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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Hello and welcome to the November newsletter!

In this month's edition, we have some information relating to November moderation, the list of student drop in sessions scheduled for November, some UCAS advice and a section on opportunities to study for a Nursing degree via blended learning at a number of universities.

For new learners who are receiving this as their first monthly newsletter, welcome and thank you for choosing to study with us.

As well as posting useful information and news in our newsletter, we also post items of interest on our various social media channels; so if you haven't already done so follow us on Facebook and Instagram. There is also a Facebook Group just for learners called [DistanceLearningCentre.com \(Official\)](#) where you can get help and support from your fellow students.

November Moderation 2023



Well done to our students who have completed their course for November moderation!

If this is you, you must upload a **course evaluation form** before finishing. Please also read the **How to Guide on certification**. The course evaluation form and the How to Guide on certification are available in the 'Moderation dates' section of the 'My Courses' tab.

Certificates will be sent to us by the Awarding Body (Ascentis) some time in **January 2024**. Please check you have the correct address on your learner account.

Reminder about March Moderation 2024

No sooner does one moderation finish, the countdown for the next begins! The **March 2024** moderation deadline is **Friday 1st March**.

Moderation is when assessment work that has been marked by your tutor is checked by the Awarding Body, Ascentis. During this process, final grades are confirmed, and Diplomas are awarded. Certificates are then issued, and these should be with successful students in May.

Visit the [UCAS Hub](#) for some great workshops that will help you with your UCAS application. Remember to also visit the [UCAS Deadlines](#) page for all the key dates for your application.

Our official Facebook group is full of learners also studying with us, and who are applying to university. You may find answers to any questions that you may have by reaching out to this supportive online community. You can join the group through our [Facebook Page](#) (click on the 'Join Group' button).

If you are applying as a student of DistanceLearningCentre.com you will need to request a **buzzword** from your tutor, which will identify your application as being linked to DistanceLearningCentre.com.

In order to access the DistanceLearningCentre.com buzzword you must have completed and passed 6 Level 3 credits.

If you are applying as a DistanceLearningCentre.com student, your tutor will write your UCAS reference, but before they can do this you will need to complete a 'tutor info form'.

Online Question & Answer Drop-ins



During weekly online drop-in sessions (which can be accessed from the '**My Courses**' tab by selecting '**Webinars**' and then '**Coming up**'), our tutors will be on hand to answer general questions about your course or unit-specific questions about your assessments.

The online drop-ins coming up in November are:

- [Psychology](#) - 7:30pm Tuesday 7th
- [New Student Drop-in](#) - 7:30pm on Wednesday 8th
- [Medicine](#) - 7:30pm Wednesday 15th
- [New Student Drop-in](#) - 7:30pm Wednesday 22nd
- [Chemistry](#) - 7:30pm Wednesday 29th

Our Recorded Webinars

If you did not get the opportunity to attend last weeks Health and Social Work courses talk hosted by Liz Greenough from Huddersfield university, you can

still watch the session whenever you want from our YouTube channel.



The link to this presentation is given below:

- [Huddersfield Talk on Health Courses including blended learning for Nursing](#)

Other published webinars that you will find useful at any stage of your studies include:

- [The Course Induction](#)
- [Applying to UCAS](#)
- [Academic Writing](#)
- [Referencing](#)

The complete list of our webinar videos can be accessed from the 'my courses' section of your account by selecting 'Webinars' and then 'Webinar Videos'.

Blended Learning Opportunities for Adult Nursing

Whether you'd like to provide care for adults in the community or in acute settings, the NMC regulated blended learning adult nursing degree (being offered by a number of universities throughout the UK) is designed to provide a great foundation for a career in health care.



Through blended learning, the course provides a flexible way to fit study around work and life, using mainly digital technologies, but still including practical and hands-on experience. Although the theoretical component of the degree programme is predominantly delivered online, students are expected to attend the university campus in their catchment area for a maximum total of 20 days per year of the course.

The universities currently offering the blended learning adult nursing degree are:

Coventry University

- [Adult Nursing Blended Learning BSc \(Hons\)](#)
- [Adult Nursing \(pre-registration\) Blended Learning MSc](#)

University of Huddersfield

- [Nursing \(Blended Learning\) Adult BSc\(Hons\)](#)
- [Registered Nurse \(Degree Apprenticeship\) \(Blended Learning\) Adult BSc\(Hons\) \(hud.ac.uk\)](#)

University of Sunderland

- [Adult nursing \(blended\) BSc - North of England](#)
- [Adult nursing \(blended\) BSc - London](#)
- [Nursing Studies \(blended\) MSc](#)

Other Universities include:

- [Birmingham City University](#)

- [University of Gloucestershire](#)
 - [The Open University](#) (in partnership with UWE and Middlesex university)
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Your questions answered



This month's question is:

Why do we ask you to complete 6 credits of work and the tutor ref form before we issue the Buzzword for UCAS?

Our answer:

By giving you the UCAS Buzzword we are agreeing for you to link your application to us – and that we will provide a reference for you. Unless you have completed 6 credits of work it would be very difficult for us to provide any information to the universities about how you are doing academically – this is the minimum amount of work (usually the first two units) we need to be able to do this.

We ask you to complete the tutor reference form to give us any other information which we may not know about you (such as your work experience) so that we are also able to comment on this in your reference.

Whilst you can apply for UCAS independently it is worthwhile linking your application to us as we check your application and write your reference before it is sent to the universities.

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