

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

**Programme Regulations 2016-2017**

**Programme Title:** MSc in Guidance Counselling

**Programme Code** MSGC

**Offered on a full-time or part-time basis** Part Time (02)

**Note:** Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with Marks and Standards which can be found at <http://www.dcu.ie/registry/examinations/index.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.

Year 1 2015-2016

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Module Weighting</b>	<b>Module percentage contribution</b>
ES520	Foundation Skills in Guidance Counselling	200	8.7%
ES521	Counselling and Psychotherapy Theory	100	4.3%
ES526	eLearning Applications in Guidance Counselling	200	8.7%
ES522	Human Development across the Lifespan	100	4.3%

Year 2 2016-2017

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>	<b>Module Weighting</b>	<b>Module percentage contribution</b>
ES5280	Guidance Counselling Practice Placement	600	26.1%

ES5240	Career Development – Theory, Practice, Research and Policy	300	13%
ES583	Theory and Skills of Experiential Group Processes and Behaviour	200	8.7%
ES529	Research Dissertation	600	26.1%

## 1.2 *Monitored Attendance*

Students must attend 85% of lectures in each module.

The following skill modules have a 100% attendance requirement.

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>
ES520	Foundation Skills in Guidance Counselling
ES526	eLearning Applications in Guidance Counselling
ES5240	Career Development – Theory, Practice, Research and Policy
ES5280	Guidance Counselling Placement Practice
ES583	Theory and Skills of Experiential Group Processes and Behaviour

1.3 Students can be withdrawn from the programme for serious breach of Behaviour [Ref.: Sec. 41 Teaching Council Act 2001]

## 1.4 *Requirements pertaining to Guidance Counselling Placement Practice*

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

1.4.2 All students must complete a minimum of 100 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 circumstances<sup>1</sup>, 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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<sup>1</sup> Where extenuating circumstances are to be taken into account, these must have been submitted by the student in line with normal procedure.

### 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 resits offered for the August examinations diet vary depending on the module to be re-taken. The following is an explanation of the resit categories. All modules except those specified below fall into category 1.

**Resit category 1:** A resit is available for all components of the module.

**Resit category 2:** No resit is available where the module is 100% assessed by Continuous Assessment.

<b>Module Code</b>	<b>Module Title</b>
ES529	Research Dissertation

**Resit category 3:** No resit is available for the continuous assessment component and the examination must be re-taken.