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-credited workshops and seminars on academic, software or transferable skills which align with their developmental needs. Students are further required to take the Research Integrity Online Training Module (via Loop) during year one of their studies.
School of Health & Human Performance
Structured Doctoral Pathway 2017-18

Core Modules

* Qualitative Research Methods
MT610 (5 ECTS)

** Laboratory Tutoring
GS607SS (10 credits)

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

SPSS Training
Coordinated by GSO

Transferable Skills

Strategies for Academic Writing
GS608CS (5 ECTS)

Strategies for Getting Published
GS609NS (5 ECTS)

Research Integrity
Online Training Module via Loop (non-credit)

Elective Modules

Research Ethics
GS604 (5 ECTS)

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

** This module must be taken over at least two academic years, and should be started in Year 1. It is relevant for laboratory, practical, and classroom-based tutoring and demonstrating.

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.