

PROSPECTUS

UNIQUE & BESPOKE PGCERT IN LEADERSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES

ONLINE PROGRAMME WITH 1-1 TUTORING AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT

INTRODUCTION

Develop proficiency and a practical leadership framework to create value and add skills for your future pathway. The Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership (PGCERT) has been developed specifically for professional athletes by our Head of Education Carole Davies and her academy team and is a qualification unique to FUTURESMART. It makes it the perfect entry point to a Master's degree for athletes without undergraduate qualifications. The PGCERT is a very valuable starting point to develop your critical, analytical, management, communication, problem solving and writing skills needed at Masters level.

It will teach you the academic skills required at post-graduate level, and is centred on the subject of leadership, with which you will already have been involved, and have formed opinions of, over the years in professional sport. On completion of the PGCERT you will feel more comfortable working at post-graduate level, which will set you up to succeed in the next programme.

The rewards from undertaking this programme are many. You will develop a clearer understanding of your attributes and have an appreciation of, and preparation for, future career pathways. Athletes undertaking something different outside their sport have shown improved mental well-being, and often improved performance in their sport itself.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF OUR UNIQUE PROGRAMME COMPARED WITH OTHER PGCERT PROGRAMMES

Our bespoke service allows you to achieve the programme at a pace that suits your present career commitments and ambitions.

You will be supported by one of our Professional and Personal Tutors within every aspect of the course and throughout the entire programme. We are here to answer any questions and make sure you successfully complete the programme.

Our PGCERT is the most cost-effective programme in the UK, matching all required particulars including THE recognised Postgraduate Certificate in Leadership.

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If you'd wish to continue with a MSc in Strategic Business Management at the University of Law, our PGCERT can contribute up to a third of the credits required. This entails you to complete just the modules on the programme and being exempt from the dissertation (60 credits to the 180 needed).

It will also allow you to access Post-graduate study without the need for undertaking an under-graduate programme saving you time and money.

ON COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE, YOU WILL HAVE

An invaluable asset in your PERSONAL PORTFOLIO, we will accumulate skills required at post-graduate level and be able to present this to the University as a means of non-standard entry to the programme of your choice at Master's level.

With our PGCERT in Leadership you will be able to access professional qualifications.

You will accumulate skills required at post-graduate level

You will identify the importance of leadership and be able to influence at a personal, team, organisational, and external level

Effectively lead in a evolving and volatile world of climate, economic, and social disruption

You will have developed your own leadership action plan incorporating innovation and entrepreneurship for organisational transformation on the subject you chose

WHY THIS PROGRAMME WILL SUITE YOUR FUTURE PATHWAY

This course is designed to develop and improve the leadership skills of professional athletes and ex-athletes, in any setting. You will benefit from building greater self-confidence, understanding your transferable skills and their ability to lead. You will analyse your own leadership style, and will explore ways in which you can gain visibility as an effective leader by learning to boost team performance through team alignment, influence and unity. A valuable and proven programme in preparation for the next career step.

This course is certified by the QUALIFI. QUALIFI is recognised as an Awarding Organisation (AO) by the qualification regulators in the UK. The regulators are the Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator (Ofqual) in England.

The course has an estimated 180 – 200 hours of learning which through our supported programme is reduced to a workable programme wrapped around the needs of the individual client.

COURSE CURRICULUM

Discover new strategies for leadership as you follow your learning path through the modules of our programme:

ORIENTATION MODULE:

Welcome to your team and online campus VLE

MODULE 1

Recognising the high impact of leadership and its importance. Explore the concept of leadership and its role in developing individuals, businesses, and society as a whole.

MODULE 2

Designing a research project on leadership as a way of developing perspective and understanding into the issues of leadership and related challenges through research and analysing data. Helping you to develop an understanding of the different contexts in which leadership is required, and discover the challenges affecting leadership in these spheres.

MODULE 3

Collecting and analysing the data from the designed project and communicating your discovered ideas through presentation to your peer group. Rewiring this experience through reflective practice models in order to discover perspectives on how to understand the impact leadership has had on your personal professional development

YOUR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL TEAM

We believe in providing a personalised and bespoke approach to your education that ensures you're supported throughout your learning journey.

PERSONAL TUTOR

Your one-on-one support available for any questions and guiding you through the modules and content-related programme challenges.

PERSONAL SUCCESS MANAGER

Supporting you and your Personal Tutor with course work and resolving administrative challenges.

VLE SUPPORT

Available 24/7 to solve your tech-related and administrative queries about our online campus.

PROGRAMME INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: Anytime

STARTING DATE: Anytime

LENGTH: Approximately 12 weeks not longer than 40 weeks – duration of academic year
Length of programme depending on athlete's present career commitments.

EFFORT: 8 - 15 hours per week

FEES: £2,500 / Bursary available on request

FURTHER INFORMATION

WHAT ARE MY PAYMENT OPTIONS

You can either pay your tuition fees in full before the programme starts, or in three instalments.

WILL I HAVE THE TIME

Our programme is designed to help you, as a working professional athlete or ex-athlete, improve your skills without compromising on work and family responsibilities. The course work is broken up into weekly, manageable bite-sized modules, with incremental deadlines, designed to help you pace yourself over the duration of the course and allow you the space to work when it suits you best.

At the beginning of each module you'll be presented with all the notes and assignments necessary for completion by your Personal Tutor. At anytime you will have access to your Personal Tutor or Success Manager who will help you set goals and track key milestones, manage your time, and field any administrative requests you might have.

WHAT IS THE ONLINE CAMPUS (VLE)

The Online Campus will be your virtual classroom for the duration of your course. Through its easy-to-use interface you'll have access to a diverse variety of course content formats, including: interactive video lectures, module notes, practice quizzes, Prezi, assignment briefs, and additional web resources. On the Online Campus, you'll also be able to ask questions and interact with your fellow students and Personal Tutor through the Online Campus discussion forums. If you're experiencing tech issues or need advice from your Personal Tutor or Success Advisor, you can use the Online Campus to get in touch.

SOME ENDORSEMENTS

WE LET **OUR STUDENTS TALK FOR US**

FEEDBACK FROM PROFESSIONAL AND EX-PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES

"FUTURESMART created a bespoke studying option for me that allowed me to learn and develop around a busy job and family life. Their team support and challenge you to achieve your goal."

Carole's passion for teaching and experience in Higher Education help support your learning objectives and personal development."

CHRIS BELL

WASPS, SALE, LEEDS, HARLEQUINS

FUTURESMART PGCERT IN LEADERSHIP

STUDYING MA PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE EDUCATION AT NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY

HEAD OF COMMERCIAL, LUTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

"A brilliant service throughout, providing an individual approach to meet the needs of a professional athlete and meet their expectations."

ROWENA BIRCH

GB JUDO . OLYMPIAN 1996, EUROPEAN JUDO CHAMPION 1994

HOLISTIC FINANCIAL ADVISER, PRESTFIELD WEALTH MANAGEMENT

"Exceptional 1 on 1 care and attention, both in the planning of the course and the support all the way throughout. FUTURSMART helped me improve my skill sets and allow my confidence to grow for the new challenges ahead. They offer so many options and give the individual bespoke service for every person. I 100% recommend FUTURESMART as I wouldn't have achieved my distinction at Masters without them."

EORL CRABTREE

ENGLAND, HUDDERSFIELD GIANTS

STUDYING PGCERT IN LEADERSHIP

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PAUL HODGSON

ENGLAND, LONDON IRISH, WORCESTER WARRIORS

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