



NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY
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ncl+ Advanced Award in Leadership 2020-21

Student Pre-Course Information

Welcome

The ncl+ Advanced Award in Leadership is a unique opportunity in which learners can back up their leadership experience with theory, reflection and certification.

The award has been designed to help you practically develop the skills and qualities required to make you an effective leader and stand out in today's job market, whilst also supporting the development of your voluntary activities and role at NUSU.

The award is endorsed by the [North Leadership Centre](#), a professional training body, and Newcastle University. Upon completion, you will receive certification from both these organisations, documentation on your HEAR, and an Open Badge which can be displayed on LinkedIn.

Please note: students are only eligible for ncl+ advanced awards if they have done or are doing the ncl+ award. If you have not taken the ncl+ award in previous years, you must take it this academic year to be eligible, so make sure you register before Christmas break, or you will not be able to achieve the award.

What's involved?

You will take the Advanced Award alongside your student leadership role, enabling you to reflect upon and develop your leadership journey. It may be managing a club or society, organising an large event or campaign, taking a lead on a particular project, an initiative to increase student engagement, or even a part-time job role involving supervision.

Details of assessments are included in this handbook. In addition to completing the assessments you must attend the three mandatory workshops which will assist you in completing the assessments and gaining the Award. *This year, workshops will take place online until further notice to align with university COVID-19 guidelines.*

The assignments will predominantly be set through an Assessment Booklet, which you will complete as we move through the year in set tasks. The document will be submitted via Canvas on set deadlines, becoming more and more complete until you have finished all assignments. There will also be a required presentation after Easter break, taking place either online or in person (subject to university guidelines at the time), and a small number of online learning modules to work through on Canvas.

You will be notified if you have passed the award by 18th June 2021. If successful you will receive an ncl+ Advanced Award certificate, an Open Badge, and recognition on your HEAR when you graduate (not applicable for medical students).

Programme aims and objectives

By successfully completing the assessments, attending the workshops and delivering your chosen project, you will have adequately addressed the following learning outcomes:

- Understand the management role, both as a volunteer leader and within your future career
- Understand the purpose and application of organisational strategy, and how organisations of different size and sorts operate
- Understand the application of leadership & management approaches, styles and theories, in the context of both achieving your project's aims and objectives and in the workplace.
- Understand the knowledge, skills and behaviours to be an effective manager, and be able to review effectiveness of own leadership capability and performance

Subjects covered will include leadership and management theory for you to utilise in your projects/roles; change management with a focus on adaptability; the skills, behaviours and knowledge needed to be an effective leader; and organisational practice for leaders, to set you in good stead for the workplace.

Assessments

Part 1: Assessment Booklet

Exercises, including tables and short reports, to demonstrate understanding and applications of the workshop learning. Word count: 2000-2500 words

Part 2: Online Learning Modules

Short online courses to work through in your own time to supplement the subjects covered in workshop time. These allow us to cover more content without the need for longer, drawn out Zoom calls, and flexible learning time.

Part 3: Presentation

You are required to plan and deliver a PechaKucha presentation consisting of 20 image slides each shown for 20 seconds, totalling a presentation time of 6 minutes and 40 seconds. Your presentation will address the following: summarise recognised management and leadership approaches, and explain how management and leadership approaches can be applied and adapted in different work-based situations.

You can use the table in in your Assessment Booklet to prepare the information you'll need to create your presentation, and ensure you hit all assessment criteria.

Workshop three will cover all of the information you require in order to create and deliver an effective PechaKucha, and we expect you to use examples from your own experience.

You will be required to attend at least one of the presentation events, and participate in providing feedback to your fellow learners through a constructive feedback form for each presentation.

Workshops

Engagement in 3 workshops is mandatory in order to pass the programme. There are two options for each of the 3 workshops (with the same content) – you can choose which one you attend. They will take place on Zoom this year.

There will be workshops in late-November/early December; end of January; end of February; and then a presentation session after Easter break.

Each session will run on both a Wednesday and a Friday afternoon, and you can choose which of these you attend.

The workshops will provide you with practical skills, tips and theory to allow you to complete all assessments. We will try to make them as interactive as possible, despite being online.

Assessment criteria

Learners' work is assessed to obtain a pass or referral, and these terms are defined in the back of the Assessment Booklet (Assessment Guidance section). All assessment criteria and associated tasks including the full Assessment Booklet must be completed to obtain a pass. Failure to complete any of the criteria will result in a referral.

Support

You will be offered the opportunity to have a 15 minute appointment with the Programme Leader following each workshop (should it be required) to assist in completion of the assessments. This is not compulsory.

Word Counts

The guideline word counts in the Assessment Booklet are provided as a suggestion for how long your submissions should be. There is a 10% allowance above/below these guidelines.

Additional details

Submissions received after deadlines will not be considered and will result in a referral. Extension to deadlines will only be considered in exceptional circumstances and are at the discretion of the Programme Leader.

You may find it useful to keep a log of hours and work done when preparing for your Pecha Kucha, however this is not mandatory.

Please use templates and tables where provided and stick to word counts where specified.

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