

Practitioner Diploma in Executive Coaching



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There were so many positives! Getting to connect with such a wonderful and diverse group of people was my main one. We became such a close-knit group, which really helps when you are learning new skills and then using those skills, whilst being observed. I still see many of these people today and hold the fondest of memories of our time together.

My reason for doing the Diploma was not to become a full-time executive coach, but to learn skills that would benefit me in all walks of life. Learning how coaching has overlaps with mentoring, counselling, training and managing was therefore really helpful. Also, learning to listen better, i.e. listening to understand and connect, rather than listening to reply, was a real positive.

The biggest challenge was how the Diploma challenged me to understand ‘who I am’, based on the belief that ‘who I am is how I coach’. Having space to make sense of who we are as people is not something that is encouraged enough in Western society, but we had ample opportunity to do this on the Diploma in a way that felt safe and healthy. As a result, the assessments were less academic, and more about your quality of reflection and learning – which I much prefer...my energy was spent building my coaching skills and model, rather than Harvard referencing the assessment! ”

Jimmy Paul, Consultant, Permanence and Care
Excellence (PACE) programme, CELCIS

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Welcome

Coaching is a skill used to help people to answer their own challenges and reach their goals including: managing change, increasing efficiency, motivating people and improving results.

Whether you are looking to coach within an organisation or you will be working with external clients, the common denominator is that coaching is a skill that will bring about positive change for individuals and organisations.

The 2016 ICF Global Coaching Study reports that “1 in 2 coach practitioners think coaching is able to influence social change”. At the AoEC, we believe that coaching really can change the world.

We work with you to discover your own signature presence and through our unique experiential style, train you to become a qualified executive coach.

This brochure is designed to provide you with a clear understanding of the Practitioner Diploma in Executive Coaching and whether it is the right programme for you. Since its inception, the Academy of Executive Coaching (AoEC) has been committed to maintaining the highest professional standards.

The aim of the Practitioner Diploma is to give you the theory, tools, practice, information, support and learning materials to help you build and develop your skills as a coach with a business focus.

If you feel that this programme is not quite right for you we offer a range of programmes from the core certificate level right through to an advanced level for already practicing and experienced coaches. Team coach training programmes, bespoke packages for organisations and executive coaching are all additionally available.

We feel passionate about coaching and are pleased that you have chosen to look at training with the AoEC. If, having read through this brochure, you would like to discuss your pathway further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

About the AoEC

The AoEC exists to both provide the highest quality accredited coach training to individuals and to manage culture change at all levels of an organisation with both small and large scale developments. We do this through a combination of expert consultancy, coaching, training

of internal coaches and coaching based leadership and management development in the UK and globally. AoEC has international faculty and a vast pool of coaches trained to the highest global professional standards along with an expert consultancy team.



Why join the Practitioner Diploma in Executive Coaching programme?

The Practitioner Diploma in Executive Coaching challenges you to reach new and potentially unknown depths.

You will explore existing coaching models and discover your own unique style that works for you to become an accredited executive coach. The programme helps you to develop the skills that you need to become a successful coach and it gives you the confidence you need to stand out from the crowd.

This programme will enable you to:

- draw on what aligns with you and how you coach
- hone your coaching skills with rigorous feedback
- create your own signature presence
- become a confident and well qualified coach

This programme is:

- an experiential, fast paced, well-structured and proven coaching programme
- completed in up to six months, which ensures it is accessible to busy people
- expertly balanced around industry leading knowledge, supervised practise during modules, personal reflection and experience between modules
- delivered in a safe and supportive environment ensuring that you are comfortable
- supported by a wealth of online resources which can be accessed during the programme
- made up of seven days of practical, experiential coach training including an assessment day
- accredited by the leading professional bodies
- delivered by experienced and well qualified faculty who are practicing executive coaches
- widely cited as a fantastic experience by those attending!

This programme has:

- Real-time discussion groups and at least ten hours of mentor coaching to support participants
- a rigorous assessment process which ensures high quality professional standard coaches

This programme can:

- lead to accreditation with the three top professional bodies – the International Coaching Federation (ICF), the European Mentoring and Coaching Council (EMCC) and the Association for Coaching (AC)
- be delivered worldwide
- be delivered to individuals or within organisations
- give you access to the ongoing support and development of the AoEC Alumni Association which is free to join.

The AoEC Practitioner Diploma in Executive Coaching offers an effective and enjoyable way to develop and grow as an individual, while at the same time, you learn and practise professional coaching skills which can be used to help others to develop and grow.

If you would like to become an accredited coach

Graduating from this programme will provide you with:

ICF (International Coaching Federation)

Represents 60 Accredited Coach Specific Training Hours (ACSTH). The ICF requires 60 Coach Specific Training Hours when applying through the ACSTH path for individual coach accreditation for ACC (Associate Certified Coach). For more detailed information see the ICF website. **Please note that we are in the process of converting from ICF ACSTH accreditation of our Practitioner Diploma to the new ICF Level 1 accreditation. This will take effect from 2023.**

EMCC (European Mentoring and Coaching Council)

Practitioner level.
Equivalent to Undergraduate Degree / NVQ5
For more detailed information see the EMCC website.

Association for Coaching

AC Accredited Award in Coach Training.
For more detailed information see the Association for Coaching website.

Why train with the AoEC?

The AoEC has built an enviable reputation for executive coach training which equips participants with the skills to challenge themselves and their clients. At the AoEC, we are particularly proud of:

Our Approach

- First and foremost, you are our primary focus. We believe in coaching you to be a coach, to be the best you can be. We believe that learning to be a truly great coach is a profound and personal journey where we offer support all the way.
- Our training is experiential. By definition this means “involving or based on experience and observation”. Within a safe learning environment, participants practise their coaching skills, experience being coached themselves and benefit from observing others coach and being coached.
- We are business focused - AoEC is uniquely business focused and the participants on the programmes all share this common focus helping to bring your group together.
- We help you to create your very own coaching model. Our programmes do cover various existing coaching models but we don't just teach coaching methodologies, we work with you to identify, mould and develop your own model, your own style, your own signature presence.
- We deliver an experience by bringing together our understanding of the business world and a deep understanding of how people function, grow and change.

Our Commitment to Maintaining the Highest Professional Standards

This programme has been accredited by the main internationally recognised coaching bodies - more than any other UK provider in our sphere - the International Coaching Federation (ICF), European Mentoring and Coaching Council (EMCC) and the Association for Coaching (AC). We can therefore offer you professional credentials that will be recognised internationally.

Our Talented People

Highly skilled and respected, our faculty are experienced and well qualified and, in their own right, executive coaches.



The Practitioner Diploma enabled me to add structure to my style of coaching and provided me with an understanding of my coaching journey with corporations. Creating my coaching model grounded my confidence to expand my range in coaching. //

Zabna Amer, Employee Relations Manager, ADSG, Dubai



OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS WE HAVE TRAINED OVER

13,000

PEOPLE FROM NEARLY 80 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

Your Accreditation

We offer you a route to accreditation. After completing and graduating from one of our accredited programmes, you are on your way to becoming an accredited coach yourself. You can choose which accrediting body best suits you and your needs and we can help you with this. We are also able to offer new graduates accreditation with us for one year which can be renewed for a fee after 12 months. We know that you will be the best of the best having completed one of our comprehensive programmes we will have the confidence in you to succeed. We want to support you with your next steps and offer this choice to you.

Global

We run training all over the world! In addition to England and Scotland we run training programmes through our Partners, which are delivered in:

Asia Pacific, Brazil, Croatia, East Africa, Estonia, Ireland and Northern Ireland, Poland, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and the UAE. We additionally run training programmes in other countries.

Support

We have mentioned that our focus is on you throughout our programmes, but this also continues after your training. We understand that you cannot stand still to remain competitive in the coaching industry and you may choose to specialise in a particular area. We aim to support people's continuous professional development and offer a range of workshops and masterclasses. Also, once you have passed your programme with us, you will automatically qualify to join our free Alumni Association. Here you will have members access to our dedicated website area with useful reports, articles and resources. You will be invited to exclusive Alumni events, be eligible for discounts for related services and subscriptions and be part of the free Alumni LinkedIn community.

Unique

You will find that by training with us, you will bond with other like-minded people, discover useful business contacts and create friendships that you will treasure. We hold our hands up – this is not down to us! We are inspired by each and everyone that trains with us and we are always thrilled when we see Alumni meeting up at events and greeting each other as if they have been friends for their whole lives.



Benefits of Training and Return on Investment



Take the best that exists and make it better //*

- Sir Henry Royce, Founder of Rolls-Royce

*Quote taken from 6th Ridler Report

The greatest testament to our success is the way in which our graduates succeed in building their own coaching practice either internally within organisations or independently in their own coaching practice.

In this section we tried to look at benefits for individuals and organisations independently but in fact, they go hand in hand. A better equipped, qualified and confident individual, adds substantial value to an organisation.

Benefits for the individual

Opening doors

Once you train and become an accredited coach you gain skills to add to your generic toolkit. Our training provides you with the ability to work as a coach in your own right or to add this as part of a portfolio career.



This training was fantastic; the quality of the trainers and the programme content was brilliant. I received self-development far beyond that of the immediate coaching training. //

- Sarah Deadman, Director, ETS Plc

Personal Development

The deep self-reflection within the training can in turn support the development of your own long-term goals. You will identify your own strengths and overcome self-limiting beliefs. Skills developed will enhance not just business relationships but also personal. According to Forbes.com, the Institute of Coaching cites that over 70% of individuals who receive coaching benefited from improved work performance, relationships and more effective communication skills.



The AoEC Practitioner Diploma programme brings highly qualified professionals from various educational and occupational backgrounds together with distinguished trainers under a stimulating learning environment. The programme is distinguished from others by blending practical and academic knowledge for the participants. //

- Associate Prof. Dr. Zeynep Özsoy,
Istanbul Bilgi University

Unique

The output of this particular programme is the development of your own individual model for coaching, where you are most skillful, having drawn upon existing theories and models that resonate with you and had the opportunity to self-reflect on what drives you.

Qualified - Standing out in the marketplace

The 2016 ICF Global Coaching Study reports that “a large majority of coach practitioners and managers/leaders using coaching skills agreed that individuals or organisations using coaching expect their coaches to be certified or credentialed.”

“When asked to identify the biggest obstacle for coaching over the next 12 months, the main concern expressed by coach practitioners was untrained individuals who call themselves coaches. The concerns expressed by coach practitioners echo the responses published in the 2012 study. The responses of managers/leaders using coaching skills aligned closely with those of coach practitioners, suggesting a common shared understanding of the obstacles facing coaching in the next 12 months.”

As an individual coach looking for clients it is increasingly important to be qualified and accredited to make you stand out from the crowd.



I thought I would get skills and models and actually got much more - a more authentic mode of coaching that I developed, and a better understanding of who I am. "

- Kate Williams, Kate Williams Consulting

Income

It is also reported in the 2016 ICF Global Coaching Study that "credentialed coaches command higher fees and report more clients and greater annual revenue from coaching than their peers without a credential." If you are trained, experienced and can offer good credentials from a reputable organisation, you are more likely to attract clients and be able to confidently prescribe your fee structure.

Benefits for an organisation

Increased Productivity

The 2016 ICF Global Coaching Study, conducted by PricewaterhouseCoopers, found respondents said after coaching 70% experienced improved work performance, 61% experienced improved business management, 57% experienced improved time management and 51% experienced improved team effectiveness. "Professional coaching maximises potential and, therefore, unlocks latent sources of productivity."

Credentialing

Organisations using coach practitioners expect their coaches to be credentialed to ensure the true objectives are being met and that the quality and the ethics of the coaching experience for their employees is genuine and of the calibre expected.

A growing number of organisations recognise the value in building a coaching culture that offers employees at all levels the opportunity to grow their skills, enhance their value and reach their professional goals.

- ICF - Building a Coaching Culture (2014)

Return on Investment (ROI) and Return on Expectations (ROE)

Financially based ROI is often an important factor for many commissioning organisations but there is often a lack of availability of reliable data to use in an ROI calculation. The 2016 ICF Global Coaching Study noted that 86% of companies reported they at least made their money back on the coaching commitment. The 6th Ridler Report shows that "subjective evaluation against individual coaching assignment objectives is the most commonly used measure to evaluate coaching with 74% of survey respondents saying they "often" or "always" use it. This measure has become known as "Return on Expectations" (or "ROE"). The issue here is ensuring sufficient dialogue has taken place with the appropriate stakeholders to ensure everyone is clear on the expectations at the outset. Other ways of measuring the value or ROE is through 360 degree rating within organisations, individual testimonials, organisational insights emerging from the coaching, coachee's satisfaction scores and line management satisfaction scores" - source: 6th Ridler Report.

Other benefits

Making a Difference

When asked the question, "why do you want to become a coach?", many people answer that they want to make a difference. All coaching is about bringing positive change and the impact that coaching can have on an individual goes a long way to making it worthwhile.

Social Change

"1 in 2 coach practitioners think that coaching is able to influence social change" - The 2016 ICF Global Coaching Study. We want to help people be a part of this and believe in doing so the right way, ethically and skillfully.



About the programme

Entry Requirements

This course is appropriate for people who have an understanding of coaching.

Participants typically include experienced managers, trainers, consultants and people already in a coaching role and wanting to develop their skills or to become qualified. It is also suitable for senior executives investing in their future portfolio.

If you would like more of an introduction to coaching skills or feel that you do not already meet the entry requirements, the two day Certificate Skills Certificate is an ideal way to prepare for the Practitioner Diploma.

Structure

A seven day (3 x 2-day modules plus an Assessment Day) challenging programme equips you with all of the tools you need to become an executive coach.

The whole programme takes between five and six months to complete.

The schematic below covers the programme more succinctly.

Course Outline

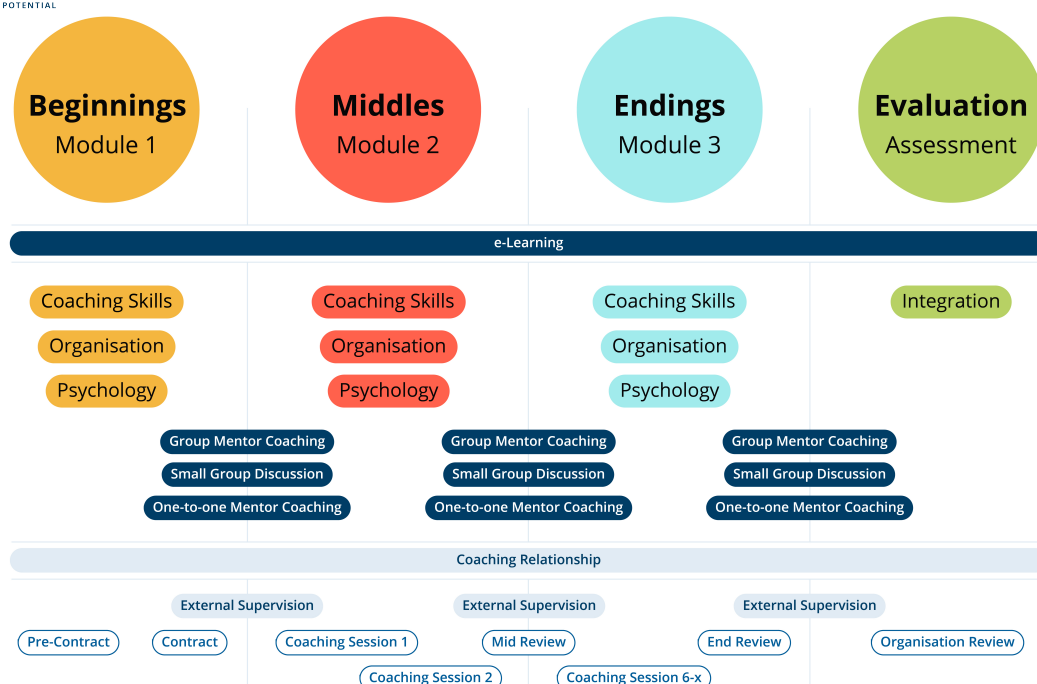
The design of each module and the style of facilitation emulate the coaching process and relationship. We focus on how to establish the relationship, how to facilitate deeper understanding and awareness of the person being coached and how to close coaching relationships and contracts.

In addition to the modules the programme includes:

- three group mentor coaching sessions and three one-to-one mentor coaching sessions to support the development of coaching competencies
- participation in three small group discussions - one after each of the three modules in order to deepen understanding.
- completion of an online programme to provide further development and support
- having a minimum of two practice clients over the duration of the programme and log of at least 10 hours of coaching practice by the end of the programme
- one thirty-minute tutorial in advance of the Assessment Day
- successful participation in and completion of the work for the Assessment Day



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Modules

Module 1 Beginning: Engaging the Client

You will:

- develop a clearer understanding of clarifying purpose and contracting between the person being coached, the coach and the stakeholder(s)
- practice with key coaching frameworks and models to work towards goals and objectives
- enhance listening and questioning skills in practice sessions with direct feedback
- start to develop a personal, unique coaching framework
- establish peer coaching relationships to promote coaching practice

Module 2 Middle: Deepening the Understanding

You will:

- consider emotions in coaching
- clarify the boundaries of coaching and other management activities
- introduce creativity into coaching practice
- experience supervised coaching practice
- get a clear understanding of the importance of ethical guidelines and professional standards
- be alert to both explicit and tacit information and its impact on coaching outcomes

Module 3 Ending: Successful Review and Closure

You will:

- employ solutions-focused coaching tools to achieve beneficial outcomes for coachees
- understand coaching in a leadership or organisation context
- explore the role of challenge in coaching
- manage the “psychology of endings” providing healthy closure for the colleague being coached, the coach and the stakeholder(s)

Assessment Day (Assessment, Closure and Ongoing Development)

This day consists of:

- a presentation of each participant's unique and developing Coaching Framework and Model (their “signature presence”)
- submission of a reflective essay on your personal learning journey
- a live demonstration of your coaching which is evaluated against ICF and EMCC based criteria



The Practitioner Diploma is an excellent programme and has a variety of learning approaches to appeal to everyone. By the end, I felt that I had increased my knowledge of coaching models and gained some useful feedback about my own coaching approach. I would definitely recommend the programme to others. //

Angela Sherring, Founder and Director, Sherring Thompson Consulting



Useful information

Faculty

Our faculty are drawn from backgrounds in corporate life. They are highly experienced, well qualified professionals who practice as executive coaches in their own right.

On each programme there are at least two faculty delivering each module.

Faculty bios are available on our website.

Where and When

The Practitioner Diploma programme runs repeatedly throughout the year at locations including: Asia Pacific, Brazil, Croatia, East Africa, Estonia, Ireland & Northern Ireland, London, Poland, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey and the UAE.

This programme can be delivered at any global location and is available as an internal training programme that can be adapted to an organisation's individual requirements.

Please do contact us for a discussion.

Price Information

Please visit the website for individual country programme pricing and course dates.

Payment plans may be available to self-funders to help spread the cost across the duration of your course.

For in-house training we would love to have a conversation to discuss your individual requirements.

Accreditation

Once you graduate from this programme, there is the option for you as a qualified coach to gain personal accreditation from a professional body/ies.

The Practitioner programme itself is accredited with the three main coaching bodies:

International Coaching Federation (ICF)

– Global coverage

European Mentoring and Coaching Council (EMCC)

– European coverage

Association for Coaching (AC)

– UK based

At the AoEC, we recognise that everyone that completes the Practitioner programme is of high calibre and we believe in your ability as a coach. We therefore offer our graduates AoEC accreditation for 12 months to validate your training and experience until you can get your coaching hours together to apply for accreditation with one of the coaching bodies of your choice.

Marketplace

A question often asked is about the marketplace and whether it is saturated with coaches. Many people who train as a coach add this to their career portfolios rather than use it as a full-time career - but not everyone! Some are internal coaches and those that are self-employed may additionally be consultants or other profession. Coaches are in demand in all industries and coaching is becoming well known, more understood, more recognised and more valued. As time goes by the demand for coaching should only increase. In the words of Eric Schmidt (former Google CEO) "everyone needs a Coach".

"Across the range of business/practice indicators, coach practitioners are looking forward to the next 12 months with confidence. Three out of four coach practitioners with active clients (75%) said they expect their number of coaching clients to increase over the next 12 months. A similar proportion (75%) said they anticipate an increase in annual revenue from coaching. More than six in 10 (63%) said they expect their number of coaching sessions to increase."

- The 2016 ICF Global Coaching Study

AoEC Alumni Association

Once you graduate from the Practitioner Diploma in Executive Coaching we want to celebrate your success and recognise that you still need support. You will become a part of the free AoEC Alumni Association where we are continuing working on ways to help support you.

Benefits include:

- graduation ceremony
- regular exclusive events in London
- workshops and Masterclasses
- free AoEC Alumni LinkedIn Community
- free 12 month membership with Enterprise Nation
- discounted insurance offer and other discounts to specific services
- the first to know about important and relevant research and reports in the coaching industry
- exclusive and free Alumni website area

What People Say

“ I came into this programme thinking I had some ideas about coaching. But coaching is so much more than I thought! I thought I would learn new professional skills, and I did. But I also learned so much about who I am, what I want from my job, and what I want from my life. I cannot recommend this course enough to anybody and everybody who is looking for new ways to call forth excellence in others. ”

James Loss-Wells, Coach, thebanker.coach

“ I found the AoEC Practitioner Diploma in Executive Coaching a fantastic development experience that was well paced, really well structured to allow reflection and full of opportunities for experiential learning. Throughout the course there are many opportunities for getting out of my comfort zone with experiential learning in a ‘safe’ environment. Very powerful learning and the gap between the modules is great for keeping focused. ”

Andy Maddock, Head of Operations, British Canoeing

“ It was a fascinating experience, I met a fantastic group of new people, all aiming to pursue a career in coaching from a diverse background, the training itself was both interesting and challenging, you were seeking all the answers yourself but with great support from the qualified experts and your colleagues in the background. I learnt so much about myself and my coaching style, which challenged me in many different ways. You almost have to unravel what you knew about coaching, in order to open yourself up to new ideas. Some of it was a bit scary at times and felt a bit raw, however, it was a great learning curve for me personally and has made me a better coach. A good example of this was listening, being truly present with the clients and learning to clear your head of any ‘gremlins’ (e.g. your own thoughts). Once you achieve this, your coaching relationships will improve leaps and bounds! ”

Nancy Spreckley, Coach, Lennox Partnership

“ I have an intrinsic passion for not only accelerating the transformation of middle and senior managers to professional high-end executives; but getting them to deploy their full potential towards achievement of their comes as no surprise that when AoEC in partnership with Career Connections launched the Practitioner Diploma, I was among the first to book a slot in this pioneer cohort. This remains one of the best decisions I have ever made in life. The programme positively transformed my approach to coaching managers to great leaders. The results have just been amazing; and I am living my passion and purpose in life to the fullest, courtesy of the practical skills gained from the programme. ”

David Thuku, CEO, Family Bank Limited, Kenya

“ This programme exceeded my expectations at all levels. With rich content and engaging knowledgeable facilitators the programme challenged and inspired me to explore my role as a coach. The exercises and coaching role plays anchored the learning and built a strong dynamic within the group. Great learning that went way beyond the coaching role. ”

Grainne McCurry, Head of Leadership & Enterprise Solutions, Invest Northern Ireland

“ Having a wide range of different coaching models in your pocket and to be free about creating your coaching style is just great! The AoEC Practitioner Diploma in Executive Coaching programme gave me exactly what I have wanted. It was not only given me a helicopter view to theory, principles and values of various models but also helped me to identify my own coaching style. I had lots of opportunity to practice, to see what others were doing and learn from them during the training. No matter where the new skills and techniques will be used, I believe that it is a very good opportunity for my own personal development, highly recommended! ”

Belgin Ertam, HR Director, General Electric, Turkey

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- 6th Ridler Report (full report available from Ridler & Co at www.ridlerandco.com)
- Benefits of Coaching, ICF 2009, Institute of Coaching <https://instituteofcoaching.org/coaching-overview/coaching-benefits>



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