

afPE/Edge Hill University Accreditation Partnership

The partnership between afPE and Edge Hill University has been set up to enable serving teachers to gain postgraduate accreditation for their attendance on various training courses run by afPE. This provides further recognition of the value of the training, both to the individual and to the school, and provides opportunities for participants to demonstrate the positive impact that the training has on their professional practice.

For each course provided by afPE and accredited by Edge Hill, University tutors will provide support and guidance in completing the assignments that lead to accreditation. This can be arranged online or face-to-face. You will be provided with a module booklet which outlines the nature of the assignment and how it can be completed making best use of the work you will be doing as part of your professional practice. Assessment will be carried out by Edge Hill tutors, who will give constructive feedback on every piece of work submitted as part of the programme.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why study with Edge Hill University?

- A. Edge Hill University is a recognised Centre of Excellence for Teaching and Learning and offers a wide choice of innovative and career-oriented courses. Our courses combine academic and vocational excellence, ensuring you develop skills that are valued in the workplace.

Edge Hill University was the first, and one of only a few, providers to be awarded Grade 1 by OfSTED for Management and Quality Assurance in Primary and in Secondary Initial Teacher Training.

In the last four years the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) has published five subject reviews for Edge Hill University and awarded 'Commendations for Teaching and Learning' in every case.

Edge Hill University is a main player in teacher training and collaborates with over 1100 primary schools and over 700 secondary schools. It is the largest provider of continuing professional development for teachers in the country. It is the largest provider of Initial Teacher Training for secondary education in the UK. This academic year around 5000 teachers will engage with Edge Hill University's innovative accreditation opportunity for professional development.

Q. How many credits can I get free?

- A. Through our partnership with Edge Hill University teachers can get 60 credits free of any charge at all to you or your school towards the 180 you need to be awarded a Masters degree.

Non-teaching staff can get 30 credits free towards the 240 they require towards a Foundation Degree in Professional Development

Q. How can I work towards these credits?

- A. You can complete 3 work-based modules based on the training courses run by afPE and/or Edge Hill that you attend. Each module gives you 20 credits. Masters modules are usually designed in chunks of 20 credits.

Q. How many credits make up a Masters Degree?

- A. You need to get 180 credits to be awarded a Masters Degree.

Q. If I register with Edge Hill University for this opportunity do I have to complete my Masters with them?

A. No. Edge Hill University would be very pleased to work with you to identify the best route for you to complete a Masters with them but it is important you know that you can transfer the credits to other Universities.

Q. How much does a 20 credit module cost for people who are not part of the partnership with afPE?

A. £150 this academic year.

Q. What awards are available from Edge Hill University through this partnership?

A. You can get an exit award of a Certificate of Professional Development which is a 'stand alone' level 6 award in its own right for completing one 20 credit module.

If you complete the two further work-based modules (at 20 credits each) you can be awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Education (at Masters Level).

A further 60 credits, taking your total to 120 credits, entitles you to the exit award of a Postgraduate Diploma in Education.

The final 60 credits that takes you to 180 credits and the award of an MA in Education is completed through a dissertation.

This progression pathway is shown in the diagram below:

Stage	Number of credits	Achieved by	Exit award	Cost
'Gateway' Module 1	20	'Gateway' module into M level study; school-based project/research evidenced by portfolio	20 Credits - Certificate of Professional Development	FREE
Module 2	20	School-based project/research evidenced by portfolio		FREE
Module 3	20	School-based Action Research project and written report	60 Credits - Postgraduate Certificate in Education (at Masters level)	FREE
Module 4	20	On-line module or attendance at taught sessions		£150 (this year)
Module 5	20	On-line module or attendance at taught sessions		£150 (this year)
Module 6 Research Methods	20	On-line module or Attendance at taught sessions	120 Credits - Postgraduate Diploma in Education	£150 (this year)
Module 7	60	Dissertation on work-based issue	180 Credits - MA Education	£450 (this year)