



DistanceLearningCentre.com Ltd

Ascentis New Access to HE Diploma

Exemptions and Recognition of Prior Learning

Policy & Procedure

The following policy and procedure is applicable to all learners who have enrolled on the new Access to HE diploma which commenced on Monday 08 June 2015.

As a responsible and reputable provider of access to HE diplomas we advise all our learners which access HE diploma programme and option of study (where relevant) is most suited to the learner's future career aspirations.

Exemptions for Level 2 English and Level 2 Maths

Learners can select whichever access to HE diploma option they prefer to study. Therefore all learners who have enrolled on an Ascentis Access to HE Diploma from Monday 08 June **will no longer be awarded exemptions** for Level 2 English and Level 2 Maths irrespective of whether the learner possesses GCSEs grade Cs or above in English and Maths within 10 years or not.

There are very specific cases e.g. the Access to HE Diploma Science programme where learners are required to possess entry requirements such as a GCSE grade C or above in science prior to enrolling on the programme of study.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

RPL can occur if a prospective learner contacts the DistanceLearningCentre.com to undertake an access to HE diploma but has completed part of or an entire access to HE diploma with another educational institution/provider.

In cases of RPL the QAA rules state the following:

Learners can gain exemption from, or credit for, a limited number of units of a named Diploma through RPL.

No more than 50 per cent of the credits required for any named diploma may be awarded through RPL.

The limit for any named diploma (which might be lower than 50 per cent in some instances) is stipulated within the rules of combination of that diploma.

In all cases of potential RPL tutors must contact Karen Hayday (Executive Director – Academic). RPL has to be referred to Ascentis in all cases via Karen as RPL is a complex process and has to be both undertaken and approved by Ascentis.

If required and requested learners must supply as proof of achievement to the DistanceLearningCentre.com a copy of the certificate of the qualifications gained.

If a learner cannot supply a certificate then he/she cannot be approved as possessing requisites qualifications.