

Module code	CSE	NQF level	4
Credit value	30	Study duration	14 weeks

Core Skills and Employability

This module aims to:

- Identify the core skills currently in demand in the global labour market
- Explain how the development of core skills enhances employability
- Provide students with the opportunity to conduct a self-assessment of their core skills and employability
- Engage students in the development of a range of core skills to support their learning and assessment in other modules as well as their long term employability
- Engage students in the development of a self-marketing strategy, in preparation for the graduate recruitment process

Learning outcomes

On completion of this module, students will be able to:

- analyse the global labour market to identify core skills currently in demand
- describe how core skills contribute to the development of their own employability
- evaluate their current core skills level
- plan to develop their core skills in response to labour market demands
- provide evidence to demonstrate how their core skills have improved over the course of the module
- understand the graduate recruitment process
- implement a self-marketing strategy
- prepare students for the interview process

Syllabus

- Defining employability
- What are the critical core skills?
- Communicating for success
- Numerical confidence
- Problem solving skills
- Negotiation skills
- Developing as a team member
- Effective self management
- Personal branding
- Building your personal brand
- Setting your graduate career objectives
- Drafting your professional development plan
- Assessing your own employability
- Designing and developing a professional development plan

Learning and teaching methods

The learning and teaching methods for the module follow the intended online delivery strategy for the programme as a whole. The module will be delivered through the provision of specified reading materials on the virtual learning platform, which shall be supported by specified discussion forums and lecturecasts, and tutor support will be available to students via phone, email, and a fortnightly synchronous question and answer (Q&A) session.

Description of unit of assessment	Length/Duration	Submission date	Weighting
Discussion contribution	2 weeks	End of Unit 2,3 and 7	15%
2 regular assignments	1,000-2,000 words	End of Unit 6 and Unit 10	40%
Final personal development plan / End of module project		End of Unit 14	30%
Journal entries	300-500 words	Bi-weekly submission	15%