



PG Cert International Student Advice and Support

The Postgraduate Certificate International Student Advice and Support addresses the needs of a range of professionals whose roles involve the recruitment and personal, academic and professional support of international students.

The UK Council for International Students Affairs (UKCISA) has chosen The University of Nottingham's School of Education, with its expertise in counselling and international education, as their preferred institution to deliver this innovative qualification for professionals working in the sector.

This programme will address the central issues facing international student advisers in their day-to-day working lives and will enable them to interpret changing political, social and legal frameworks. It will also develop their understanding of the cultural and psycho-social aspects involved in offering advice and support to international students.

This programme is ideal for you if you are working (or are aiming to secure a role) in student support services or international offices in the independent sector (eg English Language schools, public schools etc), higher education or further education.





PG Cert International Student Support and Advice (ISAS)

Course content and structure

The aims of the programme are to:

- provide a challenging and professionally worthwhile academic course in international student advice and support for postgraduate students from a range of educational contexts
- provide an experiential learning environment that supports students in developing an understanding of theory and practice in international student advice and support, and key issues involved in managing a complex, dynamic educational, legal and political framework
- promote learning and self-awareness through reflection on direct experience of roles, relationships and responsibilities in an experiential laboratory setting
- provide an environment which encourages an appreciation of professional issues in working with international students, colleagues and external agencies, such as ethics, boundaries, confidentiality, referral and legal issues

The PG Cert International Student Support and Advice starts in November and can be completed over one year part-time.

Each module is delivered in a 2.5 day intensive block (generally from Friday afternoon to Sunday; 4 hours on Friday; 7 hours on Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday = 15 hours).

The course comprises four 15-credit modules totalling 60 credits. Typical modules include:

- Cross-Cultural Aspects of Advice and Support
- Advice-Giving and Client Care
- Ethical and Legal Frameworks and the Role of the International Student Adviser
- Managing Complexity: Enhancing Student Adviser's Influence and Impact

Progression can be made to a School of Education masters programme by transferring the 60 credits gained from this award upon successful completion.

Assessment

Each 15-credit module is assessed by a written assignment of 3,000 words or equivalent.

Entry requirements

You would normally be expected to hold an honours degree at 2:2 or above, or its international equivalent. Applicants with qualifications other than a first degree who have an approved professional qualification, or those with non-standard applications, will be considered on an individual basis.

If English is not your first language, you must achieve an overall score on the IELTS test of at least 6.5, with no less than 6.0 in each element.

Fees and funding

Up-to-date fees information and advice on funding opportunities can be found at: www.nottingham.ac.uk/fees/tuitionfees

International applicants can find out about a range of funding opportunities at: www.nottingham.ac.uk/internationalstudents

How to apply

You can apply online at: www.nottingham.ac.uk/pgstudy/apply

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