Teaching Pupils with Dyslexia within an Education and Training Setting Postgraduate Certificate

Postgraduate | 1 year part-time | Part Time
Social Work Education Community Wellbeing
Coach Lane Campus, Northumbria University | Newcastle
Start September 2019
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About this course

The Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Pupils with Dyslexia will provide you with the specialist skills and knowledge required to enhance the learning of pupils with dyslexia in a school context.

This one-year course will allow you to understand the challenges faced by pupils in the classroom, through the application of practical and theoretical knowledge.

Accredited by the British Dyslexia Association (BDA), this course has been designed to meet both the individual and organisational needs of school teachers working at all stages of compulsory education.

On graduation you possess the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively teach pupils who suffer from dyslexia. In addition you will have a strong foundation that will allow you to progress your learning to Masters level, should you wish to enhance your qualification.

Accreditation

Accredited by the British Dyslexia Association (BDA), this course is designed to meet schools’ needs regarding the assessment and teaching of students with the specific learning difficulty (SpLD) – dyslexia.

On successful completion of the course, applications can be made for AMBDA* and an APC** which will enable:

- In-house Exam Access Arrangements testing
- In-house full diagnostic assessment for SpLD dyslexia
- In-house intervention packages for both individual students and groups of students with specific learning difficulties
- In-house training on dyslexia-friendly teaching practice using Quality First Teaching

*Holders of Associate Membership of the British Dyslexia Association (AMBDA) are recognised as specialists in the specific learning difficulty (SpLD) dyslexia. The JCQ Access Arrangements criteria for a specialist assessor map onto those for AMBDA. Therefore, holders of AMBDA have the right to assess for and diagnose SpLD dyslexia and make recommendations for Exam Access Arrangements (EAA) up to the age of 18 years. Holders of AMBDA can also carry out assessments and tutor privately.

**In addition, an Assessment Practising Certificate (APC) is a licence to practice for those carrying out assessments in schools for Exam Access Arrangements and in colleges for the Disabled Students’ Allowance. Many schools and college employers now require their specialist teaching or support staff to obtain an Assessment Practising Certificate.

Alternatively, successful completion of the course can lead to ATS or APS†

†Holders of Advanced Teacher Status (ATS)/Advanced Practitioner Status (APS) are recognised as Specialist Teachers of learners with specific learning difficulties (SpLD) dyslexia. They are qualified to conduct informal, curriculum-based assessments and deliver specialist teaching programmes to learners up to and including 18 years of age.

British Dyslexia Association, 2019

Modules & Learning

Split into two modules – The Theory and Practice of Identification and Assessment and Teaching Pupils with SpLD (Dyslexia): Theory into Practice – this course will provide you with the opportunity to undertake learning activities that explore the different dimensions of critical enquiry.

A large majority of this course is delivered through weekly classroom-based teaching and learning sessions, which will comprise of a mixture of teacher-led discussions and student presentation.

Whilst summative assessments will take the form of written assignments, additional formative approaches are also utilised in the form of presentations, portfolios and reports, assignments, case studies and reflections.

You will also be required to undertake in-depth assessment and teaching projects under the guidance of your assigned tutor.

Teaching Staff

The staff engaged in teaching and tutoring on this course are qualified teachers and practitioners with substantial experience of working with pupils that have specific learning difficulties (SpLD).

Your tutors have worked in a variety of environments such as schools, local authorities and other educational establishments. They also hold memberships to key professional organisations such as the British Dyslexia Association.

In addition to the teaching delivered by our staff, we regularly welcome guest speakers and visiting lecturers to provide additional sessions to further enhance your knowledge of this specialist subject.

Both our teaching team and dedicated support staff will be on-hand at all times throughout your course to provide ongoing guidance and assistance to ensure you graduate with complete confidence in your abilities.

Facilities

Throughout the duration of your course you will have access to state-of-the-art facilities such as our University library – which is ranked in joint first in the UK.

You will also be able to utilise the UseMyAbility website to

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challenge your own personal development, apply planning tools and seek career advice to further support your learning and future career.

Your learning experience will be enhanced though the use of technology and learning materials, such as module handbooks, assessment information, lecture presentation slides and reading lists, will be available via our innovative e-learning platform, Blackboard. You can also access student support and other key University systems through your personal account.

Research-rich Learning

Research-rich learning is embedded throughout all aspects of this course and you will be encouraged to extend, develop and enhance your ability to evaluate and judge the underlying assumptions surrounding dyslexia policy and practice.

Many members of our teaching team are actively involved in research projects that are defining the education sector, with a focus on key issues such as dyslexia, developmental coordination disorder and working memory.

This course requires you to produce a written assignment that will allow you to put the research skills acquired on this course into practise. Undertaken under the supervision of your tutor, you will conduct literature research around a subject area that interests you most, focusing on how theories and concepts impact on practice.

Your Career

This course is highly regarded by employers thanks to our accreditation with the British Dyslexia Association (BDA). On graduation, you will possess a range of specialist and transferable skills to equip you for employment, enterprise or further study in this area or a related field.

This course has been designed for qualified teachers who are working with pupils with literacy difficulties, in addition to those with an interest in dyslexia, SENCOs or those working within SEN departments, advisory teachers within local authority support services and those involved with assessments and exam arrangements.

There is significant evidence that completion of this course can enhance employment and support graduates in their career development as leaders and managers within their organisation.

You will gain a global perspective on a variety of issues, supporting your development as a culturally and ethically aware graduate who is able to contribute constructively and positively in a variety of contexts.

Upon successful completion, you will also have the option to transfer to the Postgraduate Diploma or MA in Education to further enhance your qualifications and knowledge.

The PG Cert in Assessing and Teaching Students with Dyslexia opened up a new career pathway for me. As an associate member of the British Dyslexia Association (AMBDA) with an approved practising certificate (APC), I am now in a position, as a specialist teacher, to assess students for both exam access arrangements for GCSE, BTEC and A Level and Disabled Student Allowance (DSA) for higher education.

On completion of the course, I was invited to present at conferences on the impact of specific learning difficulties in the classroom and am asked regularly to present training sessions to school staff and parents. I am now qualified to assess in a private capacity and to offer bespoke tuition to students with specific learning difficulties, which can be rewarding both professionally and financially.

I would therefore highly recommend this course.

Alumni testimonial

Who would this course suit?

Would you like to gain the practical skills and knowledge required to devise and deliver an effective teaching programme to pupils with dyslexia? Would you like to know more about assessing pupils with dyslexia? This course could be for you.

Entry Requirements 2019/20

Standard Entry

Applicants should normally have:

A minimum of a 2:2 honours degree or equivalent such as a Certificate in Education (Cert Ed).

Other equivalent professional qualifications may be considered.

International qualifications

If you have studied a non UK qualification, you can see how your qualifications compare to the standard entry criteria, by selecting the country that you received the qualification in, from our country pages. Visit www.northumbria.ac.uk/yourcountry

English Language requirements

International applicants are required to have a minimum overall IELTS (Academic) score of 6.5 with 6 in each component (or approved equivalent*).

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“The university accepts a large number of UK and International Qualifications in place of IELTS. You can find details of acceptable tests and the required grades you will need in our English Language section. Visit www.northumbria.ac.uk/englishqualifications

Career Progression

Our students work within a range of areas in the Education sector and have found Teaching Pupils with Dyslexia is a great way to enhance their skill set.

Module Overview

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Finance

Tuition Fees (UK and EU students)

2019 entry: Full Fee £2,330

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

Tuition Fees (International students)

2019 entry: Tuition fees not yet confirmed.

Please note that the tuition fee amount you will pay may increase slightly year on year in line with inflation and subject to government regulations.

Additional Costs (All Students)

2019 entry: There are no Additional Costs

Financial Support

Northumbria University is committed to supporting our students. We offer scholarship packages for students depending on their abilities.

You can find out more information on our individual packages at www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/fees-funding/pg-fees-funding

Financial support opportunities have associated eligibility conditions, therefore it is essential applicants consider all requirements and observe the application process and deadlines.

Other Additional Costs

Accommodation Costs

Many students find that staying in University accommodation enhances their student experience, and Northumbria has a fantastic selection available for you. Visit our accommodation pages to investigate your options for living and studying in Newcastle. All costs incurred are optional and students should select the most appropriate accommodation for their needs.

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Disability Support

In order to access disability or dyslexia support, students may be required to provide evidence of their disability. This evidence is often provided by an external body (for example, by a medical specialist or GP) and these external bodies may charge for providing this evidence. Also, if a disabled student is eligible for DSA funding for computer equipment, depending on their funding body, the student may be required to make a contribution of £200 towards the cost of any computer equipment. For more information about how to access disability support, contact Student Support and Well-being.

Healthcare Costs

Students, depending on their circumstances, may incur some charges for accessing healthcare or medication from the National Health Service. These include charges for prescriptions, charges for dental checks and treatment, and charges for other services, such as providing vaccinations or for certain types of medical evidence (for example, evidence to support a Personal Extemuating Circumstances/PEC claim at the University, if required). These charges are set and charged by NHS services, rather than by the University, and will be subject to change.

Certain applicants who apply for a UK visa will pay an Immigration Health Surcharge. International students from particular countries may also be required to pay to have a tuberculosis (TB) test.

We also strongly recommend that all EU and international students take out their own insurance policy to cover costs which are not met by the National Health Service. It is your responsibility to ensure you pay for adequate insurance cover for the duration of your stay in the UK.

For more information about healthcare-related charges in the UK, you can speak to the Welfare, Immigration and Funding team based in Student Support and Well-being.

Congregation Costs

When you graduate you will be invited to attend your graduation ceremony. Congregation ceremonies have associated costs, for instance to take part you will be required to hire a graduation gown and cap, you may also wish to purchase a professional photograph or additional guest tickets. To give you an approximation of costs, for students graduating in 2018/19, the price of an additional guest ticket was £12.50. Please be aware that the associated costs of graduation ceremonies are subject to review each year. Gown hire and photography are purchased from external providers, therefore the University cannot demonstrate prices.

Library Costs

Your University Library provides a postal service for books and journal articles which will be sent world-wide to Northumbria students who are studying part-time, by distance learning or are work based learners. Students who are placement for more than six week are eligible to use the service whilst on placement.

There is no charge for posting books out, but you will be required to pay the cost of any return postage. We recommend that items are returned by recorded delivery. You can of course, return books in person to either University Library campus.

Overdue charges apply to all library loans to encourage you to return items on time when they have been recalled for use by another reader. Loan renewal is automatic for up to four months or until another reader requests that item. Charges are entirely avoidable by returning items on time, but where incurred will vary according to loan status and the length of time an item is overdue. Overdue charges exist to ensure the Library Collection benefits the whole student community.

Library books which have been lost or damaged beyond repair will be charged at the replacement cost of the item and a non-refundable handling charge.

If you lose your University smart card there is a replacement charge of £10 to obtain a new one. This cost is waived if your smart card has been stolen and you can provide a police crime reference number.

Placement Costs

Placements in industry are a core element of many of Northumbria’s courses. Whilst many of these placements are optional, some are mandatory. They offer you a great opportunity to gain hands-on experience, giving you a distinct edge in the job market. To undertake a placement, you will need to budget for any accommodation and travel charges.

Printing & Photocopying Costs

Students will receive a printing credit of £10 in 2019/20. This will provide 1,000 pages of A4 single-sided black and white printing. Any additional printing is paid for by the student.

“Newcastle and London campus only. Amsterdam endeavours to be a paperless campus and printing of submission is not required.

Visa Costs

International students will be required to pay visa application fees, and associated fees as required - such as the Immigration Healthcare Surcharge, Tuberculosis tests, fees to renew or extend a visa, and fees associated with appealing a visa/immigration decision. These fees are set and charged by the UK government, rather than by the University, and are subject to change. More information about these fees can be found on the UK Government’s website, and information about applying for a visa to study at Northumbria can be found on our here.

Useful Links

Tutor Profiles

www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/courses/teaching-pupils-with-dyslexia-within-an-education-and-training-setting-