



Programme Advising

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Quality Assurance in Higher Education

**ACADEMIC YEAR
2025/2026**

Cohort starting January 2026

Online Programmes Delivery Department (OPDD)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO GUIDE COURSE SELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Kindly review this document at the start of each semester for any adjustments to the schedule.

New Students: Students who enrolled as of Academic Year 2025/2026 must follow the prescribed course of study and sequence given for their programme.

Advice for Managing Course Load: For the working adult, we recommend a maximum of two courses per semester and (1) course in summer (Part-time Status). University Regulation governing Full-Time status for Graduate Students: Full-time students may take employment for not more than twelve hours per week without losing their full-time status otherwise they shall be registered as part-time. However, research students who hold Teaching or Research Assistantships in the area of their research programmes may be registered as full-time students, provided that their employment commitment does not exceed twenty hours per week. *[Board of Graduate Studies and Research (BGSR) Regulations, August 2018, #1.46]*

Plan wisely to suit your particular situation so you may perform at your full potential. Do not jeopardize your long-term goals by being unrealistic about what you can handle.

IMPORTANT NOTE for New Students

Induction Course: It is mandatory that all students participate in the Graduate Introduction to Online Learning course (OOL6001) and complete this by the end of their first semester. You can review the information about this course on the Website. If you are re-entering the programme and have completed this course already, you will not need to redo the course once done within 5 years of your re-entry.

Technology Requirement: Students will need to have access to a computer with Internet access.

The Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Quality Assurance in Higher Education is a new programme to be delivered by the Global Campus. It is designed to address the urgent and growing need for trained professionals capable of supporting and managing quality assurance processes within higher education institutions across the Caribbean and wider world. The design of this diploma builds on the professional development programme created by The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), which is a worldwide association involved in the theory and practice of quality assurance in Higher Education.

This Postgraduate Diploma comprises twenty-four (24) credits (8 courses at 3 credits each) and can be completed in sixteen months on a part-time basis, across four teaching periods. The programme will be delivered fully online, enabling participants to continue working in their current posts while undertaking the diploma.

The Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Quality Assurance in Higher Education operates under a semester system.

- Semester 1 and 2 each have thirteen (13) weeks of instruction.
- Each Summer session has seven (7) weeks of instruction.

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Y E A R 1 - 2025/2026					
COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	CREDITS	SEMESTER	COURSE TYPE	PRE-REQUISITES & TIPS
OOL6001	Graduate Introduction to Online Learning	0	2	Core	This is a mandatory course. You MUST register and complete by the end of your first semester.
EDQA6501	Higher Education in a Global World I	3	2	Core	None
EDQA6505	External Quality Assurance I	3	2	Core	None
EDQA6502	Higher Education in a Global World II	3	Summer	Core	EDQA6501
EDQA6506	External Quality Assurance II	3	Summer	Core	EDQA6505
Y E A R 2 - 2026/2027					
EDQA6503	Operating an External Quality Agency I	3	1	Core	None
EDQA6507	Maintaining Quality within the Institution I	3	1	Core	None
EDQA6504	Operating an External Quality Agency II	3	2	Core	EDQA6503
EDQA6508	Maintaining Quality within the Institution II	3	2	Core	EDQA6507

Note the following regarding the start of the delivery periods:

Semester 2, 2025/6 - Start of Teaching - February 2, 2026

Summer 2025/26 - May 2026

Semester 1, 2026/27 - September 2026

Semester 2, 2026/27 - January 2027

Review the Academic Calendar using the following [LINK](#)

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