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Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies

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What is the Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies?

The Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies is a one year course offered in partnership with De Montfort University, aimed at housing professionals, which will help prepare you for the challenges of senior management roles in the future. It combines the core knowledge essential for any serious housing practitioner, as well as a range of theoretical perspectives that will help you understand the roles of housing organisations within the wider society.

The course will also enable you to reflect critically on policy and practice, enhance your personal and professional skills, and develop your planning and project management skills. Completion of the Postgraduate Certificate makes you eligible to become a CIH chartered member (CIHCM).

There are two mandatory modules:

- Context of housing – includes the policy context for housing, regulation, housing & society
- Housing organisations – includes customer service for housing, managing staff, housing as a business

Once you have successfully completed the Postgraduate Certificate, there may be an option to progress on to an MSc qualification with DMU, subject to sufficient numbers enrolling onto the programme. Alternatively, you could find another UK University near you, offering a CIH approved Postgraduate Diploma or Masters qualification. Go to - [find a centre via our website](#).

How will this course benefit me and my organisation?

This course will help you to become more confident in your role by providing you with a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of housing theory and practice, within the wider political and economic context in which housing organisations operate. Qualifications at this level will provide you with a deeper understanding of how your organisation (and others in the housing industry) work, and will provide a further base for developing your career.

Employers will find that staff completing a qualification at this level will have:

- A broader and deeper set of skills and knowledge
- An increased ability to respond to organisational change
- A deeper understanding of the social, economic and political context within which housing organisations operate

The Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies helps to develop highly qualified, professional workers, with the skills required to perform in a senior management capacity.

m CIH membership is provided at no extra cost for the duration of your course.

What does the course cost and how long does it take?

Course cost: £2,500

Duration: The course runs over an academic year requiring approximately 10 hours of study per week.

Who can apply for this qualification?

This programme is a route to CIH chartered membership (CIHCM). It is offered in collaboration with De Montfort University, which means that students will also receive a University award on successful completion of the programme.

To be considered for admission to this programme applicants should normally:

- have completed a first degree
- and*
- be working in either a paid or voluntary capacity in housing for the duration of the course

Applicants with other relevant qualifications and experience, or who are fully qualified as a member of another professional body, may be admitted onto the programme at the discretion of the University's Programme Leader.

There are no opportunities on this programme of study to apply for Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) or Recognised Prior Experiential Learning (RPEL).

Applications are welcomed for individual modules which can be taken on a standalone basis for continuing professional development, however both modules have to be successfully attained for CIHCM.

You will be asked to provide evidence of your qualifications and your experience of working in the housing sector as part of the application process.

English language requirements: IELTS 6.5, including 5.5 in each component (or equivalent).

What will I gain?

Students can achieve the Postgraduate Certificate in Housing Studies on completion of one year's study, and will then become eligible for CIH chartered membership.

What can I expect as a CIH student?

As an online learning student, you will be supported throughout your studies.

At the beginning of the programme, during the online induction session, you will be provided with a brief introduction to the course and information on how it is delivered, structured and assessed. You will also be advised of the support you will receive from the CIH team.

On an ongoing basis:

- You will be allocated an academic tutor who will offer you support throughout your course via email and telephone
- Your tutor will mark your assignments and give you feedback, as well as providing you with advice and support on any academic issues
- You will be able to communicate and share ideas with other students via our e-learning site, Moodle.

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