

FAQs – Completing an Advanced Certificate and Advanced Diploma in Marine Engineering by Blended Learning, is it right for me?

1. Why would I choose to study for an AdC or AdD by Blended Learning?

If you work full time and cannot take time off from work to attend college, you are based overseas or you prefer to study in a flexible mode

2. How is the course delivered?

Online, the course syllabus is arranged into sets and each set is covered by individual modules; all learning material is supplied in electronic format. Each module contains formative assessments (FAs), and each AdC/ AdD unit is assessed by pre-college tests and college based examinations.

3. Will I need internet access?

Yes, you must have a good internet connection to access the resources, submit your work for marking and view your progress and receive feedback.

4. If I enrol how will I receive the learning material?

Learning material is supplied in electronic format and can be found on learning platform called Canvas.

5. Do I have to pay for the course in full at enrolment?

No, the first set of units must be paid for at enrolment, however the remaining sets can be purchased individually as you proceed to work through the course.

6. How do I study the underpinning knowledge and work through the learning material?

You should read the Blended Learning Study Guide before starting to plan your study. When you receive log on details for Canvas, you will have access to all the resources and learning material in electronic format. You can then decide which learning style suits you best and choose which subject you wish to start with from the first set of units. You can then begin to read the learning material for Learning Outcome 1 of whichever AdC/AdD unit you have chosen to start on, access Canvas for the associated resources, answer any self-checking questions and do your own research on that Learning Outcome. When you reach the end of the Learning Outcome, there is a Formative Assessment to complete and submit for marking. Formative Assessments can be found at the end of each LO section.

7. What happens when I submit my work for marking?

Once you have uploaded your work the Blended Learning Unit is automatically notified. A lecturer will then mark your work and feedback will be supplied to you via Canvas. The college policy for returning marked feedback is a maximum of 15 days. You should not submit any further FAs until you have received the feedback of your first submission. All FAs are marked as Pass or Refer. If your work is marked as a pass you can proceed with the AdC/AdD unit, if you receive a referral you must resubmit the question/s as indicated in the same place where you originally submitted your work for the Assessment.

8. What happens when I have passed all the Formative Assessments?

Once you have passed all the FAs you need to attempt a pre-college test, before making any arrangements to travel to college. The pre-college test is designed to assess your standard of knowledge. This ensures that you are ready to come to college and sit the final assessments. Students benefit from the experience of completing a pre-college test as it provides essential preparation for time constrained conditions and gives the student an idea of how they will perform in the exam. PCT should be access only when all FAs in the unit are passed and is available for you on Canvas.

9. What happens when I have passed the pre-college test?

Blended Learning team post the available dates for the final exams on MS Teams each term. Please contact the team if you need to make individual arrangements.

10. How many exams can I sit in one day?

Students cannot attempt more than two exams in one day and exams normally commence at 09.00 or 13.00.