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Welcome to the December newsletter!

This is our monthly newsletter that gives you some news and updates about what is going on with DistanceLearningCentre.com, our staff and our learners. In this month's newsletter we have a new staff member, updates about moderation and important information about the college closure over Christmas.



## Moderation and UCAS

### **November Moderation News**

The Final Awards Board, where your grades will be finalised and confirmed, is scheduled to take place in the first half of December. We will email you once this has taken place to give you confirmation of your final grades. In the event of a grade change this will be communicated to you at this point.

### **Certificates**

In January 2022, Ascentis will issue your certificate and transcript of achievement to us. The documents will then be checked and dispatched to you. Your certificate will come to you by registered 1st class post (meaning it will have to be signed for) to whatever address is listed on your account.

Please make sure the address listed on your account is accurate and the address you would like your certificate to be posted to. You can make any necessary changes by going to the 'my Account' tab on your account hub and selecting 'my Contact Details' from the drop down menu. This **MUST** be a UK address. If you do not check your details and your certificate is sent to the wrong address there will be a reissue fee to pay in order for us to release the certificate once it has returned to us.

### **UCAS:**

Learners who have 6 graded credits and wish to apply to University through us should now be asking tutors for the buzzword.

Any student who wishes to have their form sent off **before the 26th January 2022 equal consideration UCAS deadline MUST** have completed and sent their application to their tutor by **12th January 2022**

We strongly advise you complete your UCAS application as soon as possible, remember to use the advice on the UCAS application page in your learner account toolkit. Please read the [PowerPoint and watch the useful video on the Toolkit page.](#)

# UCAS

## Christmas Closure

DistanceLearningCentre.com's Winter Closure is from **5.00pm Friday 17th December 2021 until Tuesday 4th January 2022**

During this time, your tutor will be unavailable for tutorials and will not be answering any phone calls or emails.

Your tutor will be able to provide you a maximum of 3 additional codes, you do not have to request all this additional work, please review your ILP and think about your plans for Christmas.

So for instance if you are on the materials you could request the assessment code and then the materials and assessment code for the next unit.

Please note - Student Services are unable to provide you with any passwords so you will need to ensure you have requested and received passwords from your tutor before we close.



## Changes to SAQs and Updating Documents

We are in the process of reviewing all of the materials and in particular the SAQs to improve the links between them and your assessments. This is a lengthy process and likely to be ongoing for sometime, and as it is such a large project it isn't possible to give notice every time we make changes.

If we do change the SAQs and you are part way through the materials please don't worry. just continue from which ever SAQ you had got up to and if you do need an old version of any answer sheets please ask your tutor who will contact the Curriculum team.

However, if you do notice that the SAQs don't match in the materials, answer sheets and exemplar answer sheets then it is probably the case that we have updated the SAQs but your computer is still storing an older version in its cache (this is a place where your computer temporarily stores recently opened documents).

So to resolve the issue you need to clear your cache. The steps for doing this will be different depending on your browser, for most browsers this can be found through your history page. [Here is a link to a handy website that gives instructions for most browsers.](#)

## New Business Tutor



Hi, I am John, a new Business tutor at DistanceLearningCentre.com.

I have 20 years teaching experience and I have taught Business Studies in schools, colleges and several prisons from GCSE to level 5.

In my spare time I enjoy photography and wander around places of interest including National Trust properties, zoos and bird of prey rescue centers. I also enjoy going to concerts, the theatre, reading and listening to music. Spending time with family is also something that is important to me.

~John Hassett

## Student Action Group

**The Student Action Group will be meeting this month to discuss the changes we have made and how to make your learning experience even better!**

Keep an eye out for updates about the changes we have made and are working on in our January newsletter.



## 'Then' and 'Now' Testimonials

**We've been catching up with some of our learners who completed courses with us over the years to find out what they have gone on to achieve. We have had a fantastic response, and it has been great hearing so many success stories that we wanted to share them in our newsletter.**

Each monthly newsletter will therefore be featuring a testimonial, in which our previous learners will share some great advice about studying for your Diploma and beyond!

### Then

"From day one tutors at DistanceLearningCentre.com were extremely helpful and knowledgeable, helping me with the UCAS Application, using Turnitin and any course-related question under the sun. Answers were always sent promptly, and further communication is always encouraged. I believe the more you communicate with your tutor, the better your mark and this was certainly the case for me. Feedback

sheets were informative and detailed, which really helped with the next assessment or exam by pinpointing areas for improvement.



My advice for anybody interested in the Access to HE Diploma: Allied Health Professions course would be to go for it and not procrastinate. It is easy to make excuses: 'I don't have time', 'it's too expensive', 'it's too difficult' but you can make time, there is an affordable payment plan and an unlimited amount of support available (which you are paying for and entitled as much as you need/want to). The time and money you spend on the course is difficult, but temporary. GO FOR IT!" (June 2017)

### Now

"After completing my Diploma with DistanceLearningCentre.com, I attended the University of Salford and studied for my BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy. The biggest challenge that I faced during my undergraduate studies was caused by the impact of Covid, because the last six months were studied online, and I graduated early to become part of the NHS and provide support through the pandemic.

My advice to students would be to ask for help if you need it - that's why the tutors are there! It's been something I have brought through to my work - learning my limitations and knowing when to ask for help. I would not be where I am in my career today without DistanceLearningCentre.com, and the Access to HE course that I studied. I always felt so supported and this has got me where I am today, by giving me skills to use during undergraduate study and a foundation of knowledge that I would have been lost without! I am now working for the NHS as a full-time Physiotherapist. I have had the opportunity to work in rehabilitation, complex care, and more recently in musculoskeletal Physiotherapy." (November 2021)



## Finding errors or broken links?

**We want to keep our resources accurate and up to date- so please tell us if you find any errors or a link that no longer works!**

You can email the editing team directly at [editor@distancelearningcentre.com](mailto:editor@distancelearningcentre.com) who will resolve the problem promptly.

### Have any suggestions to add to our Resource Library?

Have you found any websites or resources that have been helpful to your studies and want to share them with other learners? Please let us know! We can add any helpful resources to our Library, meaning all our learners can make use of them also.

We are in the process of updating our Library. If there are any areas that you would like to see more resources for, you can let us know directly. Email the editing team with your suggestions and requests.



## Please send us your reviews!

### We need your reviews!

A large number of our learners choose us because of our positive reviews, so why not give us a review to help others choose the right course for them!

We are always looking to improve and require valuable feedback from our learners to do this. Please send us your honest feedback so that we can provide the best service for our learners.

You can give us a review or send us some feedback in a variety of ways:

- You can [write a review on our Facebook Page](#).
- You can email us. One of the ways we like to celebrate your achievements is our Hall of Fame! If you would be willing to be involved please let your tutor know.
- You can send us a testimonial. You may have looked at these when you were deciding to study with us, so perhaps you would like others to hear about your experiences.
- You can like and share our [Facebook Page](#).

We rely on word of mouth and personal recommendations, so please consider giving us a review.

It is also important for us to constantly improve our services, so if you have any suggestions or feedback about your experiences, do let us know.



### Hall of Fame and Awards of Achievement


We want to celebrate your achievements, and help other potential students find out about what it's like to study with Distancelearningcentre.com. We also like to hear your stories about how you have worked hard to achieve your goals!

Do you want to win back half your course fees? Follow this [link to find out more](#)

## Coronavirus Updates

### Remember to visit our Corona Virus News Page regularly for the latest updates!

Visit the updates page by clicking [here](#), there is an important update about the 2022 GCSE/IGCSE series for all learners planning to sit exams next year.

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