F77PD Professional Development Planning

**COURSE DETAILS**

**Course Code:** F77PD  
**Full Course Title:** Professional Development Planning  
**SCQF Level:** 7  
**SCAF Credits:** 15  
**Available as Elective:** No

**DELIVERY LEVEL**

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**Additional Information:**

**COURSE AIMS**

The aims of this module are:

- to introduce students to actuarial, statistical, and financial mathematics professions  
- to build awareness of the purpose and usefulness of a qualification in actuarial science, financial mathematics, or statistics  
- to improve career planning and employability.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – SUBJECT MASTERY**

After completing this module, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate awareness of the role of actuaries, financial mathematicians, and statisticians in society  
- Understand importance of statutory appointments  
- Be aware of different employers, and how career paths within different types of organisations may vary  
- Differentiate between the types of work performed by actuaries in different practice area  
- Discuss issues currently of professional interest to actuaries, financial mathematicians, and statisticians  
- Understand the path required to obtain an actuarial qualification and the need for continuous professional development thereafter  
- Understand the role of professional bodies such as the Royal Statistical Society, Faculty of Actuaries, etc.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES – PERSONAL ABILITIES**

After completing this module, students should be able to:

- Work effectively as a team member  
- Develop better communication and presentation skills  
- Understand the concept of commercial awareness, and the need to keep abreast of current issues  
- Demonstrate a developing professional awareness and knowledge of the graduate labour market  
- Review own progress to date and develop a plan to address future development needs
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SYLLABUS

- Graduates as problem-solvers
- Actuarial and financial employers
- Career paths in actuarial science, financial mathematics, and statistics
- Current Issues
- Actuarial education – before and after qualification (Continuous Professional Development)
- Graduate employment
- Individual action plans (Professional Development Planning)
- Introduction to Excel

COURSE RELATIONSHIPS

N/A

LOCATION AND ASSESSMENT METHODS

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