

# Get ready for Doctor of Education (EdD International)

I hope that you are looking forward to starting your online distance learning programme. As your Programme Leader, I warmly welcome you onto our **Doctor of Education (EdD International) programme**.

I have provided some information below that will help you to prepare for starting with us, this includes some key policy documentation for Initial Teacher Education (ITE) and gaining Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

You have a year ahead that will provide both challenge and reward.

**Dr Sarah Whitehouse**

Programme Lead

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## Before you start

We are looking forward to welcoming you in the week commencing 14 September for Starting Block and the beginning of your programme.

Starting Block will help you settle into university and help you get to know your teaching team and course mates. We will help you find your way around, get used to our systems, and practise the skills you need to make a strong start. Look out for further emails and explore the [Starting Block webpage](#) for more details.

Your [timetable](#) will be available to you via [MYUWE](#) (login required) once you have started the enrolment process. Please visit the '[Understanding your teaching timetable](#)' webpage to find out when your timetable will be published.

## Preparing and arrival

You can find everything you need to know about enrolment, Starting Block and the start of teaching on our [Preparing and Arrival](#) webpage. Take a look at our website to familiarise yourself with our facilities and services such as the [library](#), [study skills](#), [academic support](#), [health and wellbeing support](#) and much more.

## **Enrolment**

Once you have satisfied all admissions requirements, we'll send you your login details for our IT systems to enable you to activate your university email account. Once your account has been activated, you'll gain access to the [MYUWE](#) platform where you can enrol. Note that your login details for MYUWE are different to those used for the UWE Welcome website. Enrolment for September programmes will only be open from August onwards. You can find guidance and further information on our [Enrolment](#) website.

## **ID card - upload your photo now**

We can only print your ID card if you have added your photo to [MYUWE](#). To avoid delays, upload your photo as soon as you receive login details. For help, go to our [student card guidance](#).

## **Engage with your programme**

### **Start your learning**

Key activities that will help you to prepare for your IPROFGCE programme include familiarising yourself with the policy documents that our programme derives from. These include:

The Core Content Framework from the Department for Education in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/initial-teacher-training-core-content-framework-for-igts>

The Teachers' Standards from the Department for Education in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-qualified-teacher-status-teachers-standards>

The National Curriculum for Primary Education for key stages 1 and 2.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

### **Read around your subject**

A key skill which is required to achieve a high level of success within your chosen programme is the ability to think critically about key issues and practices. To help you to enhance these skills and be ready to engage with your studies, you should start to read and research around your subject before you arrive. Explore the [Library](#) webpages to see the wide range of resources available to you once you become a UWE Bristol student.

## **Be prepared**

### **Access support**

Check the information on our [Disability web pages](#) so you know what you need to do. If you need any urgent additional mobility or other support to fully access all activities during your studies, contact me as your programme leader.

### **Get equipped**

The University has computers on all our campuses for you to use in your studies. These provide access to our core digital learning tools and any specialist software required for your course. You may have scheduled sessions in computer labs or other specialist facilities, and you will be able to use open-access PCs for self-study.

UWE Bristol licenses many specialist software packages for use on personal laptops for the duration of your course. If you're struggling to meet the financial demands of your course, please contact the [Student Money Service](#) for advice and guidance.

See the UWE webpage for detailed information on [choosing your IT equipment](#) including [recommended specifications](#).

For this programme we recommend the **Core / Enhanced / Intensive Specification**.

Specialist applications used on the course include: **<list of software here>**. These applications work on Windows and Mac devices but not on tablets or Chromebooks.

### **International students**

[The Global Student Support Team](#) offer information and advice to ensure you receive all the support you need to get the best from your time at UWE Bristol. They are here to help you settle in when you first arrive at UWE Bristol, and they organise social events to help you adapt to your new environment.

## **Who to contact if you have questions**

For any questions about the course, please contact me: **Dr Sarah Whitehouse** via email at [Sarah.Whitehouse@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:Sarah.Whitehouse@uwe.ac.uk)

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Please note: this information has been provided on the assumption that you will meet the conditions of your offer and be eligible to take up your place.

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