

**RULES OF COMBINATION GOVERNING THE  
ASCENTIS QAA-recognised ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA  
(EDUCATION PROFESSIONS)**

<b>Award Title</b>	<b>Access to HE Diploma (Education Professions)</b>	
<b>Qualification level</b>	Level 3 within the NICATS framework of levels.	
<b>Total credit value</b>	60 credits.	
<b>Number of credits at specific levels which comprise the Access to HE qualification</b>	A minimum of 45 credits must be achieved at level 3, with the remaining 15 credits to be achieved at level 2 or above.	
<b>Credit value and level of mandatory units</b>	For the mixed Level 2/3 model, a minimum of 3 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 3 credits at Level 3 to be achieved through specified named mandatory units.	
<b>Credit value and level of optional units</b>	The remaining credits to be achieved through a choice of named optional units.	
<b>Credit value and level of credits permitted through credit transfer and the award of credit through APL</b>	The APL rules apply to both mandatory and optional units.	
	No more than 30 credits required for the award of the Access to HE Diploma may be awarded through APL or credit transfer.	
	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.	
	No credit is awarded where previous learning has already been certificated; students will be exempted from relevant credit requirements.	
<b>Other requirements</b>	APL or credit exemption will normally be awarded <b>only</b> for subjects or units relevant to the named Diploma.	
	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.	
	Full completion of a subject must occur within three years of initial enrolment.	
	Full completion of the Diploma must occur within five years of initial enrolment.	
	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.	
	The Literacy and Numeracy test at Level 2 will not count towards the QAA-recognised Access to HE Diploma.	
	The rules of combination for the Education Professions pathway assume that the student meets the following requirements:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Secondary Teacher Education all learners must fulfil the GCSE or Ascentis equivalent requirement for English Language and Mathematics at Grade C or above.</li> <li>• For Primary, Early Years, and Key Stage 2/3 Teacher Education all learners must fulfil the GCSE or Ascentis equivalent requirement for English Language, Mathematics and Science at Grade C or above.</li> </ul>	
<b>Titles of mandatory units</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit value</b>
HE Toolkit	3	3
Study Techniques	2	3
<b>Titles of optional units</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Credit value</b>
<b>Set 1</b>		
Foundations in Approaches to Social & Community Welfare	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Approaches to Social & Community Welfare	3	6
Topics and Themes in Approaches to Social & Community Welfare	3	6
Practical Skills in Approaches to Social & Community Welfare	3	6

Titles of optional units	Level	Credit value
<b>Set 2</b>		
Foundations in Approaches to Research with Vulnerable Adults	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Approaches to Research with Vulnerable Adults	3	6
Topics and Themes in Approaches to Research with Vulnerable Adults	3	6
Practical Skills in Approaches to Research with Vulnerable Adults	3	6
<b>Set 3</b>		
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
<b>Set 4</b>		
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
<b>Set 5</b>		
Foundations in Biology	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Biology	3	6
Topics and Themes in Biology	3	6
Practical Skills in Biology	3	6
<b>Set 6</b>		
Foundations in Business Studies	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Business Studies	3	6
Topics and Themes in Business Studies	3	6
Practical Skills in Business Studies	3	6
<b>Set 7</b>		
Foundations in Care Studies: Mental Health	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Care Studies: Mental Health	3	6
Topics and Themes in Care Studies: Mental Health	3	6
Practical Skills in Care Studies: Mental Health	3	6
<b>Set 8</b>		
Foundations in Care Studies: Policy, Principles and Practice	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Care Studies: Policy, Principles and Practice	3	6
Topics and Themes in Care Studies: Policy, Principles and Practice	3	6
Practical Skills in Care Studies: Policy, Principles and Practice	3	6
<b>Set 9</b>		
Foundations in Care Studies: Understanding Supporting Client Needs	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Care Studies: Understanding Supporting Client Needs	3	6
Topics and Themes in Care Studies: Understanding Supporting Client Needs	3	6
Practical Skills in Care Studies: Understanding Supporting Client Needs	3	6
<b>Set 10</b>		
Foundations in Chemistry	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Chemistry	3	6
Topics and Themes in Chemistry	3	6
Practical Skills in Chemistry	3	6
<b>Set 11</b>		
Foundations in Computing	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Computing	3	6
Topics and Themes in Computing	3	6
Practical Skills in Computing	3	6
<b>Set 12</b>		
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

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**Set 13**

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

**Set 14**

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 15**

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

**Set 16**

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 17**

Foundations in Drugs Disease and Biological Defences	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Drugs Disease and Biological Defences	3	6
Topics and Themes in Drugs Disease and Biological Defences	3	6
Practical Skills in Drugs Disease and Biological Defences	3	6

**Set 18**

Foundations in Economic and Social Change 1700-1870	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Economic and Social Change 1700-1870	3	6
Topics and Themes in Economic and Social Change 1700-1870	3	6
Practical Skills in Economic and Social Change 1700-1870	3	6

**Set 19**

Foundations in Economic and Social Change 1870-1939	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Economic and Social Change 1870-1939	3	6
Topics and Themes in Economic and Social Change 1870-1939	3	6
Practical Skills in Economic and Social Change 1870-1939	3	6

**Set 20**

Foundations in Education Studies	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Education Studies	3	6
Topics and Themes in Education Studies	3	6
Practical Skills in Education Studies	3	6

**Set 21**

Foundations in Engineering Science	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Engineering Science	3	6
Topics and Themes in Engineering Science	3	6
Practical Skills in Engineering Science	3	6

**Set 22**

Foundations in English Language and Literature	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in English Language and Literature	3	6
Topics and Themes in English Language and Literature	3	6
Practical Skills in English Language and Literature	3	6

**Set 23**

Foundations in Environmental Science	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Environmental Science	3	6
Topics and Themes in Environmental Science	3	6
Practical Skills in Environmental Science	3	6

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<b>Set 24</b>		
Foundations in Forensic Principles	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Forensic Principles	3	6
Topics and Themes in Forensic Principles	3	6
Practical Skills in Forensic Principles	3	6
<b>Set 25</b>		
Foundations in Gender, Sexuality and Society	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Gender, Sexuality and Society	3	6
Topics and Themes in Gender, Sexuality and Society	3	6
Practical Skills in Gender, Sexuality and Society	3	6
<b>Set 26</b>		
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
<b>Set 27</b>		
Foundations in Human Physiology	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Human Physiology	3	6
Topics and Themes in Human Physiology	3	6
Practical Skills in Human Physiology	3	6
<b>Set 28</b>		
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
<b>Set 29</b>		
Foundations in Law	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Law	3	6
Topics and Themes in Law	3	6
Practical Skills in Law	3	6
<b>Set 30</b>		
Foundations in Mathematics	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Mathematics	3	6
Topics and Themes in Mathematics	3	6
Practical Skills in Mathematics	3	6
<b>Set 31</b>		
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
<b>Set 32</b>		
Foundations in Physics	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Physics	3	6
Topics and Themes in Physics	3	6
Practical Skills in Physics	3	6
<b>Set 33</b>		
Foundations in Psychological Perspectives	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Psychological Perspectives	3	6
Topics and Themes in Psychological Perspectives	3	6
Practical Skills in Psychological Perspectives	3	6
<b>Set 34</b>		
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

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**Set 35**

Foundations in Science for Forensic Science	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Science for Forensic Science	3	6
Topics and Themes in Science for Forensic Science	3	6
Practical Skills in Science for Forensic Science	3	6

**Set 36**

Foundations in Social Issues in Health Care	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Social Issues in Health Care	3	6
Topics and Themes in Social Issues in Health Care	3	6
Practical Skills in Social Issues in Health Care	3	6

**Set 37**

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

**Set 38**

Foundations in Twentieth Century Totalitarian Regimes	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Twentieth Century Totalitarian Regimes	3	6
Topics and Themes in Twentieth Century Totalitarian Regimes	3	6
Practical Skills in Twentieth Century Totalitarian Regimes	3	6

**Set 39**

Foundations in Understanding Drugs & Substance Misuse	3	3
Theories and Perspectives in Understanding Drugs & Substance Misuse	3	6
Topics and Themes in Understanding Drugs & Substance Misuse	3	6
Practical Skills in Understanding Drugs & Substance Misuse	3	6

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**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

Titles of optional units	Level	Credit value
Introduction to Art	2	6
Introduction to Biological Concepts and Mathematics for Forensic Science	2	6
Introduction to Bookkeeping	2	6
Introduction to Business Studies	2	6
Introduction to Care Studies: Children	2	6
Introduction to Care Studies: Mental Health	2	6
Introduction to Care Studies: Older People	2	6
Introduction to Care Studies: People with Learning Difficulties	2	6
Introduction to Chemical Concepts and Laboratory Skills for Forensic Science	2	6
Introduction to Citizenship (Institutions and Society)	2	6
Introduction to Citizenship (Law and Employment)	2	6
Introduction to Computing, Practical Skills, Database & Spreadsheets	2	6
Introduction to Counselling Skills	2	6
Introduction to Counselling Theories	2	6

Introduction to Creative Writing	2	6
Introduction to Criminology	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 Economics	2	6
Introduction to Education Studies	2	6
Introduction to Education Studies: Early Years	2	6
Introduction to English Language	2	6
Introduction to English Literature	2	6
Introduction to Food Science and Nutrition	2	6
Introduction to Geology	2	6
Introduction to Geology: Fieldwork	2	6
Introduction to Health Education	2	6
Introduction to Health and Safety in the Workplace	2	6
Introduction to Health Studies (Health Concepts and Health Care)	2	6
Introduction to History	2	6
Introduction to Human Growth and Development	2	6
Introduction to Human Physiology	2	6
Introduction to Internet Web Page Design	2	6
Introduction to Interpersonal Skills	2	6
Introduction to Law	2	6
Introduction to Photography	2	6
Introduction to Popular Culture	2	6
Introduction to Physics	2	6
Introduction to Principles of Care: Issues in Client Care	2	6
Introduction to Principles of Care: Services to Other People	2	6
Introduction to Psychological Concepts	2	6
Introduction to Psychological Methodology	2	6
Introduction to Reflective Practice Skills	2	6
Introduction to Social Policy and Administration	2	6
Introduction to Sociological Concepts and Perspectives	2	6
Introduction to Sociological Methods	2	6
Introduction to Sports and Recreational Leadership	2	6
Introduction to Sport Science	2	6
Introduction to Statistics	2	6
Introduction to Youth Work: Working with Young People	2	6
Introduction to Understanding Drug Use and Misuse	2	6
Introduction to Word Processing, Internet and Email	2	6
Introduction to Work Experience: Education	2	6