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"I am currently working at Glyndwr University, Wrexham as a Work Experience Officer for GO Wales, Graduate Opportunities Wales. My job involves employer engagement and I have made over 400 business interventions, placing over 100 Welsh graduates in paid work experience projects, 70% of whom were subsequently taken on by the company.

To progress in my own career I wanted a postgraduate professional qualification that looked at the management of student work experience and was delighted to find this unique course offered by the University of Warwick in partnership with NASES (National Association of Student Work Experience). It fits in nicely with my work and family commitments – I have two children under ten. The course is a mixture of distance learning and residential modules. Assignments are based on practical issues in my workplace and I have been able to plan ahead and get through the work and reading required prior to writing and submitting assignments; there is also a great online forum group for support and tutor advice.

I managed to secure funding through Glyndwr University's CPSD programme and a NASES bursary and hope to follow the course through to Masters Level and be one of the first in the UK to hold this qualification."

The Career Studies Unit (CSU) is based in the Centre for Lifelong Learning at Warwick. This unique Unit is devoted to postgraduate teaching and scholarship in the exciting transdisciplinary field of career studies. A particular feature of our approach is a strong focus on the interaction of theory and practice in career development and work-related learning. CSU has been involved in teaching postgraduate courses for many years and all programmes are offered in association with professional bodies: the National Association of Student Employment Services (NASES), the National Council for Work Experience (NCWE), and the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS).

Postgraduate teaching is currently offered in two related fields: career development work in higher education, and the management of student work experience. Within each of these areas, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and MA course options are available.

The courses are designed to develop a creative and reflective practitioner stance towards the support of career development and work-related learning by drawing from experiential and constructivist perspectives.

## TAUGHT COURSES

MA/POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE IN CAREER EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

MA/POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE MANAGEMENT OF STUDENT WORK EXPERIENCE

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## TAUGHT COURSES

### MA/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE IN CAREER EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION (CEIGHE)<sup>o</sup>

**Standard Duration: Up to 6 years part-time**

This programme is offered part-time via a blend of distance learning and attendance-based teaching. Registration on the MA can last up to 6 years. The Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma and MA are all offered in partnership with the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS). The programme consists of a number of core and optional modules which may be taken flexibly in order to suit role or current interests.

The courses are appropriate for many roles connected with higher education career development work, including career counselling/coaching, career information provision, employer liaison, employability, personal development, career-related teaching, managing and marketing.

### MA/DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF STUDENT WORK EXPERIENCE (MSWE)

**Standard Duration: up to 6 years part-time**

This programme is offered part-time via a blend of distance learning and attendance-based teaching. Registration for the MA can last up to 6 years. The Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma and MA are all offered in partnership with the National Association of Student Employment Services (NASES) and are suitable for all those working in the field of student work experience. This includes staff involved in work-related learning, work-based learning, student job shops, volunteering or placement work in universities, colleges, schools or the workplace. The programme consists of a number of core and optional modules which may be taken flexibly in order to suit role or current interests.

# CAREER STUDIES UNIT

[www.warwick.ac.uk/go/careerstudies](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/careerstudies)

## **APPLICATION FACT FILE (CAREER STUDIES UNIT)**

### **Entry Requirements**

**CEIGHE:** Applicants must be working in a career development support role within Higher Education. The usual academic entry requirement is a good degree in any discipline. Applicants with alternative qualifications and relevant experience are welcome to discuss these with the Course Director. Entry to the MA can take place directly or via completion of the PG Diploma modules.

**MSWE:** Applicants must be working in roles related to the support of student work experience. The standard academic entry requirement is a good degree in any discipline. Applicants with alternative qualifications and relevant experience are welcome to discuss these with the Course Director.

### **Application**

Applications should be made online at [www.warwick.ac.uk/go/careerstudies](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/go/careerstudies)

### **Tuition Fees**

(2011/12 fees. Please note fees for 2012/13 will be published online in spring 2012.)

£550 per 20 credit module (pro rata per module).

### **Funding**

Some bursaries are available via NASES and AGCAS.