

Interview Guide

2021 Post Graduate Diploma in Emergency Care (PGDIP EC) RPL Cohort

Introductory Questions

- a) Can we record this session? (recording to start prior to obtaining verbal consent)
- b) Do you understand your rights as a research participant with regards to confidentiality, anonymity, and withdrawal from the study?
- c) Please confirm you have read the consent form and are comfortable with all components thereof.
- d) Are you comfortable with the limits to confidentiality?
- e) Do you have any questions before we begin?

Application and RPL

1. What sparked your interest in applying for the PGDIP EC?

Reflecting on the RPL process you completed for access to the PGDIP EC programme.

2. What was your experience of the RPL portfolio?
3. Do you feel the RPL portfolio sufficiently portrayed you as an experienced person?

PGDIP EC course

Reflecting on the programme during 2021:

4. How did you find the online learning component compared to in-person/classroom teaching?
5. How did you experience the interdisciplinary classroom and being in a group with students who held degrees (non-RPL)?
6. Did you experience any challenges during the course, and if yes what were the challenges?
7. How did you deal with these challenges (in question 6)?
8. During the course, did you feel like you managed to keep up with the course workload (unless mentioned in question 6)?
9. How did studying at a university differ from your previous course/vocational training?
10. Did your previous studies prepare you for this course, and if so, how?
11. What, or who were your sources of support during the PG DIP EC?

Post PGDIP EC reflection

12. When you think back at the year of studying, what comes to mind first?
13. How has the PGDIP EC changed how you work/your current work?
14. Has the course influenced your views on learning or future learning?
15. Do you have suggestions for improvement of the RPL process?
16. If you could redo the course and make changes to your approach, what would you change?
17. Would you recommend this programme to others, and if so/if not – why?
18. Where to from PGDIP EC – what are your plans for your educational journey?

Thank you for your time and assistance, do you have any last comments or questions?