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INTRODUCTION:

The Carnegie School of Sport is committed to promoting and advancing effective and ethical Sport Coaching to improve participant and performer development experiences and outcomes. Central to this ambition is the continued support and development of Coaches provided by the emerging Coach Development workforce.

Working closely with Coaches to support their desire for continual improvement in all areas of coaching practice, the Coach Developer is increasingly recognised as a valued and expert role in the support of Coaching.

The course is designed to be completed part time over two years. Exit points exist at Post Graduate Certificate (1/3 of the MSc) or Post Graduate Diploma (2/3 of the MSc).

AIMS OF THE COURSE:

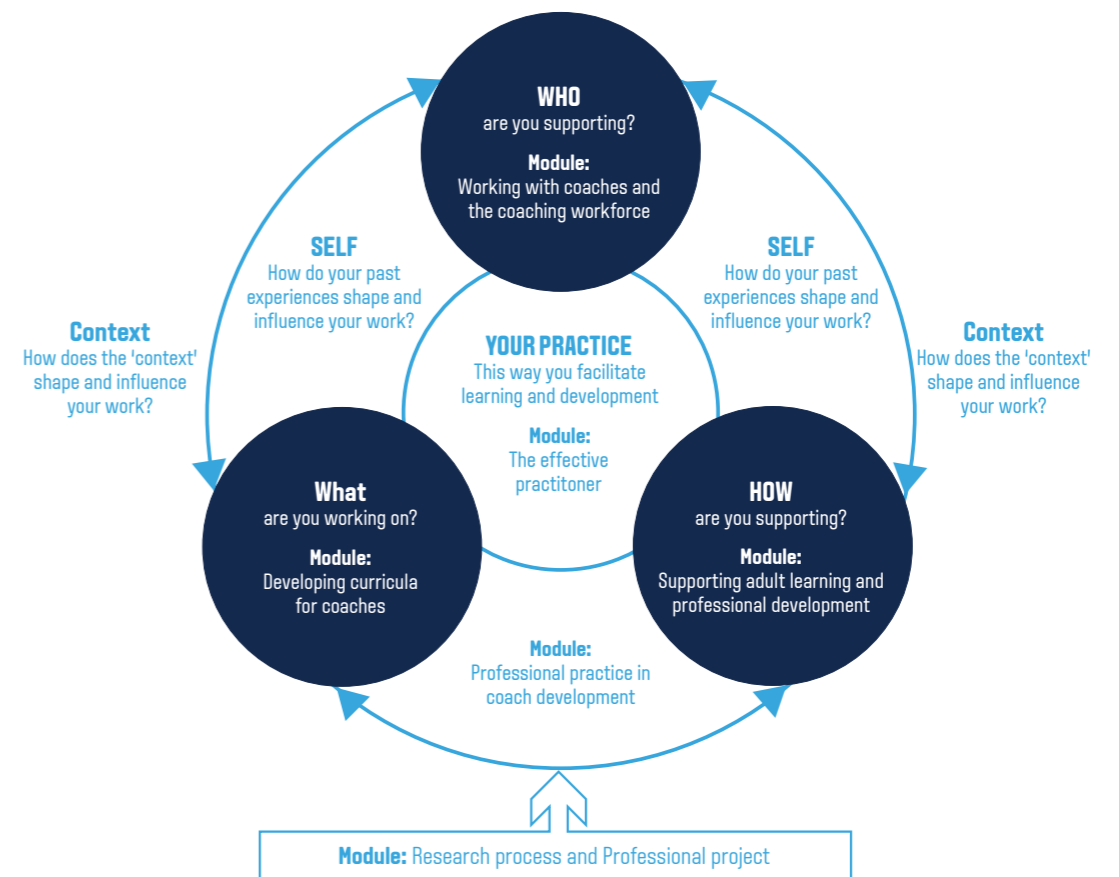
- Offer higher learning and professional development opportunities to those working in the emerging profession of coach development (and similar roles, including coach education and workforce development).
- Develop the knowledge and practical skills to ethically and effectively support coaches learning and professional development in a range of environments and contexts.
- Create stimulating experiences in which Coach Developers are exposed to a wide variety of coaching situations and contexts.
- Support Coach Developers to learn through and from their everyday experiences.
- Co-create a community of Coach Development professionals who can draw effectively on the support of a network of peers in their ongoing learning and professional development.
- Align with professional standards to provide graduates with a route to Chartered Status.

In pursuing these aims, the course will centre around three broad, overlapping and interconnected questions:

What do you bring to your work as a Coach Developer?

What is effective and ethical sport coaching?

What is effective and ethical coach development?



A Conceptual Framework for Coach Development (Adapted from Abraham, Muir and Morgan, 2010)

COURSE DESIGN AND MODULES

The course has been designed to reflect a Conceptual Framework for Coach Development (see Figure 1). The framework encourages us to consider how our practice is shaped and influenced by the 'context' within which we work, the beliefs, values, knowledge and perspectives we (i.e. understanding 'self') have about the needs and wants of the coaches we support (i.e. the 'who'), the demands of their role (i.e. the 'what') and our ideas about learning (i.e. the 'how').

Course Modules:

Year 1:

Developing Curricula for Coaches
 Working with Coaches and the Coaching Workforce
 Supporting Adult Learning and Professional Development
 The Effective Practitioner

Year 2:

Professional Practice in Coach Development
 Research Process
 Professional Project

LEARNING EXPERIENCES:

The nature, balance and blend of experiences have been designed to reflect the belief that professionals' learning and development may be accelerated by frequent and varied opportunities to put ideas to work, access to timely feedback that can be used, and the introduction of supporting concepts and ideas.

The course is designed around a work-related, integrated curriculum: the modules, assessment, learning and teaching activities integrate with each other, and the professional role of the coach development practitioner. The 'day-to-day' of your work is learning and development when integrated in this way.

The course will be delivered in a blended fashion, with a mixture of campus-based 3-day learning events, online, and field based (in-situ) experiences. In addition to the face-to-face and online contact, you will engage in significant self-directed study, supported by tutors and peer networks.

An important feature of the course is that you will be expected to be working in a placement or working in a coach development role throughout. This will provide an important context for all of the module assessments, helping you to embed new skills and knowledge in their ongoing professional practice.



COURSE DURATION AND KEY DATES:

The course will be delivered over two years part-time, from October 2023 to September 2025. During the first year, there will be three campus-based 3-day learning events. These will be face-to-face events taking place at [Leeds Beckett University's Carnegie School of Sport](#).

The dates for each of the learning events in year 1 are:

Learning event 1: Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th October 2023

Learning event 2: Friday 19th to Sunday 21st January 2024

Learning event 3: Wednesday 24th to Friday 26th April 2024.

Each learning event will begin at 12:30 on day 1 and conclude at 15:00 on day 3.

Between each learning event, the regional field-based coaching observations, online one-to-one, small and whole group sessions will be used to support your opportunities to learn through and from your everyday experiences supporting coaching.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

The course has been designed for professionals that are:

- Experienced in people development and similar roles that support others in their learning and professional development;
- Familiar with the demands of coaching across varying contexts in sport;
- Already facilitating individual and group learning interactions in professional environments;
- Able to evidence the driving of their own learning and professional development as a people development practitioner;
- Open to learning and demonstrating the ability to work effectively alongside others;
- Able to identify an appropriate coaching environment and coach(es) with whom they can work for the duration of the course.

All applicants are expected to be practicing coach developers and able to evidence being in the role for at least one year. Applicants will normally be expected to possess an undergraduate degree.

Applicants without an undergraduate degree can apply through a portfolio of evidence that will be considered by the course leader, typically alongside an interview.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

For applicants based in the UK, studying part-time, commencing in October 2023, the full course tuition fees are £9,000. Payment of fees will be spread over the delivery of the programme.

Funding your postgraduate degree: Students can benefit from Master's Loans for up to £12,167.

[For further information please click here.](#)

COURSE TEAM

The team at Leeds Beckett University (LBU) has a long and influential history in supporting the professionalisation of sport coaching and coach development. Their work has been informed by a track record of world leading research that has informed policy and practice, including the recently published Professional Standard for the Role of a Coach Developer [\[accessed here\]](#) by the Chartered Institute for the Management of Sport and Physical Activity (CIMSPA). The professional standard outlines the role, scope, skills and knowledge of a coach developer working across pathway and performance programmes in Olympic and Paralympic sports.

Since 2012, staff from the course team at LBU have been centrally involved designing and delivering programmes of learning and professional development for Coach Developers in partnership with a range of national and international partners including UK Sport, The English Institute of Sport, Sport Scotland, Sport Northern Ireland and the International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE). During this period the course team also created and delivered Post Graduate Certificate courses and a Post Graduate Diploma in Coach Development for the Football Association.

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