



....EXPERIENCES OF UNDERTAKING AN
MASTERS IN CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION

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BACKGROUND



- The Conductive College and Birmingham City University
- MA in Conductive Education and MA in Special Education
- <https://conductive-education.org.uk/training/post-graduate-and-masters-training/>



WHY????

- Often asked...
- Initial 'toe in the water' with Practice Tutor Module
- The opportunity was there....
- Wanted CPD in CE for as long as I can remember!
- Can do at my own pace, fit around work
- No good time to start
- Say yes, then work out how!



MY MODULES

- The transformative special needs teacher (run by Conductive College)
- Master's Level Research (run by BCU)
- Dynamic Model of Supervision in Special Education (run by Conductive College)
- Dissertation – in your own chosen topic relating to CE (supervised by Conductive College staff)



PRACTICE TUTOR MODULE

- 1st module
- Prerequisite for our centre to host and support CE students in their training.
- Meet and spend time with others in similar roles and reflect on working lives
- Re-examined our CE practice in the setting (through the eyes of the students)
- Even without the students was extremely useful professional development for Lead Conductor
- Recommend even if don't have CE students in setting



THE TRANSFORMATIVE PEDAGOGUE

- What was it about?
- A chance to re-examine the theoretical backdrop of Conductive Education
- Looked at much wider, modern social and educational paradigms
- Gave a great depth to the understanding of CE in a modern academic sense
- Very beneficial for articulating CE to others in different fields, roles etc.. In a more current and accessible way.



RESEARCH METHODS IN EDUCATION

- Was dreading this one!
- Was difficult as is a complex area
- Gain updated understanding of the complexity of modern educational research (again lots has changed since training)
- Now know how many options we could make use of in researching CE now that allow for the complexity and depth of CE to be examined
- The assignment is essentially your research proposal for dissertation.

- and the dissertation now awaits....!



WHAT HAVE I GAINED?

- More than 'just' the qualifications
- Given myself time for MY CPD
- Such deep exploration and furthering understanding
- Step back and observe differently
- Step back and self-reflect differently
- New, updated and different ways to articulate CE
- Don't have to do it all but can't recommend strongly enough to do at least one!!

