

## The MA Education Programme, Intake April 2021

### Background Information

The University of Brighton (UoB), UK, has an active partnership with the Mauritius Institute of Education (MIE) for an MA in Education Programme. This post-graduate programme provides for graduate and experienced professionals in education to achieve a master's degree in Education at the MIE. The postgraduate programme seeks to deliver development opportunities, in a range of specialist education fields for professional practitioners who wish to extend, enhance and better understand their current practice and, in so doing, develop a framework for creating and implementing change in their future practice.

### Aims

The programme will encourage participants to:

- Undertake critical reflection on professional practice in the light of current and emerging policy contexts and debate in education, learning and development in inter-disciplinary contexts;
- Acquire and enhance a depth of specialist knowledge in a field related to their professional role, institutional context;
- Develop a thorough understanding of the principles of research in the context of education, and competence in the application of such principles;
- Develop the capability for sustained and autonomous learning;
- Develop those qualities and skills appropriate to Master's and high professional levels with critical awareness of the evidence base;
- Provide opportunities for dissemination of their learning in a wider, related professional community.

### The Award

This collaborative programme delivers the University of Brighton's MA Education. It is a modular programme consisting of 180 credit points and starts each year in April. Intensive teaching sessions are held at the MIE normally in April, July, and December each year as well as online via MS Teams.

On successful completion of the programme, students will be awarded any one of the following:

1. MA Education
2. MA Education with specialization in Leadership and Management
3. MA Education with specialization in Mentoring, Coaching and Supervision
4. MA Education with specialization in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education
5. MA Education with specialization in Quality Assurance,

depending on the specialist route chosen on the PGDIP Programme.

## Careers

This programme will further your professional development, allow you to progress your expertise within the field of education and enhance your employability for leadership roles.

Enhanced knowledge of educational issues and specialist areas of interest are attractive to a wide range of employers and typical career moves after graduation include promotion to senior leadership teams, advisory roles or promotion into a different education sector including those with capacity to influence policy.

Our graduates have commented on the ways that the MA in Education has positioned them for senior and leadership roles, for making a career move and improving their skills and professional potential.

The course also provides a springboard for further study at a doctoral level, either through PhD or EdD routes.

## MA Programme Structure, Duration and Delivery

### ***Stage 1 -Post Graduate Diploma in Education, MIE***

Since 2019, the MIE is pleased to offer a Post Graduate Diploma in Education with specialization strands, as part of the first year of the UOB MA programme.

The strands on offer this year are:

- (i) Leadership and Management
- (ii) Learning and Teaching in Higher Education
- (iii) Mentoring, Coaching, and Supervision
- (iv) Quality Assurance

These specialization strands have been developed in close collaboration with the University of Brighton (UK) and have all been rigorously quality assured as per established processes for monitoring the quality of curriculum relevant to Master's level, as well as the quality of teaching and assessment processes and the related outcomes.

The PGDip (Ed) is fully accredited for four modules set for the first year of the Master's in Education programme at UoB. Successful completion of the award makes candidates eligible for 80 CATS points on the Master's in Education programme run by UoB through its policy of Accreditation of Prior Learning. The area of specialization selected by individual candidates makes them eligible to pursue the same specialization route through the Master's programme.

The team who services the programme has considerable experience in working with Master's level students on the ongoing UoB programme and will assist students towards successful completion. A sequential model of programme delivery is adopted to allow candidates to progressively build competencies for Master's level thinking and writing. The PGDip (Ed) hence provides increased accessibility to a rigorous UK quality-assured Master's level award at very affordable fees.

### ***Stage 2 - Masters in Education programme(100 CATS points)***

The final 100 credits of the MA are offered through two modules:

**KV733M Developing a practice-based education research proposal** [40 credits], starting in April

**KV713M Research Project / Dissertation** [60 credits], starting as from July

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Stage and Duration	Programme Structure	Delivery	CATS points (Total 180 for MA award)
<b>Stage 1</b> One-year part time delivered by MIE Staff  Post Graduate Diploma in Education Programme (PGDIP Ed) with specialisation Routes 80 CATS points	<b>Core Module 1:</b> PGDE 710: Educational Theory, Policy and Practice	Jan	20
	<b>Specialist Modules 1:</b> <b>Strand 1 - Leadership and Management</b> PGDE 750A Leadership and Management in Education <b>Strand 2 - Learning and Teaching in Higher Education</b> PGDE 760A Learning and Teaching in Higher Education <b>Strand 3 - Professional Learning Relationships: Mentoring, Coaching &amp; supervision</b> PGDE 770A Understanding Professional Learning Relationship <b>Strand 4- Quality Assurance</b> PGDE 780A Quality Assurance for Effectiveness and Improvement in Education	April	20
	<b>Core Module 2:</b> PGDE 720: Reflection in and on Practice	July	20
	<b>Specialist Modules 2:</b> <b>Strand 1 - Leadership and Management</b> PGDE 750B Leading Improvement for Curriculum Development <b>Strand 2 - Learning and Teaching in Higher Education</b> PGDE 760B Assessment and Feedback in Higher Education <b>Strand 3 - Professional Learning Relationships: Mentoring, Coaching &amp; supervision</b> PGDE 770B The Practice of Mentoring, Coaching & Supervision <b>Strand 4- Quality Assurance</b> PGDE 780B Monitoring and Evaluation	Oct- Jan	20
<b>STAGE 2</b> (1 year & 10 Months Part Time.  Sessions conducted by UoB and MIE staff)	KV733M Developing a practice-based education research proposal	April/July	40
	KV713M Research Project /The Dissertation	December /April/July	60

## How to apply for Stage 1 – PGDIP (Ed)

Entry to stage 1 of the programme can be secured via two routes:

### ***Either***

#### **PGCE Progression to MA route (80 CATS points)**

MIE students who have completed their PGCE from 2013-2014 onwards, can gain advanced standing on the MA Education Programme up to a maximum of 80 CATS points, *subject to certain conditions\**. Students who qualify for this advanced standing can thus directly join stage 2 of the MA programme.

#### **Minimum Admission Requirements:**

- A degree
- A PGCE (awarded by MIE after 2014)
- Candidates should be practising secondary school teachers

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### ***Or***

#### **The Post Graduate Diploma in Education Programme (PGDip Ed) route**

The PGDIP (Ed) is a bridging course consisting of four modules which are equivalent to the first year modules of the MA Education for applicants who have earned either a Post Graduate Certificate in Education prior to 2014, or a Bachelor of Education (Honours) or a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) with Education **with at least one year professional experience**.

There are four modules on the PGDIP (Ed) programme amounting to a total of 80 credit points. They draw essentially from the existing master's in education programme currently offered or from the PGCE programme offered since 2013-2014 for which RPL is granted on the MA Programme.

On completion, PGDip graduates will be able to progress to stage 2 of the MA Education programme.

#### **Minimum Admission Requirements:**

- A relevant degree or equivalent
- A PGCE (awarded by MIE prior to 2014)
- Evidence of relevant experience in an education field

The PGDIP programme is normally advertised in October /November for an intake due to start in April of the following year and the link that the applicants must use to apply online is as follows: <http://apply.mie.mu/student/index.php>

## Learning and Teaching

Participants are normally required to attend all programmed sessions and to commit a matched amount of time to independent study. This may involve critical study group meetings, reading, writing reflective logs on professional practice, other workplace-based activities and, increasingly, independent and tutored online learning using the University of Brighton's internet-based facilities. As such, participants' normal professional work contributes significantly to study and achievement.

The UOB and MIE are committed to innovation in teaching and learning strategies. A wide range of approaches from formal lectures through seminars, tutorials, simulation and role play, and other group approaches to directed and autonomous private study. Outside the **intensive teaching**

**weeks** participants work in **critical study groups** supported by appropriate distance learning materials. Increasingly, these include **online learning**.

All assessment procedures and quality assurances are conducted within the University of Brighton Examinations Regulations and Quality Assurance practices.

### Course fees

Fees for Stage 1 – the PGDIP (Ed) starting end January 2021 is **Rs 15 550** payable at the time of registration.

Fees for Stage 2 - the MA Education starting April 2021 is **£ 3090**. Invoices are issued each year and payment may be made in up to 6 instalments by arrangement with the income section, UOB.

### How to apply for Stage 2- MA Ed

The programme is normally advertised around October / November for an intake due to start in April of the following year and is available on the MIE Website. The link that the applicants must use to apply online following the advert is as follows:  
[https://evsipr.brighton.ac.uk/urd/sits.urd/run/siw\\_ipp\\_lgn.login?process=siw\\_ipp\\_app\\_crs](https://evsipr.brighton.ac.uk/urd/sits.urd/run/siw_ipp_lgn.login?process=siw_ipp_app_crs)

Testimonials of work experience should be scanned and attached when submitting the application.

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