

Professors of practice

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About:

- No formal educational qualification such as a PhD is needed to apply for a position.
- To be eligible for appointment, an individual will have to be a “distinguished expert” who has “made remarkable contributions in their professions”, and has at least 15 years of service or experience.
- The idea is to bring practical experience into classroom teaching.
- It is open to the institutions themselves to decide the sector from which they want to rope in professionals.
- A professor of practice can be anyone with a background in a diverse range of areas from technology, science, social sciences, media, literature, armed forces, law, fine arts, etc.
- However, the position is not open for those in the teaching profession — either serving or retired.
- Currently, under the UGC’s minimum qualifications for appointment of teachers and other academic staff, an individual needs a PhD to be recruited as a professor or associate professor, and also needs to have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET).
- It can be either a full-time or a part-time engagement for at least four years. Initially, the hiring will be for one year. Based on performance, extensions may be given.
- The remuneration will be decided at the level of the institutes and the experts being hired.

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