

School of Health & Human Performance

Structured Doctoral Pathway 2020-21

Overview

The School of Health & Human Performance was established in 1999 and has experienced rapid growth over this period. The School is renowned for both its excellence in teaching and learning and in research. We currently offer postgraduate research programmes in a number of exercise, health, physical education and injury-related disciplines in state-of-the-art facilities. Presently we have 40 postgraduate research students.

Programme Structure

The structured doctoral pathway for the School of Health & Human Performance is offered as a support to students in the completion of their doctoral research, with the focus being the development of a range of skills and competencies through taught modules and other learning opportunities. The overall focus of the PhD experience of course remains the completion of a piece of original research, presented in thesis format.

All research students may take a mix of credit bearing modules (Graduate Training Elements or GTEs), and other non-credited training opportunities such as workshops, seminars and short courses. Engagement in these opportunities is an important component of the graduate researcher experience. Students following a structured pathway typically take between 20 and 40 credits, with the final year focusing solely on the completion of the research thesis.

The structured pathway for each individual student must be discussed and agreed with the supervisor, with progress recorded on the annual PGR2 form. Once approval has been given, the student can register for their chosen GTEs using the online registration process.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of centrally-offered non-accredited workshops and seminars on academic, software or transferable skills which align with their developmental needs. Students are further required to take the Online Research Integrity Training Module during year one of their studies. Students should register their expression of interest for GTE modules through the Faculty's GTE mini website at: <https://sites.google.com/dcu.ie/gtefsh-information-page>. Students must then register for approved GTEs during the online registration process when this opens online. All other registration issues / queries should be directed to the Postgraduate Enrolment Officer: Sonya Mc Kenna sonya.mckenna@dcu.ie

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Core Modules

* **Qualitative Research**

Methods

MT610 (5 ECTS)

Or/and

***Quantitative Research**

Methods **

MT611 (5 ECTS)

We recommend students take modules and training in Quantitative research methodologies/statistics when they are available and open to them

**After completing this it may be worth taking MT612—Advanced Quantitative Research Methods

* Where possible, it is recommended that this is taken in the first year of study, or at the earliest opportunity.

Transferable Skills

Strategies for Academic Writing

CS608CS (5 ECTS)

Strategies for Getting Published

PSYC609 (5 ECTS)

Laboratory and Practical Tutoring

SS503 (10 ECTS)

Online Research Integrity

Training Module (non-accredited)

Elective Modules

Research Ethics

GS604 (5 ECTS)



Note: These modules are offered only as a starting point – students may choose to enrol on other modules offered by the University that are relevant to their specific discipline area, regardless of whether they are listed in this document.

The Faculty's full module listing will be communicated to you each year in late summer.