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MICROCREDENTIALS

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WHAT ARE MICROCREDENTIALS?

Microcredentials are short courses that are designed to build professional skills relevant to your career in rapidly growing industries and allow you to pursue further study in a specialised field.

How do microcredentials work?



Learn online with experts

Study online courses over 10-12 weeks, created by subject experts and with dedicated support throughout.



Complete project-based assessments

Test your understanding as you progress towards a final assessment.



Earn a professional credential

Finish your learning and pass your assessments to gain a certificate of completion.



Advance your career

Use your microcredential as evidence of your specialised skills to progress your career.

Can microcredentials be used towards university qualifications?

Microcredentials are stand-alone products, designed to meet specific learner and employer needs and offer a credential in their own right. Those awarded by The Open University have a credit value at either undergraduate or postgraduate level, and this may in the future be used towards qualifications (for example, a Bachelors degree, diploma of higher education or postgraduate certificate) at The Open University, or potentially at another university (subject to the agreement of the receiving institution).

Set your ambition free as you learn with FutureLearn



Our microcredentials are delivered on FutureLearn, a social learning platform formed in 2012 by The Open University to offer online short courses from ourselves and various other universities and institutions around the world. It partners with over a quarter of the world's top universities.

FutureLearn is now jointly owned by The Open University and The SEEK Group with over 10 million people signed up worldwide.



NEXT STEPS

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[openuniversity.co.uk/
microcredentials](https://openuniversity.co.uk/microcredentials)

Contact an advisor at
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CHOOSE YOUR MICROCREDENTIAL

AWS: Solutions Architect

You'll explore architectural design principles and learn to optimise the use of the AWS Cloud by understanding AWS services and how these services fit into cloud-based solutions.

Developed and maintained in collaboration with AWS, and designed by AWS Academy accredited educators, this microcredential provides a unique

learning experience, featuring AWS Academy Cloud Architecting.

This course will enable you to prepare for one of the highest paying IT certifications the AWS Certified Solutions Architect – Associate. And, once you successfully complete this microcredential, you'll receive a 50% discount voucher towards your AWS certification.

Level:	Undergraduate
Duration:	10 weeks 10 hours per week
Start date:	12 July 2021
Credits:	10
Cost:	£500

Business Management: Fundamentals of Management Accounting

If you're looking to enhance your management career, developing your management accounting skills and knowledge is vital.

This microcredential focuses on the principles of management accounting, giving you a solid understanding of the best practice approaches and enhancing your knowledge. It will help to inform

your professional decision-making, improve your effectiveness and adapt your approach to solving business challenges.

The course is designed for non-financial experts and no previous knowledge of accounting is required. You'll gain skills that you can immediately put into practice.

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Business Management: Improving Organisational Practice

Organisational practice refers to how the structures and culture of a company shape the actions and behaviours of its workforce.

Each week you'll have the opportunity to hear from respected practitioners and academic voices on the subject. You'll focus on areas relevant to your work, and using the latest academic thinking, experiment with contemporary organisational frameworks to improve your knowledge.

By exploring different leadership styles, you'll develop your managerial skills and find solutions to every day challenges. You'll become more ethical in your decision-making and promote diversity and inclusion within your organisation. Your confidence to adapt to change will increase and will make a positive impact on your organisation's performance.

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Business Management: Marketing Principles and Practice

Marketing principles and best practice tools can be used to solve problems in a diverse range of professional contexts. As a management professional, it's vital to have a solid understanding of the value of marketing and its impact on different business functions.

This microcredential introduces you to the core principles of marketing. You'll cover digital and non-digital

perspectives that will inform your professional decision-making, improve your effectiveness and adapt your approach to solving business challenges. Using practical examples of marketing in action, you'll build a toolkit for creating products and services that meet your customers needs and that differentiate your product or service from your competitors.

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Cisco: DevOps using DevNet

DevOps is an essential growth area within computing/coding, digital technologies and infrastructure engineering. It is often cited for career entry and development by computing professionals.

This microcredential is for both coders (software developers) and network engineers. You will develop industry focussed skills and experience using Python to

code a range of data formats, using code, the DevOps methodology and various micro services deploying applications as container-based solutions for Continuous Integration/Continuous Deployment (CI/CD) pipelines.

The course is endorsed by the Cisco Networking Academy and will prepare you for the Cisco DevNet Associate certification examination.

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Agile Leadership and Management

Agile is a mindset and is used to describe an alternative way of working. By adopting an agile approach, teams can stay productive and focused on customer needs, learning to adapt to increasingly complex and uncertain environments while also building resilience and sustainability to deliver better outcomes.

Designed in collaboration with the Agile Business Consortium; the global professional body for business agility, you will explore agile leadership through nine key principles. You'll discover the tools, techniques and behaviours of agile leadership and increase your confidence and practical skills to build, lead, support and empower highly engaged teams in the 21st century.

Level:	Postgraduate
Duration:	12 weeks 13 hours per week
Start date:	28 June 2021
Credits:	15
Cost:	£750

Cyber Security Operations (Cisco)

Cyber security is rapidly evolving, and professionals must keep up-to-date with the complexities of different cyber threats, as well as the different technologies under attack.

You'll learn how cyber security professionals respond to an imminent, active or recent cyber threat. You'll explore how to go about resolving attacks and how to complete legal investigations of any potential cybercrime.

You'll develop skills in this exciting area using up-to-date experience from the internationally recognised Cisco CCNA Cyber Security operations certification.

This course is endorsed by the Cisco Networking Academy and you'll receive a Cisco Networking Academy Certificate of Completion.

Level:	Postgraduate
Duration:	12 weeks 13 hours per week
Start date:	28 June 2021
Credits:	15
Cost:	£600

Global Development in Practice: Designing an Intervention

Development is a complex process and managing development intervention requires a combination of purposeful design and the confidence to adapt flexibly to changing circumstances.

On this microcredential, you'll build the skills to effectively manage the development intervention process on the ground.

Using real-life case studies, you'll engage with development tools, frameworks and methodologies that can be used for planning, implementing and evaluating development interventions.

As well as practical development strategies, you'll explore the associated theoretical issues and debates.

Level:	Postgraduate
Duration:	12 weeks 13 hours per week
Start date:	Coming soon
Credits:	15
Cost:	£675

Management of Change: Organisation Development and Design

Increasing digitisation and the impact of AI are changing the business landscape and how we work. Rapid change means that it is essential that you and your organisation are equipped with the skills to effectively manage and lead organisational development.

On this microcredential, you will develop your knowledge of human centred management and

organisational development, gain in-demand design thinking skills and learn how to design innovative processes with a person-centred approach.

By employing a human-centred design thinking approach, you'll develop your emotional intelligence, cognitive, and social skills to the level required for the leaders of tomorrow's workplace.

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Management of Uncertainty: Leadership, Decisions and Action

In recent times, leaders and managers around the world in public, private and third-sector organisations have become highly sensitised to the hazards of the unexpected and the opportunities that uncertainty can create. This microcredential, targeted at managers, leaders and professionals from all types of

organisations and sectors, engages learners in thinking about effective action in real world contexts of radical uncertainty. Drawing on the expertise of academics and senior business leaders, it offers both insights and tools for practice and a foundation for continued learning in your professional context.

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Online Teaching: Accessibility and Inclusive Learning

Recent research shows that many disabled learners have been disadvantaged by the rush to move learning online and educators and institutions often struggle to meet the expectations placed on them which results in poor learner experiences.

Designed by leading academics with decades of experience in designing and delivering inclusive learning, we share our best practice to help you develop practical skills that improve the learning experience of people with diverse disabilities.

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Cost:	£675

Online Teaching: Creating Courses for Adult Learners

With many institutions moving their learning online during the COVID-19 pandemic, knowing how to create engaging online courses for adults has become an essential skill for many sectors.

With this microcredential, you'll discover how adults learn online – and at a distance – examining the key theories for taking your provision online. You'll also evaluate technologies available for

supporting online and distance learning and draw on a range of experiences and research to successfully create inspiring online courses, keeping them safe and accessible for a variety of learners.

On completion you'll have explored the many possibilities offered by learning with technology and developed a practical plan for taking your teaching and learning online.

Level:	Postgraduate
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Online Teaching: Embedding Social, Race and Gender-Related Equity

With rising societal awareness, it is more important than ever that education addresses inequity in all its forms and promotes learning activities that do not perpetuate exclusion, discrimination and disadvantage.

On this microcredential, you'll draw on our world-leading expertise and discover how to design online teaching, learning and assessment

activities that address issues such as racism, socio-economic injustice, transphobia, sexism and heterosexism.

By the end of the course, you will understand the ways in which learners' contexts have an impact on equitable participation and how this can be addressed by educators and institutions.

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Online Teaching: Evaluating and Improving Courses

Develop the skills you need to evaluate the success of your online teaching and enhance your students' remote learning experience.

Designed for individual educators and trainers as well as learning institutions, this microcredential will support you to ensure the ongoing success of your online courses and technology-enhanced learning (TEL) provision. You'll learn how to design and use teaching evaluation strategies that are

appropriate to your context and setting, and conduct analysis of your evaluation findings that you can apply to adapt and improve your online course design.

The microcredential is part of a planned suite of courses addressing aspects of online education and follows on from, Online Teaching: Creating Courses for Adults. However, it can be taken independently as a stand-alone course.

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Teacher Development: Embedding Mental Health in the Curriculum

The act of learning can be extremely positive for student mental wellbeing, but it can also exacerbate or even cause mental health difficulties.

While there have been calls for action on mental health made globally, there's little guidance in this area for educators.

On this microcredential, you'll learn how to embed mental wellbeing in

your teaching. You'll develop inclusive teaching strategies and learn how to design teaching, learning and assessment activities to meet the needs of learners experiencing issues such as low self-esteem, stress, anxiety, and feelings of not belonging.

This course is endorsed by the Mental Health Foundation.

Level:	Postgraduate
Duration:	12 weeks 13 hours per week
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GET IN TOUCH

Covid-19 – Contacting The Open University in the current situations

We want to reassure you that online registration remains open as normal.

Please note that our current opening times are 09:00– 17:30, Monday – Friday.

While we aren't currently accepting incoming calls, if you have any queries about our courses or registration, you can email us by visiting **openuniversity.co.uk/contact**.

It will take us longer than usual to respond to your emails, so we thank you for your patience at this time.

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