

DCU INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Programme Regulations 2021-2022

Programme Title Graduate Diploma in Guidance Counselling

Programme Code GDGCO

Offered on a full-time or part-time basis Part Time

Note: *Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with Marks and Standards which can be found at <https://www.dcu.ie/ovpaa/Policies-and-Regulations.shtml>*

1. Programme Specific Rules and Requirements

1.1 Modules and credit weightings

The precision mark is normally defined as the overall weighted average for the first full presentation of marks. Modules are normally weighted proportionately according to their credit value. As there are exceptions on this programme, listed below are the proportional weightings in percentage terms of every module for the calculation of the precision mark.

<i>Module Code</i>	<i>Module Title</i>	<i>Module Weighting</i>	<i>Module Percentage</i>
HDO520	Foundation Skills in Guidance Counselling	200	8.7%
HDO521	Counselling approaches in a Guidance Context	100	4.3%
HDO526	ICT and Guidance	200	8.7%
HDO522	Human Development across the Lifespan	100	4.3%
HDO583	Theory and Skills of Experiential Group Processes and Behaviour	200	8.7%

¹ Where extenuating circumstances are to be taken into account, these must have been submitted by the student in line with normal procedure.

HDO5240	Career Development – Theory, Practice, Research and Policy	300	13%
HDO5280	Guidance Counselling Practice Placement	600	26.1%

1.2 *Monitored Attendance*

Students must attend 85% of lectures in each module.

The following skills modules have a 100% attendance requirement.

<i>Module Code</i>	<i>Module Title</i>
HDO520	Foundation Skills in Guidance Counselling
HDO526	ICT and Guidance
HDO5240	Career Development – Theory, Practice, Research and Policy
HDO5280	Guidance Counselling Placement Practice
HDO583	Theory and Skills of Experiential Group Processes and Behaviour

Students can be withdrawn from the programme for serious breach of Behaviour [Ref.: Sec. 41 Teaching Council Act 2001]

Requirements pertaining to Guidance Counselling Placement Practice

Students must maintain a placement in order to remain on the programme [Ref.: Teaching Council]

All students must complete a minimum of 130 hours of placement practice in a centre(s) approved by the Programme Board under the mentorship of a qualified guidance counsellor [Ref.: Teaching Council]

2. **Derogations from Marks and Standards**

Marks and Standards apply.

3. **Progression**

3.1 *Credits for Progression*

Students must successfully complete all modules in Year 1 in order to progress to Year 2.

3.2 *Carrying modules into the next academic session*

Under exceptional circumstances¹, and subject to the approval of the Progression and Award Board, students may be permitted to progress to the next year of study carrying deferred or failed modules.

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4. Compensation

Marks and Standards apply.

5. Resit Categories

The resit categories of modules on this programme and an explanation of those categories can be found at:

https://www101.dcu.ie/registry/module_contents.php?function=4&programme=GDGCO&yr=22

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