

Introduction

Welcome to Open Awards Blended Learning Packages!

We have been working on an exciting project through the Department for Education's Flexible Learning Fund, and with our Colleges, to bring our learners **new** Blended Learning Packages for our Access to HE Diplomas in Health Pathway, including development units.



Our amazing, new and **FREE** Blended Learning Packages not only reduce the burden of creating course materials, but assist with learner engagement and increase retention by providing flexible learning opportunities.

About Blended Learning

Blended learning is where online learning is blended with classroom based learning. The aim of Open Awards blended learning materials is to provide the online content part of this blend.



Our online learning packages have been designed to provide learners with a "chunk" of learning that either covers a learning outcome of an Access to HE Unit or gives a subject overview. It has been structured to:

- Introduce the learner to the topic
- Develop the topic
- Provide formative tests
- Stretch the learner with further reading
- Build study skills
- Leave the learner working at Level 3
- Lead the learner back to class

Lighten the Learning Load

We have a total of 50 units in development in the following areas:

- Biology
- Psychology
- Criminology
- Health Studies
- Sport and Exercise
- Sociology
- Development Skills



For a full list of units in development, as well as their release dates, please click <u>here</u>

Have you considered?

Our Packages are designed as a chunk of learning but we are not being prescriptive – you still have the choice of how to put your learning together.

Here are some of the ways you consider using our Blended Learning.



Flexibility

Would you like to attract more learners to your Access to Health programme?

By providing Blended Learning, i.e. less hours in college, could be something to consider in order to attract new markets of employed learners. Also by offering less hours of attendance this could enable you to spread your geographical catchment area.

Our Blended Learning Packages could help you recognise this goal by offering a chunk of learning, which could be completed away from college and in the learner's own time.

Our Packages can be accessed by a Learning Management System that plugs into your online learning platform and is easy to install and access.



Nuggets

Why not set a Section of our Learning Package for homework and pick this up with learners in class?

All our Packages are divided into sections which cover a nugget of close knowledge that could be set as homework. We have provided learners with a Knowledge Input Tracker so they can make study notes to aid their learning. The encourages learners to highlight specific areas of understanding and also where they need specific help.



Revision

Why not use our Packages to refresh learners' knowledge in a variety of topics?

For example add our development packages on Assignment or Report Writing or Referencing and Plagiarism or Psychological Perspectives, to refresh learners' skills throughout their studies.

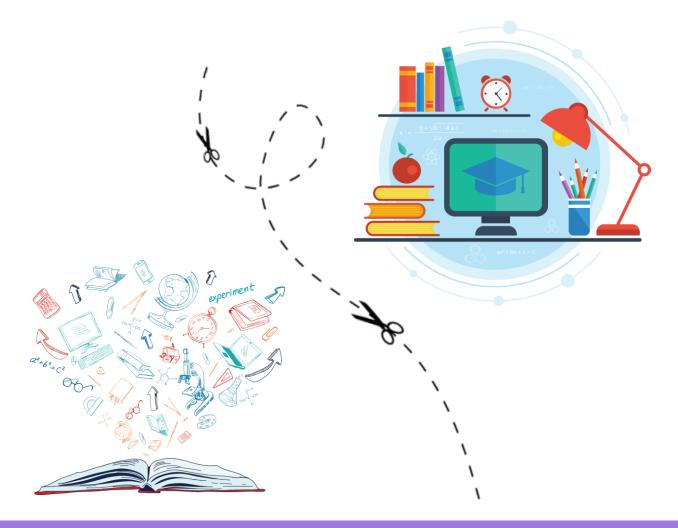


All our Packages have been designed to incorporate study skills and we have a wide range of Development Units available for all Access to HE Learners.

Tailoring

Why not use our Packages as part of tutorial sessions to enable learners to catch up or enable stretch and challenge?

We provide tutor resources to assist with your planning so that you know which learning outcome has been covered and to what extent it has been covered.



University Preparation?

For the final term of the Access programme, you might want to prepare your learners for University. Learners could complete a Blended Learning Package for homework and then you could run a seminar in class. Preparing for seminars and accessing online learning will be crucial skills for learners to gain!







So, are you considering?

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