FOUNDATION DEGREES
COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

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1. Applicants for Foundation degrees usually apply through Clearing after ‘A’ level results are announced because they cannot get a place on an honours degree programme.

2. A bright employee of 17 doing well at work could enrol on a Foundation degree.

3. Work-based learning is a waste of time – employees would gain more from attending college on day release.

4. Employees on Foundation degrees spend a great deal of time out of the workplace.

5. An employer who is keen to develop a Foundation degree could get on with it alone.

6. It takes at least three years to develop a Foundation degree.

7. Only institutions with degree-awarding powers can validate a Foundation degree.

8. A Foundation degree is full-time and it is delivered over an academic year.

9. A Foundation degree will only benefit the employee and not the company.