



DCU INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Programme Regulations 2022-2023

Programme Title MSc in Guidance Counselling

Programme Code MSGC

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 Calculation for the Award Classification

None Specified

1.2 Modules and credit weightings

None Specified

1.3 Monitored Attendance

Students must attend 85% of lectures in each module.

<i>Module Code</i>	<i>Module Title</i>
HD520	Foundation Skills in Guidance Counselling
HD524	Guidance & The Digital World
HD5240	Career Development – Theory, Practice, Research and Policy
HD5280	Guidance Counselling Placement Practice
HD583	Theory and Skills of Experiential Group Processes and Behaviour

Students can be withdrawn from the programme for serious breach of behavior [Ref.: Sec. 41 Teaching Council Act 2001]

Requirements pertaining to Guidance Counselling Placement Practice

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.: Department of Education PRF / Teaching Council]

1.4 *Module Calculation*

None Specified

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.

3.3 *Exit Awards*

Having successfully completed 60 ECTS credits of taught elements, students may choose to exit from the programme with a Graduate Diploma in Guidance Counselling.

Where a student requests to exit a programme with a lesser award the following precision rules apply. Core modules are included in the calculation of the precision mark. When a student has completed more ECTS credits than needed for the award, any remaining credits required for the calculation of the precision mark will be selected from the remaining modules taken, using the best marks obtained. All marks used in the calculation of the precision mark will be the marks obtained at first attempt.

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=MSGC&yr=23.