



Masters in Career Guidance and Development Incorporating Qualification in Career Development (QCD)

Who is the course suitable for?

The programme is aimed at UK and overseas practitioners who are interested in working in a career development occupation. It has been designed to prepare learners for a range of professional careers within the career development sector and has been aligned with the professional role descriptors set out in the European Competence Standards for the Academic Training of Career Practitioners.

The programme is therefore suitable for any person wishing to operate as a specialist in any of the following roles in the full range of settings where career development activities take place:

- Career guidance practitioners
- HE Career consultants
- Career educators
- Career leaders
- Career coach or counsellor
- Programme or service managers
- Researchers

What will you learn?

The programme will be designed to develop the professional and academic skills and knowledge that are required for professional careers practice and masters level study.

The course provides students with the opportunities to develop evidence for accreditation for the Qualification in Career Development.

The programme is based with the International Center for Guidance Studies (iCeGS) and allows students the unique opportunity to engage with iCeGS work and expertise

At the end of the programme students will:

- be able to deliver effective personal career guidance/ career coaching sessions;
- deliver effective groupwork sessions focused on career learning;

- be reflective career guidance professionals;
- enable clients and others to access and act upon appropriate information about local and national educational and career opportunities;
- have an underpinning knowledge of career theory which will allow them to innovate and adapt their practice to new contexts;
- have an awareness of relevant public policy and how it impacts on career development practice;
- have the capability to plan, deliver, provide and develop careers provision within organizations;
- have the necessary research and information-handling skills for postgraduate study and professional practice; and

How much does it cost?

The cost for the full-time programme for UK residents for the academic year 2025/26 will be £ £9,720¹ for the full course. The fee includes

- student membership fee for the CDI
- the CDI fee for moderation of the student's portfolio

Find out more



How is the programme taught?

- The programme is taught by staff from iCeGS who are all experts in their fields.
- The programme is offered on a full-time and part-time basis, one of two years depending
- It is delivered through a blended learning approach
- There will be 30 days of work placement
- The taught elements of the programme will take place on Saturdays at Derby University
- Students will have regular support from a personal tutor.

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¹ please check the university's website to confirm this as fees are subject to change.