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## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

### Module Title

Dissertation (Professional Doctorate)

Reference	END001	Version	3
Created	July 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 12
Approved	December 2010	SCQF Points	420
Amended	January 2018	ECTS Points	210

### Aims of Module

To enable the student to undertake pure and/or applied research and development at an advanced level, contributing substantially to the development of new techniques, ideas and approaches, by applying their subject knowledge and their knowledge of research methods to an independent investigation of a topic within a relevant field.

### Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Conceptualise, design and implement an approved research project in the chosen subject field.
- 2 Apply a range of research skills and methods to gather, analyse and critically evaluate literature, theories, data and evidence as appropriate to the agreed research topic in a relevant field.
- 3 Present and critically evaluate findings and conclusions in a piece of independent research that contributes to and advances the body of knowledge in their chosen specialist area.
- 4 Develop and apply, at an advanced level, the skills of written communication and presentation required to appropriately address relevant theory and concepts, and/or current debates.

### Indicative Module Content

Detailed research proposal on a relevant topic.

### Module Delivery

Students are expected to take full responsibility for their own learning, and will receive guidance and support from their Principal Supervisor and others, as appropriate.

### Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	270	270
Non-Contact Hours	3930	3930
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	4200	4200
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

**ASSESSMENT PLAN**

*If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.*

**Component 1**

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	The assessment will normally consist of a thesis with an oral (or approved alternative) defence of the thesis.				

**MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR****Explanatory Text**

In order to pass the module students must pass both components.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
<b>Pass</b>	Submission of satisfactory thesis and satisfactory performance in oral examination (or agreed alternative).
<b>Fail</b>	Submission of unsatisfactory thesis and or unsatisfactory performance in oral examination (or agreed alternative).
<b>NS</b>	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

**Module Requirements**

Prerequisites for Module	120 credits at SCQF 11 level or equivalent, including completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Research Methods.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

In addition, the student will be expected to search the literature and read widely in the area chosen for investigation

**INDICATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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