Why a GRADUATE DIPLOMA in PROFESSIONAL INQUIRY?

Our online, part-time Graduate Diploma in Professional Inquiry (GDPI) is designed for educators and other professionals who want to take their career to the next level. Consisting of only five online courses, the Graduate Diploma is an excellent way to try out online education while working towards a diploma. Should you decide to continue on after you finish the Graduate Diploma, you can take an extra five courses to earn a Professional Master in Education degree. Application to the PME is required. Queen's is unique in offering a diploma in professional inquiry, which is the intentional examination of your practices or programs in order to understand more about them, solve problems or effect change. In both public and private education sectors, inquiry is critical for informing teaching practice and student learning.

“The program is creative and one of a kind. Having inquiry skills is key nowadays, as the time of memorizing and repeating is gone. We expect students to search, explore, ask, share, and look at things from different perspectives, and therefore it’s important for us to have this skill and pass it on to the students. This program will help us do so, as inquiry is the backbone of the program.

For teachers confronted by cultural differences, it’s important to find ways to share new information and ideas on how to acknowledge these differences in the classroom.”

~Maha Al Makhamreh, GDPI alumna

Program STRUCTURE and CURRICULUM

The Graduate Diploma consists of 5 online courses - 3 required and 2 electives. Courses are approximately 36 hours online with your professor and 70-100 hours independently. Courses are 7 weeks in summer and 10 weeks in fall and winter.

Required Courses (Take 3)

- GDPI 801 Collaborative Inquiry - Understand and enact the foundational principles of collaborative learning in professional practice.
- GDPI 802 Program Inquiry and Evaluation - Learn to conduct systematic evaluative inquiry in support of data-informed program decision-making.

Elective Courses (Pick 2)

- GDPI 810 Integrated Planning, Instruction, and Assessment  Inquire into the interconnected structures of planning, instruction, and assessment through an understanding of curricular frameworks.
- GDPI 811 Innovation in Teaching and Learning  Develop a foundational understanding of innovation in the workplace grounded in exploration of historical, sociological, and philosophical contents and frameworks.
- GDPI 812 Organizational Learning  Examine theory, research and case-studies on organizations in public service sectors using professional inquiry approaches.
- GDPI 813 Knowledge Translation and Mobilization  Strengthen connections between research, policy and practice in public service sectors.
Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

• REQUIREMENTS: A baccalaureate degree from a recognized university; minimum B- graduating average or higher (70% graduating average or a ranking in the top third of the graduating class where number grades are not available). Under exceptional circumstances, consideration will be given to highly motivated individuals with relevant field experience who do not meet the B- requirement.


• DOCUMENTS: As part of the online application and application fee, applicants will be required to submit the following documents.
  • Statement of Interest Form (the link to this form is in the online application)
  • 2 sealed official transcripts from all universities attended (except Queen’s)
  • Current CV or resume

APPLICATION Process

Applications for admission to graduate programs are completed and submitted on the School of Graduate Studies website, including an online form and step-by-step instructions for setting up your account.

The School of Graduate Studies requires a minimum of two academic references from your current and/or previous instructors and/or professors familiar with your academic/research potential. Professional references from employers in a senior role to your own, in lieu of academic references, are accepted only if it has been more than 5 years since you completed your most recent university degree.

Referees are notified that you want them to provide a reference for you by email after you have submitted your online application, so please submit your application at least two weeks before the application deadline and be sure to include the correct email addresses of your referees on your online application. Applications will not be deemed complete and will not be reviewed by the admissions committee until all listed references are received.

For more information about the Graduate Diploma in Professional Inquiry - Education, interested students are encouraged to contact:

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