

Management of Special Education in Developing Countries

BPhil, PGDip, MEd

Full and part-time

Is this programme for you?

This programme is for teachers, administrators and NGO staff who are working in special education in developing countries and who wish to develop their management or leadership expertise. The programme combines modules in Special Education with modules in International Studies in Education, using theory and practice from both in order to enable participants to improve management practice in the national context in which they work. A research dissertation also enables participants to put together management and special education in a uniquely relevant way for them.



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What does the programme offer?

In consultation with tutors, students choose modules from those available in International Studies in Education and Special Educational Needs programmes, with a minimum of two modules from either field. Masters and BPhil students are expected to do a dissertation that covers both fields.

International Studies in Education

Students can choose from the following modules:

| Autumn: | |
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| Education as an International Issue (strongly recommended) | |
| Spring: | |
| Human Rights, Citizenship and the Environment | |
| Personal and Professional Skills for Education Managers | |
| Curriculum Design in Global Contexts | |
| Leadership for School Improvement | |

See the International Studies in Education programme description for further information about these modules

Special Educational Needs

Students can choose from the following modules:

| Autumn: | |
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| Special Educational Needs of Children with Autism | |
| Introduction to Inclusion and Special Educational Needs | |
| Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia) | |
| Spring: | |
| Social, Emotional and Behaviour Difficulties | |
| Curriculum and Approaches for Pupils with Autism | |
| Policy, Practice and Provision for SEN | |
| Introduction to Speech and Language Difficulties | |

| Study and Awards | |
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| BPhil | 4 Modules plus dissertation |
| PGDip | 6 Modules |
| MEd | 6 Modules plus dissertation |

How do you study?

Each module is taught in either term one or term two of the academic year. Teaching takes place during three-hour sessions, once per week per module. Teaching methods include seminars, small group discussions, and presentations by participants. Assessment is through written assignments (normally one major essay per module) and other means, and can be based on your interests. Dissertation topics are negotiated with supervisors and the research and writing process takes place over the whole year, but mainly during the summer months.



What are the entry requirements?

Standard University entry requirements apply.

How do you apply?

If you require an application form please contact the School of Education on 0121 414 4866 or at education@bham.ac.uk giving your name and address. An early application is advised as places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Learn more

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