

## Level 6 Certificate in Careers Leadership

The Curriculum for Wales will bring forward several changes, one of which will be the implementation of **careers and work-related experiences (CWRE)** as a cross-cutting theme.

Settings will need to pay due regard to the statutory guidance for CWRE and ensure educational professionals are able to realise and embed CWRE across their curriculum.

In response to this, Careers Wales are offering an accredited Level 6 qualification in Careers Leadership for practitioners across Wales; this qualification provides training to support with planning, designing, and leading on CWRE. This provision has been endorsed by the National Academy of Educational Leadership Wales.

The certificate in Careers Leadership supports Schools as Learning Organisations and the Professional Standards for teaching and leadership:

- **Pedagogy** – designing a careers education programme that supports all learners to achieve their best outcomes
- **Leadership** – the careers leader empowers colleagues to develop a shared vision for realising CWRE in the CfW
- **Professional Learning** – develop skills, knowledge and understanding that will underpin the development of CWRE education
- **Innovation** – ensure CWRE education has maximum impact and can be progressive
- **Collaboration** – professionals can engage with other practitioners, both in their own and other schools, to develop knowledge and best practise

The qualification is delivered digitally over three and a half days, spread across the academic year. There is also a one-hour (digitally delivered) introduction. The qualification comprises of the following QCF Level 6 units:

- **Lead and manage career development work in an organisation**
- **Continuously improve career development work in an organisation**
- **Plan and design career-related learning programmes**

Commencing in October 2024, we have 15 fully funded spaces available; this qualification is suitable for those with responsibility for CWRE in secondary and special schools and other LA funded settings across Wales (excluding primary).

Details of the three units can be found in the 'units' section at <http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/vocational-qualifications-qcf-career-guidance-and-development-level-6-diploma-10215/>

The qualification will be delivered through Microsoft Teams on the following days:

- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024** (One hour introduction)

- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024** (Full day)
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024** (Half day)
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025** (Full day)
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025** (Full day)

Attendance at these dates is essential as the training will cover the knowledge and skills that you will be expected to evidence to demonstrate your competence. Training sessions will be delivered by qualified careers professionals from Careers Wales.

All candidates will receive a bespoke workbook for each of the units along with copies of the training materials and further reading and resources. The training will be delivered in English though all training materials and resources will be available in Welsh and candidates are able to submit their work in Welsh.

All candidates will be allocated an experienced Assessor who will support candidates throughout the duration of the qualification and who will help explain the assessment arrangements, monitoring of progress and how to submit assignments and evidence. No previous qualifications are required to undertake this certificate but appropriate workload, academic ability, and commitment to study at level 6 are needed, as is the support of your Senior Leadership Team.

For further information or to book a place on the 2024/25 cohort, please email [curriculumteam@careerswales.gov.wales](mailto:curriculumteam@careerswales.gov.wales)

If you would like further information on the assessment requirements, please contact Colette Cousins at [colette.cousins@careerswales.gov.wales](mailto:colette.cousins@careerswales.gov.wales)

**The closing date for applications is 5pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024**