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Spring is here!



Welcome to the April 2019 newsletter! Spring is here and we hope you are looking forward to a well earned break from your studies over the bank holiday. As always we have new and exciting developments here at DistanceLearningCentre.com to share with you as well as information about the upcoming closure. Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

Spring break

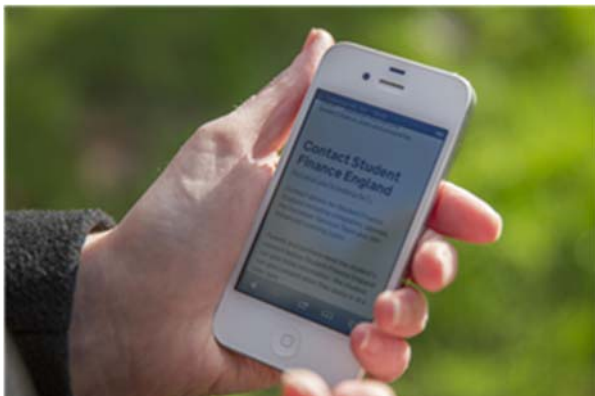
We are closed from **Monday April 15th** and reopen after the Bank Holiday on **Tuesday April 23rd**, as your tutors will be taking a well-earned break.

You will still be able to access all the materials and assessments on your learner account and upload work during this time should you wish to.

[Finance](#), [Technical Support](#) and [Student Services](#) are available weekdays through the closure (but not weekends and Bank Holidays) to help with general enquiries and enrolments but please remember that student services cannot provide passwords, these must be obtained from your tutors.



Student finance



If you are starting university or college in 2019, the deadline to apply for student finance is **May 2019**.

If you don't apply before this date you might not get your money in time for the start of your course.

It's quick and easy to apply online at [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk)

If you have already started your application online, please log back into your account now and finish it before the deadline.



Ascentis would like views on your experiences as an Access to Higher Education Diploma student.

The responses to the survey will be collated and used to help Ascentis support students.

Your feedback would be very useful in this and it should only take a few minutes to complete – the survey closes on May 21st.

You can access the survey via this [link](#)

July Certification 2019

Important deadlines are fast approaching for those of you aiming for moderation in June 2019.

The final date for submitting all of your assessments for marking for this moderation is 31st May 2019.

In order for you to be on track to meet this deadline we recommend that you have completed at least 45 credits of your diploma by April 19th.

If you are worried about these deadlines please discuss this with your tutor.

Further guidance about the moderation process and deadlines for all certifications can be found on your [learner account](#).



New Diploma for September 2019 - Policing and Criminal Justice



This diploma is for people who want to work in the [police force](#) or the wider [criminal justice sector](#), such as the prison service, probation, youth justice, the security industry or local government.

After completing the course there will be a number of routes available to you, you can apply directly to the police or probation service or you can take a Policing and Criminal Justice/Criminology degree.

After your degree you can enter the police force on a two-year graduate programme where you will learn the key skills related to the police as well as wider leadership and life skills. The structure and focus of the programme varies depending upon which course you apply to. If you are a more mature student with proven leadership and management skills then you may be able to apply to the police force as an inspector or superintendent through direct entry scheme.

To become a probation officer after your degree, you would be eligible for the 15-month fast track scheme after which you will be able to work in prisons with high risk offenders to prepare them for release, in courts and within the community, managing offenders with community orders or who have been released on licence from prison.

A second new Diploma for September 2019 - Radiography



This diploma is for people who want to be radiographers. Radiographers are clinical practitioners who work as a team to provide person-centred support and care for patients during screening, diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of trauma and disease processes.

There are two branches of radiography:

1. [Diagnostic radiography](#) which uses a range of techniques to produce high quality images to diagnose an injury or disease.
2. [Therapeutic radiographers](#) play a vital role in the delivery of radiotherapy services. Therapeutic radiographers are responsible for the planning and delivery of accurate radiotherapy treatments using a wide range of technical equipment.

To become a radiologist you will need a degree in Diagnostic radiography, Radiotherapy and oncology or diagnostic imaging. To gain entry into university you will need a science-based Access

diploma which includes physics and usually GCSE's or equivalences in English, Maths and a science. But please check the university requirements before enrolling on the course as each university sets its own entry requirements.

Starring Role for The Growth Project

The Growth Project is run by Hourglass (DistanceLearningCentre.com not for profit arm) in Rochdale for people with mental health problems to learn horticultural and construction skills. They are going to be on television on the 24th of April on BBC 1 at 9.30am in a programme called Health, Truth or Scare. This programme has been looking at depression and anxiety and how different therapies, from drugs to complementary therapies, work. The Growth Project concentrates on therapeutic horticulture as a medium for recovery. Karen Hayday and Debbie Cruse from DistanceLearningCentre.com run the project which is a partnership between Hourglass and Rochdale and District Mind.

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