

RULES OF COMBINATION GOVERNING THE ASCENTIS ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA (CREATIVE ARTS & DESIGN)

Award Title	Access to HE Diploma (Creative Arts & Design)	
Qualification level	Level 3 within the NICATS framework of levels.	
Total credit value	60 credits.	
Number of credits at specific levels which comprise the Access to HE qualification	A minimum of 45 credits must be achieved at Level 3, with the remaining 15 credits to be achieved at Level 2 or above.	
Credit value and level of mandatory units	For the mixed Level 2/Level 3 model, a minimum of 24 credits at Level 3 and 3 credits at Level 2 to be achieved through specified named mandatory units. For the Level 3 model, a minimum of 24 credits to be achieved through specified named mandatory units.	
Credit value and level of optional units	The remaining credits to be achieved through a choice of named optional units.	
Credit value and level of credits permitted through credit transfer and the award of credit through APL	<p>The APL rules apply to both mandatory and optional units.</p> <p>No more than 30 credits required for the award of the Access to HE Diploma may be awarded through APL or credit transfer.</p> <p>For the mixed Level 2/Level 3 model, no more than 21 credits required at Level 3 for the award of the Access to HE Diploma may be awarded through APL or credit transfer. For the Level 3 model, no more than 30 credits for the award of the Access to HE Diploma may be awarded through APL or credit transfer.</p> <p>No credit is awarded where previous learning has already been certificated; students will be exempted from relevant credit requirements.</p> <p>APL or credit exemption will normally be awarded only for subjects or units relevant to the named Diploma.</p>	
Other Requirements	<p>Centres should advise learners to contact their intended receiving HE institution before the commencement of their Access to HE programme to ensure that the subject choices made and any APL awarded are appropriate for progression to their proposed undergraduate course.</p> <p>Full completion of a subject must occur within three years of initial enrolment.</p> <p>Full completion of the Diploma must occur within five years of initial enrolment.</p> <p>There is no time restriction imposed on the date when level 2 and level 3 qualifications submitted for exemption were achieved. Centres must assure themselves that the related skills are still current and are not obliged to accept applications for APL exemption where they consider this is not the case. The Ascentis Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) and Concurrent Learning System must be adhered to. Centres must ensure that any qualifications submitted for APL meet the intended receiving HEI's policy relating to validity and currency.</p> <p>The Literacy and Numeracy test at Level 2 will not count towards the QAA-recognised Access to HE Diploma.</p>	
Titles of mandatory units	Level	Credit value
HE Toolkit	3	3
Study Techniques	2	3

plus the following set of units:

Set 1

Foundations in Art	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Art	3	6
Topics and Themes in Art	3	6
Practical Skills in Art	3	6

Titles of optional units	Level	Credit value
Set 1		
Foundations in Art History	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Art History	3	6
Topics and Themes in Art History	3	6
Practical Skills in Art History	3	6
Set 2		
Foundations in Contemporary Figure and Portraiture	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Contemporary Figure and Portraiture	3	6
Topics and Themes in Contemporary Figure and Portraiture	3	6
Practical Skills in Contemporary Figure and Portraiture	3	6
Set 3		
Foundations in Creative Writing	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Creative Writing	3	6
Topics and Themes in Creative Writing	3	6
Practical Skills in Creative Writing	3	6
Set 4		
Foundations in Digital Imaging	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Digital Imaging	3	6
Topics and Themes in Digital Imaging	3	6
Practical Skills in Digital Imaging	3	6
Set 5		
Foundations in History & Culture of Victorian England	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in History & Culture of Victorian England	3	6
Topics and Themes in History & Culture of Victorian England	3	6
Practical Skills in History & Culture of Victorian England	3	6
Set 6		
Foundations in Information & Communications Technology	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Information & Communications Technology	3	6
Topics and Themes in Information & Communications Technology	3	6
Practical Skills in Information & Communications Technology	3	6
Set 7		
Foundations in Outdoor Education and Adventure Experience	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Outdoor Education and Adventure Experience	3	6
Topics and Themes in Outdoor Education and Adventure Experience	3	6
Practical Skills in Outdoor Education and Adventure Experience	3	6
Set 8		
Foundations in Recreation in the Mountain Environment	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Recreation in the Mountain Environment	3	6
Topics and Themes in Recreation in the Mountain Environment	3	6
Practical Skills in Recreation in the Mountain Environment	3	6

LEVEL 2 GCSE EQUIVALENTS

Set 1		
Foundations in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent English	2	3
Theories and Perspectives in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent English	2	3
Topics and Themes in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent English	2	3
Practical Skills in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent English	2	3
Set 2		
Foundations in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Mathematics	2	3
Theories and Perspectives in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Mathematics	2	3
Topics and Themes in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Mathematics	2	3
Practical Skills in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Mathematics	2	3
Set 3		
Foundations in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Science	2	3
Theories and Perspectives in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Science	2	3
Topics and Themes in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Science	2	3

Practical Skills in Level 2 GCSE Equivalent Science	2	3
Introduction to Art	2	6
Introduction to Creative Writing	2	6
Introduction to Digital Imaging Input, Output and Processing Skills	2	6
Introduction to Digital Imaging Research, Design and Image Manipulation	2	6
Introduction to Garden Design	2	6
Introduction to Health and Safety in the Workplace	2	6
Introduction to History	2	6
Introduction to Internet Web Page Design	2	6
Introduction to Interpersonal Skills	2	6
Introduction to Photography	2	6
Introduction to Popular Culture	2	6
Introduction to Word Processing, Internet and Email	2	6