



Fairfield School of Business

PGCert in Higher Education Practice (HEP)



The **Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Practice (PGCert HEP)** is designed for graduates who are professionally engaged in higher education and wish to reflect on and enhance their teaching and/or student learning support practices. Aligned with **Birmingham Newman University's** mission and strategic values, this Level 7 programme fosters evidence-based, inclusive, and reflective approaches to higher education practice.

Course Duration: 1 year part-time

Study Mode: Online / Blended

Intakes: January and September

Course Fee: £2950 (September 2026)

Awarding Body: Birmingham Newman University

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Programme Highlights

- **Value-Driven Practice:** Promotes respectful dialogue and formative learning in line with Birmingham Newman's ethos.
- **Student-Centred Focus:** Develops academic/professional practices to support diverse student success.
- **Policy & Contextual Engagement:** Explores wider (HE) policies, strategies, and quality frameworks.
- **Pedagogical Excellence:** Covers key theories in curriculum design, assessment, and HE teaching methodologies.
- **Reflective Development:** Encourages continuous improvement through reflective and reflective practice.
- **Professional Networking:** Connects participants with cross-disciplinary HE practitioners and academics.
- **Research-Informed Practice:** Critically engages with HE scholarship to inform evidence-based teaching.



Who Should Apply?

This programme is ideal for **HE lecturers, tutors, and learning support professionals** seeking to advance their practice, engage with contemporary pedagogies, and contribute to an inclusive learning environment.

When does the course start?

We run two intakes per academic year, **January** and **September**.

Course Modules

This course includes or offers the following modules.

FDM701

**Higher Education
Practice**
[10 credits]

FDM702

**Programme Design
in Higher Education**
[20 credits]

FDM703

**Academic Practice
Development**
[30 credits]

Contact us for more information on the modules.

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How you are assessed

- Reports on work-based assignments
- Research project reports
- Portfolios
- Reflective Learning and work experience journals
- Reviews
- Proposal papers for projects, funding or events, business plans, or strategy documents
- Project progress reports
- Project evaluations
- Presentations
- Essays
- Exams

(Note: All assessments align with Master's-level FHEQ descriptors.)

Entry requirements

The Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Practice (PGCHEP) is open to graduates who are professionally engaged in a higher education setting and who will be able to reflect on their practice in teaching and/or the support of learning of students in higher education.

An Honours degree in a relevant subject area from a UK university or an overseas university agreed by UK ENIC as equivalent and subject to IELTS and EU requirements. Consideration will be given to students with lower-level

qualifications who have a relevant range of professional experience. Professional experience that equates to degree level will be considered by the Programme Leader. If some non-graduates are to be considered pre-entry tasks will be considered and used at Programme Leader discretion.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL/RPeL) may be applicable to applicants if they hold relevant credits or experiences that meet the Newman RPL / RPeL processes. This will need to be assessed by the Programme Leader.