

Presentation pattern: October to June

Module description

A flexible personalised postgraduate module that will allow you to explore in depth a topic of your choice. Bring a problem or question you want to investigate - maybe from your professional context, or an area of previous study or a personal interest that you want to learn more about. With the help of your tutor and the resources available, you'll be shown how to conduct a thorough investigation, enabling you to construct a rigorously researched personal answer.

This is a new module that will be presented in October 2020 for the first time. The module is offered globally and taught entirely online, so support will be provided for students either online or by telephone.

Person specification

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the [generic person specification](#) for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- a postgraduate qualification
- prior experience of postgraduate teaching at a distance in a higher education setting
- a proven record of facilitating learning within and across a wide range of teaching and learning platforms and media, online environments, online forums and/or via telephone
- the ability to facilitate the learning of a wide range of subjects,
- an understanding of, and ability to support, students' self-directed learning
- a commitment to encouraging and enabling adult learners to develop their knowledge and study skills at postgraduate level
- sensitivity to the diversity of adult learning needs and experience of working with students from a variety of different environments.

It would be an advantage to have:

- experience of supporting students in project or dissertation modules
- the ability to support students in conducting research projects including familiarity with research methodologies, ethics, research questions, literature reviews and the analysis of data.

Additional information

- You will be required to mark three online assignments and a final end of module assessment.
- There will be further opportunities to undertake associated assessment work, such as second marking, for which there will be additional payment and about which you will be contacted separately if applicable.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module:	30
Number of assignments submitted by the student:	3
Method of submission for assignments:	2
Level of ICT requirements:	3
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	15
Salary band:	5
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	4.5