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.

Program STRUCTURE

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

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

Elective COURSES (Pick 2)

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

“...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
Application FAQs

What do I need to know to APPLY?

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- A baccalaureate degree from a recognized university
- Graduation with a 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
- Applicants whose native languages do not include English must obtain a minimum English language requirement of 580 or higher on the paper-based TOEFL exam; 237 Computer-based; 88 on the TOEFL iBT test or IELTS Band 7 or higher.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
- As part of the online application and application fee, applicants will be required to submit official transcripts from all universities attended (except Queen's), and 2 academic references.

KEY DATES & DEADLINES
- January 2019 (Application deadline: October 17, 2018)
- July 2019 (Application deadline: May 15, 2019)
- September 2019 (Application deadline: July 31, 2019)

APPLICATION Process
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.

The online application form includes two spaces for reference contact information.

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.

In addition to the online application and application fee, applicants are required to submit official transcripts (envelopes from the institution cannot be opened) from all universities you have attended except for Queen's.

If you have questions, please contact the Graduate Studies & Research Office.

What about FEES?
There is a non-refundable application fee of $105.00 payable to the School of Graduate Studies. There are no registration fees, as students pay per course. Canadian students pay $1393.02 per course, and international students pay $2,646.35 per course. All fees are in Canadian dollars and are subject to change. Fees may be waived for Queen's employees.