks in complex environments.

The programme has two parts, and is composed of taught modules and a doctoral-level workbased research project. The element of reflection on professional practice distinguishes the professional doctorate from the award of aPhD.

The award of DProf is made on the successful achievement of 540 credits at Levels 7 and 8.

*“The DProf program at UWTSD has exceeded my expectations. The academic environment is of the highest quality and individual guidance is highly motivating, and I feel well supported in the pursuit of my Doctoral qualification.”*

**- A quote from an international student currently on the programme**

## Part One\*

**Candidates will study 2 compulsory modules:**

- Approaches to Research and Academic Communication
- Review of Professional Learning

**Further modules in Part 1 include:**

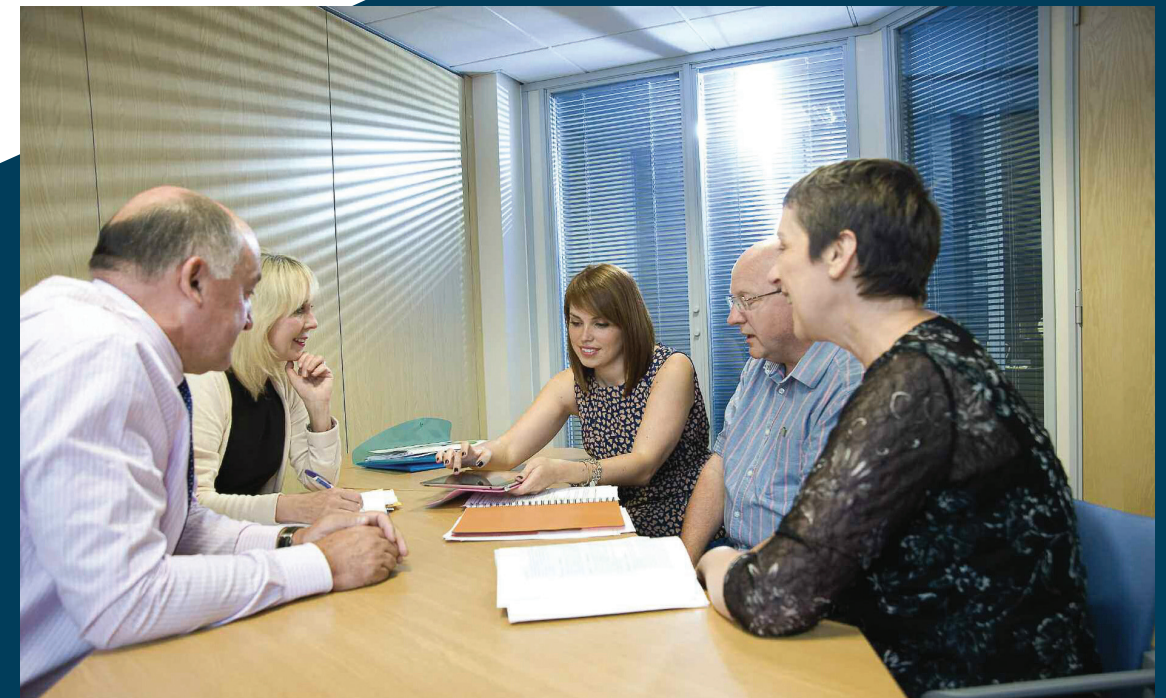
- Qualitative Research
- Quantitative Research methods
- Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

\*advanced standing may apply for candidates with extensive research methods training or who have completed a Recognition of Prior Learning module.

## Part Two

This element comprises a taught module, Advanced Practitioner Research Proposal, and a work-based research project at doctoral level of 60,000 words.

Research is focussed on workplace practice, enabling advanced practitioners to undertake a doctoral programme whilst also making a significant contribution to their own professional practice as well as their organisation's strategic development.



## Programme Delivery

All candidates will study in a blended learning mode, supported by programme materials and access to a Virtual Learning Environment (Moodle). Programme delivery includes residential workshops (at the beautiful UWTSO, Lampeter campus). Students will also be invited to attend the Postgraduate Summer School, which runs annually and is organised by the Postgraduate Research Office.

## Assessment

A wide range of assessment methods are utilised including portfolio, presentations, reports and research projects.

## Entry Requirements

Normally, candidates will have achieved an uppersecond class degree and a master's degree or equivalent.

## Mode of Study

Part-time

## Duration of Study

5 years, although advanced standing may be granted for Masters graduates who have studied research methods in depth, or who have completed a Recognition and Accreditation of Learning module for the degree of MA in Professional Practice.

## Start Date

It is expected that there will be two intakes per annum, in February and October

## For Further Information

Please contact the Programme Director, Dr Christine Davies ([christine.davies@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:christine.davies@uwtsd.ac.uk))



*The Founders' Library at UWTSO, Lampeter; one of the rooms used for DProf residential workshops*