

QUALITY AND STANDARDS: the Challenge of the Professional Doctorate

Background

- ✿ Growth in numbers of research students
- ✿ Changes in disciplines
- ✿ Increase in part-time and workplace-based programmes
- ✿ Emerging Professions

Motivation

- ✿ New Markets
- ✿ Links with stakeholders
- ✿ Links with particular professions
- ✿ Prestige
- ✿ Income

What is the professional doctorate?



- ✿ Structure
- ✿ Delivery
- ✿ Content
- ✿ Character
- ✿ Assessment

Quality: Policy issues

- ✿ Quality Assurance Agency (UK)
- ✿ The Dublin Descriptors

KEY FEATURES:

- ✿ Research
 - additional knowledge
 - project management
 - criticality
 - employment
 - communications

Quality: Practical issues

- ✿ Recruitment
- ✿ Student support
- ✿ Content
- ✿ Structure
- ✿ Research methods
- ✿ Motivation
- ✿ Outside pressures

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