



Professional Doctorate in Health

Study mode	Duration	Apply by: 28 August 2026
Part-time	54-96 months	Starts on: 21 September 2026

About this course

The Professional Doctorate in Health (DProf Health) is a new flexible programme of study aimed at those working in health-related environments. It provides an opportunity for students to explore real world issues to further research and make an original contribution to knowledge.

Introduction

The Professional Doctorate in Health programme has been designed for those working in healthcare related environments to embed and build upon applied research in advancing professional health care practice in an increasingly complex environment.

The programme of study offers an alternative to the PhD or more traditional research routes and is offered on a flexible part time basis taking into account the applicants' professional context, prior learning, skills, work place priorities and experiences. Professional doctorates provide an opportunity for individuals to situate professional knowledge developed over time in a theoretical academic framework.

Professional Doctorates are available on a part-time basis based on the expectation that candidates will carry out their studies whilst they are engaged in relevant employment which informs their studies.

Who is this course for?

This programme is intended for healthcare professionals, or those working in related environments, who want to advance their research aspirations in health-related fields.

What you'll learn

- Analytical skills
- Research techniques
- Leadership skills
- Report writing

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

In year one, students will undertake two modules which consist of an introduction to doctoral research and an evidence-based practice and research module.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>INTRODUCTION TO DOCTORAL RESEARCH (HEAL710)</u>	45
<u>EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE AND RESEARCH (HEAL711)</u>	45

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Year two

In year two, students will explore different methods of research and scholarship and consider how they may be applied to their study.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>RESEARCH METHODS (HEAL712)</u>	45
<u>DESIGNING SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH (HEAL713)</u>	45

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Year three

In year three and beyond, students will undertake work on their professional doctorate thesis.

Modules

Compulsory modules	Credits
<u>DOCTORAL THESIS (DDSC C105)</u>	180

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

This programme of study will equip students with the professional knowledge and skillset to become high-level scholar practitioners with primary and secondary research techniques that can be used in professional practice.

Our teaching places particular emphasis on the development of our students' knowledge of key principles and current issues relevant to roles in education, health and social care.

Additionally, our teaching encourages students to engage with theoretical perspectives on local, national and global health concerns, consistent with doctoral level study.

The programme will also support the development of subject specific and key transferable skills necessary for employment in sectors where an understanding of varied dimensions of health are critical.

The curriculum also provides opportunities for students to enhance digital fluency through the use of the Virtual Learning Environment to access programme materials related to their programme.

How you're assessed

This programme includes independent and collaborative reflective exercises, discussions and assessment activities which have been chosen to suit students who learn in different ways or have personalities which are better suited to specific types of assessment.

In year three, students will begin their thesis paper which will allow them to critically explore a specific principle or theory in great detail, providing them with the opportunity to fully display their learning and knowledge in a traditional academic exercise.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

Career support from day one to graduation and beyond

Career planning

From education to employment

Networking events

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Part-time place, per year - £2,503

Fees stated are for the 2025/26 academic year. Tuition fees for the academic year 2026/27 will be announced soon.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support.

- You can [pay your tuition fees in instalments](#).
- All or part of your tuition fees can be [funded by external sponsorship](#).
- International applicants who accept an offer of a place will need to [pay a tuition fee deposit](#).

If you're a UK national, or have settled status in the UK, you may be eligible to apply for a Postgraduate Loan worth up to £12,167 to help with course fees and living costs. [Learn more about paying for your studies](#).

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. This could include buying a laptop, books, or stationery.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

Postgraduate entry requirements

We accept a 2:2 honours degree from a UK university, or an equivalent academic qualification from a similar non-UK institution.

Normally, candidates will be working in a healthcare or related environment in order to advance their research aspirations in Health related professions and fields.

Candidates with an undergraduate degree, along with 2 years professional experience in a health environment, will be considered for Stage 1 entry.

Candidates with a Master's degree and significant professional experience in a health environment can be considered for entry via RPL portfolio up to a maximum of 90 M Level credits.

International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet the entry requirements for a master's degree at Liverpool, a pre-master's, delivered by our partner, [University of Liverpool International College](#), can help you gain a place. Although there's no direct pre-master's route to this MPH, completing a pre-master's pathway can guarantee you a place on many other postgraduate courses which may interest you.

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