

UWE MA Programmes

UTLGJ4-30-M Beginning a Career: Reflective Practice for NQTs (30 credits) 2017-2018

*"When I first started my NQT post I was so overwhelmed by the day job that doing an essay seemed to be the last thing I needed! However, I am **SO** glad that I completed the NQT module this year. The opportunity to reflect on my practice with the support of my UWE tutor gave me space to think objectively about my teaching and it was really helpful to look at how research and reading might give me a different perspective. I finished my essay feeling more informed and equipped to try new approaches in my classroom," NQT Student 2015*

Now that you are starting your NQT post and will be considering how to develop your practice we would like to remind you of the invitation to consider working towards a Master's Degree (i.e. MA Education qualification) here at UWE. The NQT review points encourage you to reflect on the stages of your NQT year and, through this module, you can gain additional credit for your reflective practice in the early stages of your new career. In your PGCE+QTS or BA ITE/ BA Ed+ QTS courses you were able to gain Level 3 and/ or M Level credits and UWE's MA portfolio-based route enables you to build successfully on this foundation.

Study at MA level is valued highly by schools and employers, is often seen as 'desirable' for future promotion and has a significant impact on reflective practice for all professionals.

MA Education at UWE comprises 180 credits. It is possible to accredit prior learning or study so that a maximum of 30 credits at Level 3 and a further 30 or 60 Level M credits can be claimed through the submission of an Accredited Learning (AL) form. With these credits in your MA 'bank' you are ready to start work on the NQT Portfolio Module (**UTLGJ4-30-M Beginning a Career: Reflective Practice for NQTs 2017-2018**) where a further 30 M Level credits can be achieved through writing a 2,500 word reflective account on your first four terms as NQT (i.e. September 2017- April 2018).

You are invited to apply via UWE's website: <http://courses.uwe.ac.uk/X00042/education> Once registered on the module, you will be allocated a university tutor – and, for those of you who are UWE Education alumni, this is usually someone you know already. Your tutor will provide feedback and support towards the final submission due on 26th April 2018. The course is suitable for distance learning: you will have access to a wealth of supporting materials on Blackboard, the VLE used by UWE for all courses; access to UWE's extensive library facilities both online and at the campus, and access to online support from the module leader and a team of experienced tutors. We provide two group workshops at UWE to support your studies and the materials from these will also be made available on Blackboard for all registered students.

Introductory Workshop – Tuesday 17th October 5-7pm in 2S601
Writing your Submission Workshop – Tuesday 6th February in 2S601
Both events take place in S Block, UWE Frenchay Campus, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol BS16 1QY

I hope you will consider this opportunity and I look forward to welcoming you to the UWE NQT MA community.

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