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JANUARY EXTERNAL MODERATION CERTIFICATES



Well, the **104 learners** who have just received their certificates for the January External Moderation will already know this piece of good news!

Certificates for the January External Moderation arrived with us in the office on the 16th of February.

After they were checked for accuracy (name, qualification and grade) they were all put in envelopes and posted out on the 17th.

We would like to take this opportunity to send our congratulations to all our learners who achieved their Access to HE Diplomas and wish you all the best for the future.

As a reminder to all our learners who have yet to go through moderation, it is **vital that you keep your contact details up-to-date**.

Your certificates will be in the name you initially registered with us. If your name has changed since you registered i.e. you have got married, got divorced or just registered with a nickname, then you must let us know so that your certificate is issued in your preferred/correct name. If you have changed your name then please email exams@distancelearningcentre.com

It is also imperative that the address you have given us is the address you would like your certificate sent to. Please check your contact details on 'My Account/My Contact Details' and update if you have moved house or relocated. For the November External Moderation **3% of certificates were returned** by Royal Mail and there is a £5.00 charge to get them re-posted to you.

COURSE UPDATE

Further to the Access to Childhood Studies, Construction and Business Diplomas launched in September 2016, we also launched a new option for both the **Midwifery** and the **Nursing career pathways**, which again is proving to be an extremely popular course.

Since its launch in September we already have **over 250 learners** working towards their diploma.

Access to Higher Education Diploma to Nursing and Midwifery (NM)

Online Access to Higher Education Diploma Nursing and Midwifery (NM) is a new course where learners undertake 45 graded credits in Biology, Social Issues in Healthcare and Psychology with 15 ungraded credits. The course, as with most of our other Access to HE Diploma courses, is available in 2 forms **Option 1** where you brush up your English and Maths skills in some ungraded Level Two units or **Option 2** where you study all ungraded units at Level Three.

For full details of the course please see the following links

[Career Path Nursing](#)

Career Path Midwifery

This new option course is ideal for people who want to focus more on the **care** side of the professions.



MEET THE PEOPLE

The next foray into the faces behind our phone calls and emails is our Exams Officer Kal Menon.

Kal joined the DistanceLearningCentre.com almost 2 years ago after spending 13 years working as a Restaurant Manager; 9 of which was travelling all around the world working for P&O cruises.

Kal is your main point of contact with regards to external Moderations and Certificate queries.

If it wasn't for Kal, who chases you up for accurate contact details, your certificate would not be issued in the name you want it to be in and it may never reach your letterbox.

So if you have got married, got divorced or just generally changed your name by deed poll or if you have moved house or relocated you need to let Kal know by emailing exams@distancelearningcentre.com

Kal is also part of the Student Services team so again, is one of our go-to people for any type of query or enquiry including course change requests.

In her spare time Kal likes to run. She has taken part in many organised runs and in her last half marathon at Bournemouth she raised over £500 for Save the Children charity.

Obviously her background in restaurant management means she also has a special interest in cooking, her signature dish being Chicken Biryani, and when she isn't running or cooking she enjoys a good book to read.



SURVEY REQUEST



Would any learner be willing to help a fellow student with his dissertation?

Matthew Clancy is a 4th year Information Systems student at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. As part of his dissertation, he is researching the Social Issues with Virtual Learning Environments including the benefits and issues that surround distance learners as a whole.

He has asked if any DistanceLearningCentre.com learner would fill in a small survey to help him gain some data for his dissertation.

If you are currently or have undertaken a distance learning course in the past 3 years please follow this link <http://bit.ly/2l8crJ0>

If you undertook a distance learning course 10 or more years ago please follow this link <http://bit.ly/2kDnJbe>

ARMED FORCES LEARNERS

Call to all learners who are in/were in the Armed Services.

Following on from a recent paper that was written by Dr Mel Macer at the Institute for Education, Bath Spa University entitled "Understanding the journey to and through 'Access to Higher Education Diplomas' for adults with a Service background", we at DistanceLearningCentre.com want to take on some of the recommendations about better promotion of Access to HE Diplomas to all branches of the Armed Services.



It was clear from the paper that knowledge of Access to HE Diplomas is quite sketchy. We would therefore like to increase our promotion of our Online Access to HE Diplomas to serving personnel, service leavers and their spouses to explain that if you have not got traditional A-Levels there is an alternative route to getting a qualification that will allow you to apply to University and hence open up many great opportunities in the future.



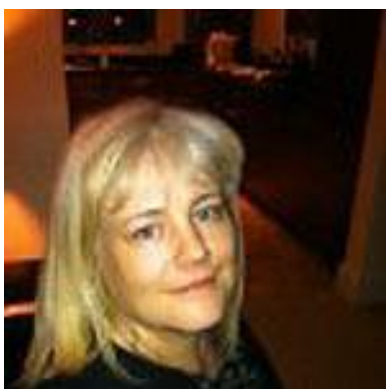
Part of this promotion would be getting the stories and experiences of our current and past learners who have a link with the Armed Services. We would like to know about your experience as you took your Access to HE Diploma with us and, if you completed your course, what are you doing now? Are you enjoying a University degree, have you completed a University degree and what new career path are you following?



We would like to use these stories in the promotional material we supply to Education Centres and HIVES.

If you would like to share your story, and are happy for us to publish that story in information we send to promote the existence of Access to HE Diplomas to the Armed Services then please email us at learn@distancelearningcentre.com

FAB 5 AWARD UPDATE



Geraldine Avis winner 2015

After completing her Access to HE Diploma (Nursing, Midwifery and Health Professions) in 2015, Geraldine commenced study for a three year BSc in Mental Health Nursing at Birmingham City University in January 2016. She successfully completed her first year and has just started her second year. *"I am thoroughly enjoying the course and wished I had done this years ago. The DistanceLearningCentre.com diploma has really prepared me with the biology and psychology modules, I am really glad that I used this route for entry to my degree course."*


We are now gearing up for the **2017 Fab 5 Awards** and your tutors are already making some nominations for this years award, though they do have until June Moderation to send in all their nominations.

Remember nominations are not purely down to academic excellence, the panel of judges also consider learners who may have overcome adversity whilst doing their course and more importantly, learners who take an active role with their fellow learners on the [Student Forum](#) and the [Distance Learning Centre \(official\)](#) Facebook page.

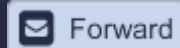
Once all names have been entered, the lucky nominees will receive an official letter informing them that they have been nominated.

The panel of judges will make their final decision of the five winners in August.



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