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Professional Doctorate in Person Centred Care

University of West London

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About the Doctorate

The Professional Doctorate in Person Centred Care is being jointly developed by the University of West London's European Institute for Person Centred Health and Social Care, and the European Society for Person Centred Healthcare (ESPCH), with direct input from a specially constituted International Multidisciplinary Steering Group of recognised experts in the field, together with expert patients and patient advocacy organisations, drawn from the UK, Europe, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the Middle East. It is a flexible alternative to traditional, research-based PhD studies, and is aimed at a wide range of practitioners working at middle and senior levels of their professions and care organisations. The doctorate affords practitioners who hold an ambition to treat patients as persons with a unique opportunity to turn their existing careers into a prestigious, high level qualification, while at the same time continuing to work. The 4-year part-time programme is designed to enable its students to grow into fully person-centred professionals, to work with and mentor others to do the same, and thereby to raise the standards of care from an all too frequently encountered legally acceptable basic competence, to a rarer excellence in the care of the sick and suffering.

Structure of the Doctorate

The doctorate has a modular structure consisting of 6 taught modules, and a thesis. In order to take full account of the pressures of modern professional life, where weekday study is often impossible, each taught module is delivered over a single weekend. Four of the modules focus on a detailed understanding of the general setting, context and requirements of modern professional practice in which PCC is to be embedded, and 2 modules are devoted specifically to the person-centred care imperative. The PCC modules are advanced in nature and focus on: the conceptual basis of PCC; the evidence demonstrating superior outcomes from PCC; designing PCC interventions/services; understanding and overcoming the range of barriers to PCC; operational implementation of PCC and its evaluation, audit and research; co-production of PCC with patients and advocacy organisations; the mentoring/teaching of staff/colleagues in PCC; economic and legal aspects of PCC – and a great deal more. Both PCC modules will result in the preparation by the student of a journal article of 5000 words at the standard required for publication (e.g. in the *European Journal for Person Centred Healthcare*, or elsewhere). In Part 2 (Years 3 & 4) you will undertake an original piece of research with personal supervision from senior members of university staff and produce a 40,000 word thesis. You will also be encouraged to present at national and international conferences during the course of your studies (e.g. the annual conference of the ESPCH at UWL, the other conferences organised by the ESPCH at UWL, or other specialty events of your selection).

Entry requirements, points of entry, how to apply, and 'exit points'

Entry to the programme requires a first/upper second class bachelor's degree (or equivalent), plus a Master's degree (or equivalent professional experience) in health or social care. The doctorate has two entry points: September and January*. There is a formal though streamlined process of application which should first be discussed with the Course Director (see 'further information', below). All students register as a Professional Doctorate Student, but if something happens which means you cannot complete the whole course there are various 'exit point' awards at the level of Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, or MSc.

Contact:

For further information/any queries about the Professional Doctorate in Person Centred Care and/or to arrange a telephone/skype/teams appointment, please contact the Course Director:

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STUDY MODE - PART TIME:

Each taught module is delivered over the course of a single weekend. Teaching is carried out through lectures and smaller seminars and workshops where the emphasis is on discussion. Tutorials are face-to-face and online and your supervisor and tutors will support your independent study and writing of your thesis.

STUDY LOCATION:

University of West London, London, UK

COURSE DURATION IS 4 YEARS:

- Year 1 Modules:

- Professionalism in Social Context
- Evaluating Data in the Professions
- Advanced Person Centred Care - I

- Year 2 Modules:

- Connecting Research and Practice
- Methods of Professional Inquiry
- Advanced Person Centred Care - II

- Year 3 & 4 - Thesis:

You will carry out an original piece of primary or secondary research in a specific area of person-centred care and present your work as a 40,000 word thesis. You will work independently with the supervision of your principal and secondary supervisor.

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