

ENHANCED PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS TO HE STUDENTS

A partnership agreement with the University of East London that provides enhanced progression opportunities for students and, professional development and masterclasses for Gateway Qualifications approved providers.

Supporting students to achieve their goals

Gateway Qualifications has a long and successful history of widening participation and supporting students to achieve their life goals, whatever their circumstances.

In order to strengthen this priority Gateway Qualifications and the University of East London (UEL) have come together to be able to offer progression routes and benefits for students to achieve their ambition of a higher education place in preparation for their chosen career.

We have collaborated to develop a range of benefits for both students registered on a Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diploma and the academic staff delivering these diplomas in order that students' journeys to their careers of choice are fully supported and achievable.

Benefits for you

- Direct and planned progression routes for students applying to UEL
- Professional development support for staff and a community of best practice from Gateway Qualifications and the University of East London
- Long term collaborative opportunities with UEL, Gateway Qualifications and employers to create, design and develop Access to HE Diplomas with identified progression routes to employment

Benefits for your students

This new agreement offers a significant range of benefits for your students who apply to the University of East London for their degree:

- Guaranteed offer/interview on an undergraduate degree programme at UEL (as set out in the subject map)
- Access to UEL's independent matrix-accredited information, advice and guidance services for bespoke workshops
- Curriculum enrichment opportunities from UEL during their Access to HE course
- Access to transition support events prior to starting their degree at UEL

What's available for your Students?

Opportunities available to students from UEL

For all applicants to UEL degrees, using the specific UCAS code UELGATE, the University of East London's Outreach and Access Team will provide:

Information, Advice & Guidance Sessions

- Preferential access to UEL's IAG service, available through sessions or talks and workshops arranged to meet the specific needs of mature students progressing from Gateway Qualifications' Access to HE Diplomas. They will offer:
 - impartial advice and guidance to support students with student finance and budgeting, higher education options and progression routes, including career options and pathways.
 - information on how to complete a UCAS application form, write a personal statement and gain insight into student finance and university student life.

Subject Specific Experiences

- Subject specific master classes and practical workshops, giving them the opportunity to learn more about the subject of their choice.
- The opportunity to meet student ambassadors at the UEL to talk to them about their experiences and address any concerns they might have.

Bespoke Transition Programmes

- Opportunity to participate in a Bespoke Transition Programme which is designed:
 - to meet the specific needs of Access to HE students, to allay fears and offer oversight of all aspects of university life.
 - to offer the benefit of receiving next steps information and gaining transferrable skills required for life at university.

All of these activities will be developed and designed to meet the specific needs of the range of Gateway Qualifications' Recognised Centres and will be accessible face to face or on-line.

What's available for You?

Professional Development Support for Access to HE Practitioners

The University of East London and Gateway Qualifications are developing a programme of CPD activities for you and your colleagues. The purpose of this will be to provide opportunities for you to maintain currency in your subject, network with colleagues to explore and develop your provision and strengthen your relationship with the UEL colleagues. Opportunities will include:

- engagement with UEL's programme of masterclasses, accessible face to face or virtually
- online forums
- virtual teaching and learning training events

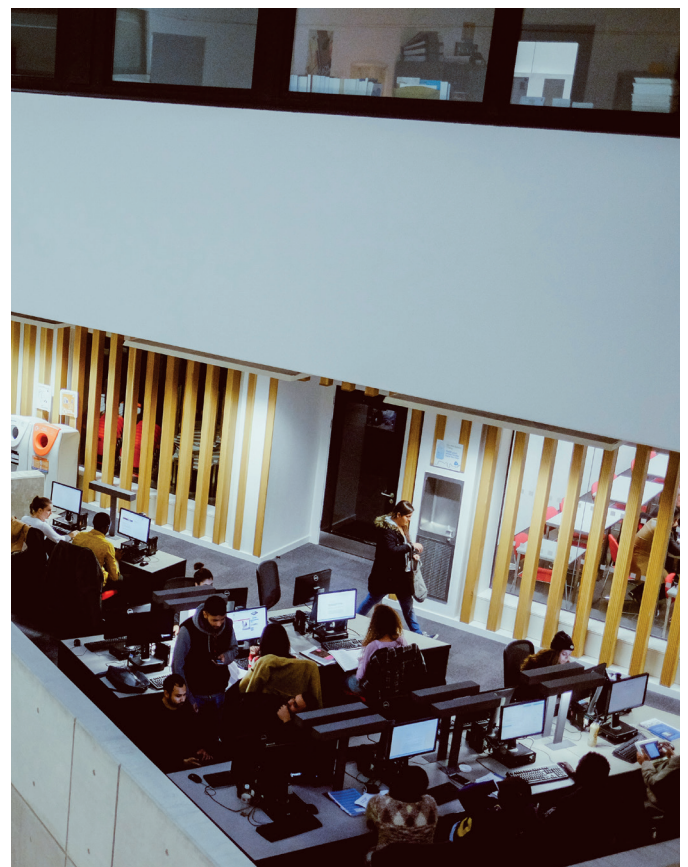
Which courses does it apply to?

The agreement covers most Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diplomas where there is a viable undergraduate programme offered by UEL. Full details of the courses covered by this agreement are set out in the subject map. For the most up to date list of courses, please visit www.gatewayqualifications.org.uk/uel.

What to do next

Good news! If you're already running Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diplomas these benefits are available to you now – simply contact y.bentley@uel.ac.uk to get started.

If you're not currently running Gateway Qualifications Access to HE Diplomas, don't worry, get in touch with us to discuss how you can start and begin offering these benefits to your staff and students.



Find out how we can help meet your learners' needs – go to
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