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# MA in Education

**Module Title: DELIVERING HIGHER EDUCATION** 

**Module Code:** MAED05M

7 Level: Credits: 30

**Pre-requisites:** None

## **Module Description:**

In this module learners will focus on the delivery of higher education as opposed to another educational sector and investigate the differences between delivering Higher Education in a Mixed Economy College or from a Higher Educational Institution. Learners will be able to identify the similarities and differences between the two sets of organisations, their staff and students. It will also give an in-depth view of student services and infrastructure that are required to deliver a successful Higher Education programme.

#### Indicative Content:

- Structure of a typical mixed economy college and HEI
- Student demographics, needs and responsibilities
- Higher Education laws and regulations
- Modern methods of the student voice.
- Technology and organisations.
- Resourcing the organisations.
- Learning organisations.
- Perspectives on change and development.
- Governmental polices and their impact
- Higher Education in the 21st Century and beyond.

# **Learning and Teaching Methods:**

The module will be delivered through lectures and seminars. Use will be made of case studies, with students examining actual management strategies and techniques for managing work organisations. Self-managed learning will supplement lectures and seminars, and students will be provided with guidance in the required reading.

#### **Specific Learning Resources:**

All learners will be required to have access to the Wi-fi within their teaching space and full use of an interactive board for the taught elements.

### **Bibliography**

#### Highly Recommended

Ballantine, J., Spade, J., (Eds) (2014) Schools and Society: A Sociological Approach to Education, London: Sage Callender, C., Scott, P. Parry, G & Temple, P., (2012) Understanding Higher

Education in Further Education Colleges. BIS Research Paper Number 69. London:

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Davis, J., Flint, C, King, M & Widdowson, J., (2014) Exploring scholarship and scholarly activity in college-based Higher Education. A report by the Mixed Economy Group of Colleges. (LSIS) [online]

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Whitehead N (2013) *Review of Adult Vocational Qualifications in England*, November 2013, UKCES [online] <a href="http://www.ukces.org.uk/ourwork/review-adult-vocational-qualifications-england">http://www.ukces.org.uk/ourwork/review-adult-vocational-qualifications-england</a> (accessed 30 March 2016)

#### Recommended

Bowl, M. (2003) Non-Traditional Entrants to Higher Education. 'They talk about people like me', Stoke on Trent: Trentham Books.

Brookes, I. (2005) Organisational Behaviour: Individuals, Groups and Organisation, FT/Prentice Hall

Burns, D. (2007) Conceptualising and interpreting organizational boundaries between further and higher education in 'dual sector' institutions: where are they and what do they do? Paper presented at the International Conference on Researching Transitions in Lifelong Learning at the University of Stirling, 22-24 June 2007.

Fineman, S. (2003) *Understanding Emotion at Work*, London: Sage.

Goodlad, C. and Thompson, V. (2007) *Dream weavers and dream catchers:* exploring the aspirations and imagined futures of students in transition from Further Education to Higher Education. Paper presented at the International Conference on Researching Transitions in Lifelong Learning at the University of Stirling, 22-24 June 2007.

Macfarlane, B., Filippakou, O., Halford, E. and Saraswat, A. (2007) *Managing Duality: the role of manager-academics working in a dual sector institution*. Paper presented at the Higher Education Academy Annual Conference: Engaging Students in Higher Education, Harrogate International Centre, 3-5 July, 2007.

Shaw, J., Brain, K., Bridger, K., Foreman J. and Reid, I. (2007) *Embedding widening participation and promoting student diversity. What can be learned from a business case approach?* York: Higher Education Academy.

Smetherham, C. (2006) First among equals: Evidence on the contemporary relationship between educational credentials and the occupational structure, *Journal of Education and Work*, 19(1), pp.29-45.

Thomas, L. (2002) Student retention in higher education: the role of institutional habitus, *Journal of Education Policy*, 17, 4, pp.423-442.

Wolf, A. (2002) Does Education Matter? Myths About Education and Economic Growth, Penguin Books

Young, M. (2006) Further and higher education: a seamless or differentiated future? Journal of Further and Higher Education, 30, 1, pp.1-10

# Background reading

Broadsheet newspapers, websites and the following journals (list not exclusive):

- In Tutition
- Times Education Supplement
- Education Today
- BBC education news website www.bbc.co.uk/news/education
- National College for Teaching and Leadership <u>www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-college-for-teaching-and-leadership</u> (Early Years to 16 years sectors)
- Education and Training Foundation <u>www.et-foundation.co.uk</u> (Post-16 sector)

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# **Module Learning Outcomes**

# **Subject Specific Learning Outcomes**

On successful completion of this module you will be able to:

- LO 1 Critically analyse the differences in delivery of a higher education course in a Mixed Economy College and Higher Education Institution.
- LO 2 Critically evaluate the required infrastructure and resources required to successfully deliver a Higher Education course at both a Mixed Economy College and Higher Education Institution.
- **LO 3** Research and identify the needs of a Higher Education Student in modern higher education.
- LO 4 Critically analyse the impact of a Higher Education Institution on its local community.

Assessment Title or element	Weighting (%)
6,000 word written report in three case studies (approximately 2,000 words each, one to address the requirements of L.O.1, one to address L.O.2 and the third to address L.O. 3 and L.O.4)	100%

Information correct at point of publication.