

APR - Professional Doctorate (ProfDoc) Students

Professional Doctorate students do not complete APR during the taught phase of the degree.

Full-time students in Stage 2 of the Professional Doctorate shall demonstrate satisfactory progress by month 33 (month 9 of year 3) of their Professional Doctorate by submission of an 'Annual Review and Progression Form' accompanied by an oral presentation to the independent assessors.

Full Time ProfDoc	Month of Study	Part Time Students	Month of Study
Year 1	-	Year 1	-
Year 2	-	Year 2	-
Year 3 (APR & Progression)	33	Year 3	-
Year 4	42	Year 4	-
		Year 5 (APR & Progression)	57
		Year 6	69
		Year 7	81
		Year 8	90

Indicative Word Counts

Students should submit written work, of at least the anticipated word counts below, at each stage of the Annual Progress Review. Where word counts are significantly below the guides given here, students should provide an outline of the work that they have undertaken.

Full-time ProfDoc	Written Work – Guide for Anticipated Word Count (no upper limit)	
Year 3	Professional Doctorate Sciences	15,050 - 18,750
	Professional Doctorate Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	24,000 - 30,000
Year 4	Professional Doctorate Sciences	20,000 - 25,000
	Professional Doctorate Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	32,000 - 40,000
Part-time ProfDoc	Written Work – Guide for Anticipated Word Count	
Year 5	Professional Doctorate Sciences	12,400 - 15,500
	Professional Doctorate Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	19,840 - 24,800
Year 6	Professional Doctorate Sciences	15,050 - 18,750
	Professional Doctorate Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	24,000 - 30,000
Year 7	Professional Doctorate Sciences	17,400 - 21,750
	Professional Doctorate Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	27,840 - 34,800
Year 8	Professional Doctorate Sciences	20,000 - 25,000
	Professional Doctorate Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	32,000 - 40,000

(Where Professional Doctorate Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities = Professional Doctorate in Counselling Psychology, Professional Doctorate in Education and Professional Doctorate in Health and Wellbeing)

APR Activities

Full-time ProfDoc	Suggested Activities
Year 3	APR and Progression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit APR Progress Report • Evidence that the draft thesis is in progress– e.g. draft of the most recent chapter. • 10-minute (maximum) presentation of research programme to assessors and discussion. • Commentary on work against the proposed thesis structure • Statement of anticipated contribution to knowledge • An indicative references/bibliography • Statement of how the work will meet the Learning Outcomes for the award sought.
Year 4	APR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit APR Progress Report • Full draft of thesis • Statement of how any comments/ suggested amendments from the previous year's Q&A have been addressed.

Part-time ProfDoc	Suggested Activities
Year 5	APR and Progression <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit APR Progress Report • Evidence that the draft thesis is in progress– e.g. draft of the most recent chapter. • Presentation of research programme to assessors • Commentary on work against the proposed thesis structure • Statement of contribution to knowledge • Bibliography • Statement of how the work will meet the Learning Outcomes for the award sought.
Year 6	APR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit APR Progress Report • Evidence that the draft thesis is in progress– e.g. draft of the most recent chapter. • 20 minutes of questions and answers in the style of a mock viva against the submitted written work. • Commentary on work against the proposed thesis structure
Year 7 If appropriate	APR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit APR Progress Report • Evidence of draft thesis. • Evidence that the draft thesis is in progress– e.g. draft of the most recent chapter. • Statement of how any comments/ suggested amendments from the previous year's Q&A have been addressed. • 10-minute presentation of research programme to assessors with discussion
Year 8 If appropriate	APR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit APR Progress Report • Full draft of thesis • If available following viva, corrections & statement on progress against corrections