

PTLLS Distance Learning Options

Introduction:

Due to the nature of the course there are no purely distance learning options as candidates must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of classroom practice and demonstrate ability to prepare and teach via at a minimum a micro-teach session. In fact distance learning opportunities for this course are rare and none would appear to be available in the north of England!!

Many require up to 5 days attendance at a centre – see examples (3) and (4) below – which may not suit candidates who already can't manage to attend any of CAES courses. The minimum practical requirement of any distance learning courses is to demonstrate teaching ability and evaluate that of others either by attending at a group session with other people to deliver a micro-teach – usually many miles from Cumbria, or by the candidate choosing to pay the costs/expenses of someone from the training organisation to come and view their actual teaching session.

Cost implications of the Distance Learning route

Candidates studying PTLLS course **with** CAES will pay £120.00 on enrolment. This will be reimbursed on successful completion of the course and 20hours teaching for the service within a 12 month period.

Candidates choosing not to take up any of the CAES courses will be expected to pay all the costs of their distance learning course but as with other CAES tutors, on completion of 20hrs teaching can claim £120.00 towards the cost of their course – on proof of payment and successful completion/passing of the C&G 7303 award.

Level of Qualification

It is recommended that any tutor who wishes to continue on to CTLLS/DTLLS/QTS status works towards gaining the Level 4 PTLLS award.

Additional requirements

In order to fulfill the requirements of CAES quality systems any tutor completing the PTLLS by distance learning (or at a local FE college) will also need to demonstrate understanding and compliance with CAES RARPA procedures. Details of how to do this can be done can be obtained from the ITT Curriculum Leader – jenny.walsh@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Distance Learning Providers

I have researched the options at length and discarded some of the prohibitively expensive options. The list below is not intended to be inclusive and **CAES does not endorse any of the organisations/courses detailed**. Candidates are free to choose one of these organisations or a different C&G 7303 provider if they prefer to.

Organisations offering C&G 7303 (and covered by C&G standards) as a distance learning option include:

1. Akuro Ltd – www.akuro.co.uk/page40.php *

“We recognise that it can often be difficult for candidates to be released from their places of work. Learners also incur the financial burdens of travel, hotel and other subsidiary requirements. To that end Akuro Limited can now offer a unique distance learning version of our highly sought after City and Guilds 7303 PTLLS course, this may be a more convenient option for many people. The quality of the distant learning course is second to none and learners can still choose their appropriate level of study, be it either Level 3 or Level 4.

The Distance Learning Pack Includes:

- *Student Interactive Portfolio (SIP)*
- *Theory Reference Book*
- *Unique Website Forum Access*
- *Completed Course Work Folder*
- *Access to Ongoing Tutor Support*

The cost for the 7303 PTLLS distant learning course is **£375** per person. This includes the distance learning pack (inclusive of above) and access to ongoing tutor support inclusive of VAT. We also offer a flexible monthly payment plan; further information on request. In addition, each candidate will require to be observed delivering a micro-teach session covering a 30 minute period/session.

To satisfy this last requirement, candidates can either:

(1) Deliver at our training centre in Driffield at a cost of £90 including VAT

OR

(2) We can also undertake the teaching observations at your own premises at a cost of £90 per person PLUS any travel and necessary accommodation costs.

[Download PDF: - Distance Learning](#) Course Booking - Please use our [Contact Page](#), e-mail or download our [Course Application Form](#)”

2. Andragogic Education - www.aned.co.uk/aned_011.htm *

7303 PTLLS – Home Study Course

The taught course is often a more powerful way of getting to learn about the underpinning theory of learning and will facilitate sharing of ideas between course delegates and practice of different strategies during the course. It can also be quicker than the distance learning variant as we can all review certain aspects at the time.

However, we recognise that it can be difficult for candidates to be released from their professional duties sometimes, so we can also offer a distance learning version which may be a more suitable arrangement for everyone.

The costs are £320 per person for the tuition and portfolio construction excluding VAT. In addition, each candidate needs to be observed teaching for at least 30 minutes.

To satisfy this last requirement, candidates can either:

1) visit one of our conferences centres during a scheduled course, at a cost of £90 excluding VAT - see 'Course Dates - PTLLS' for venues;

OR

2) we can undertake the teaching observations at **your premises** (where the candidate usually teaches) at a cost of £90 per person – as above **PLUS** any travel and necessary accommodation costs.

To get **started** on the HOME STUDY you can:

1) email us at - enquiries@aned.co.uk

2) telephone us on 01372 455 711

3) ONLINE - send us a £100 deposit using PAYPAL or NOCHEX (see 'PAYMENT') - we will get you started within a day! (Pending completion of a 'Pre-course Assessment').

Please note that an understanding of spoken and written English is required for this (PTLLS-7303) course - please contact us for details.

The price includes the following:

- 1) Personal support for you until you pass the qualification – however long this takes!
 - 2) A portfolio construction kit including all the necessary forms – e.g. lesson plan etc.
 - 3) Resource packs containing all the information you need to answer the questions in the two assignments;
 - 4) City & Guilds registration and certification fees;
 - 5) An example of a completed portfolio to see how someone else has been able to successfully respond to the assignment questions.
 - 6) Professional support and advice where appropriate.
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3. **A2Z Security Group** www.a2zsecuritygroup.com/teacher_training_client_area.asp *

City and Guilds 7303 Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS).

"Since the 1st of September 2007 all new teachers, either in the Further Education Sector or delivering contracts through the Learning and Skills Council, have been required to have formal teaching qualifications beginning with the **Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector (PTLLS)**.

This qualification has been available through the **City and Guilds 7303** since April 2007 and we have been delivering it since then. We have received excellent reports from the City and Guilds quality assurance moderator and from clients who have attended the course.

The course is in two parts: a Distance Learning Phase during which you will complete a workbook and a theory assignment, followed by 5 days classroom work where you will learn the practical aspects of training planning and delivery. The Distance Learning Phase will take between 2 and 3 weeks to complete.

You may enrol on the course at any time to complete the Distance Learning phase and then join a classroom phase which suits your timing and location.

During the Distance Learning phase you will receive full support from us by telephone, email and your own dedicated area of this website.

If you would like any further information about the course please either email enquiries@a2zsecuritygroup.com or telephone Ian Watts on 07880 702110."

4. **ACCETTS Group** – www.accetts.com

(via e-mail).

"The first part is a distance learning phase during which you will complete a workbook and a theory assignment. This is followed by 5 days in the classroom during which you will practice the practical aspects of training delivery.

Phase 1 - Once registered and funds cleared we send out a candidate workbook that meets the criteria for the course. This workbook is normally sent out 21 days before the classroom phase of the programme starts.

Phase 2 - requires the candidates to attend a 5 day classroom based course where there has to be a minimum of 4 candidates, this meets the awarding body criteria of 30 hours classroom based training/assessment.

The cost of the programme is **£650** per candidate which includes assessment, internal and external verification and administration of the course. The fees do not cover any personal travel, accommodation or subsistence that they may incur.

Our next programme is running in Hammersmith (**London**) between 30th June and 4th July."

* Information taken from organisation's website