

Course Information Sheet – Accredited Courses

Ascentis Level 4 Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector

Introduction

This course is the initial award and minimum standard for all those entering the teaching profession from September 2007. It is part of the new credit based teacher qualifications framework. It is the first unit of the full Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector, though it can be taken as a stand-alone award.

Qualification

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What are the course entry requirements?

1. GCSE English and Maths at Grade C or equivalent (Level 2)
2. ICT qualification or experience
3. One or more of the following :
 - a first degree
 - a professional qualification recognised as being of practitioner level
 - NVQ Level 3 or equivalent
 - relevant industrial/commercial experience at an appropriate practitioner level

How long is the course?

48 guided learning hours that is offered as 3 hrs per week for 12 weeks, or over 4 weekends or in blocks + tutorials and self study

Will I need an interview/pre course assessment?

All prospective candidates will be required to attend an interview for this course including an initial assessment essay

What will the course involve?

The course provides a sound educational basis for progressing to teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector. It will introduce some of the necessary knowledge skills and attitudes for teaching within the areas of Further Education, Adult Education and Work Based Learning

How will I be learning?

This is a highly participatory and interactive course and candidates will be expected to contribute fully in all activities. These will include classroom teaching, individual and group presentations, seminar work, written assignments and attending tutorials. In addition all candidates must successfully complete an observed micro-teaching session.

<i>What equipment will I need?</i>
Ring file, paper and pens and 'access to a computer'
<i>How will I know if I am making progress?</i>
Candidates will be provided with oral and written feedback from tutors for all aspects of the course, including written assignments, practical activities and observation.
<i>What course work will I be expected to complete?</i>
There are 3 assignments for this course and reflections from each session
<i>What can I expect to learn from this course?</i>
The course is intended to equip a wide range of teachers to support learners within the post –16 framework. It will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role, responsibilities and boundaries of teaching • Teaching and Learning Approaches • Session planning skills • Inclusion and motivation of learners • Assessment methods and record keeping
<i>How will I be assessed?</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initial assessment assignment 2. Assignment 1: roles and responsibilities of the tutor in relation to learners, organisation and legislation 3. Assignment 2: 15 minute micro teach , rationale for the micro teach, session plan and feedback from peers and tutor 4. Assignment 3: self reflection on the micro teach 5. Reflections on the PTLLS sessions
<i>What qualification will I achieve?</i>
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<i>Which other courses/programmes of study does this course link with?</i>
Candidates may wish to progress on to the full Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector, of which this award is the first unit.
<i>Will I need to cover anything in addition to the course fee?</i>
Ascentis examination fee if not included in the course fee
<i>What other training programmes and progression opportunities are there?</i>
<p>Ascentis Level 5 Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector</p> <p>If you require in-depth advice on progression opportunities or guidance on career choices please contact our Information Advice and Guidance Officers on 0845 600 1331. For general information about other courses, contact us on the same number or check out the website www.lancashire.gov.uk/adultlearning</p>