

DOCTOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (DSOCSC)

Programme Learning Outcomes

Programme Learning Outcomes for DSocSc (NFQ Level 10, Major Award)

On successful completion of this programme students should be able to:

- Critically evaluate the role of social research and evaluation in society, and identify and formulate research 'problems';
- Apply theoretical and conceptual debates in the social sciences to the analysis of social issues and research;
- Critically analyse social policy debates and processes in the context of participants' own work practices/organisation;
- Design and execute a substantive piece of social research as an autonomous researcher;
- Select and apply appropriate social research methodologies in addressing research problems;
- Effectively communicate research findings in both written and oral formats to a range of different audiences;
- Develop intellectual/professional leadership through the use of research as a method of developing organisations.