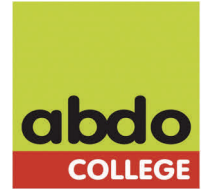


Low Vision Honours Course 2012

Application Guidance Notes



Please read the following carefully. By signing the course application form, you are agreeing to the following terms and conditions.

Eligibility to join the course

The candidate will be expected to hold the Association's Dispensing Diploma or a qualification of a recognised and approved Examining Body in ophthalmic optics.

A qualified Orthoptist interested in learning more about low vision may undertake the theory part of this course. However, they would not be permitted to complete the practical sections or to dispense spectacle mounted low vision aids. They would therefore not gain any qualification from this further study.

Submission of assignments

Assignments must be submitted to an allocated Tutor each week according to the course timetable. Late assignments will be allocated reduced or no marks and students who are unable to keep up with the schedule will be withdrawn. Students who fail to submit 80% of their coursework on time will not be permitted to sit the examinations. As this is an Honours Course the candidate will be expected to carry out in-depth research in order to satisfactorily complete the weekly assignments and will be asked to re-submit any assignments that fail to cover a broad enough spectrum, or do not satisfy the Tutor's expectation.

Resignation/withdrawal from course studies

If you withdraw after your place on the course has been confirmed but **within** three weeks of the course start date, **£200.00** will be deducted from your refund to cover administration costs. **No** refund will be given for withdrawals more than **three** weeks after the course start date. ABDO College DLI will only accept withdrawals directly from the student and will not action requests from Practice Managers or Supervisors. All withdrawals must be made in writing using the form provided.

Block release course studies

All ABDO College students, in the UK and overseas, are required to attend ABDO College for three days in late spring. Failure to attend for your block will result in removal from the course.

ABDO membership subscription

You must retain full membership with the ABDO.

GOC student registration

All UK and Republic of Ireland students must hold full registration with the General Optical Council or IADO. Forms are available from www.optical.org.uk.

Overseas students

Please ensure that you check with your own regulatory body before starting this course.

Course fees

Fees for UK students.....£1430.00
Fees for Overseas students (incl ROI).....£1530.00

Course material will not be despatched until fees are paid in full. It is the student's responsibility to arrange the payment of course fees.

All fees are subject to change.

In the event that you are not accepted onto the course, a full refund will be issued.

Application deadline

The application form with all necessary enclosures should be received by ABDO College no later than 12th December 2011. Failure to meet this deadline will result in a delay in the processing of your application and the despatch of your course material. Applications received after this deadline will incur a late entry fee of £100.00.

Applicants should be aware that places on this highly popular course are strictly limited. There is a high demand for these places and applicants are advised to submit their forms quickly. A place on the course cannot be secured until full payment has been received. Once full the DLI operates a waiting list system to allocate any further places that come available.

Return address

Please send your completed application pack to:

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Distance Learning Institute
Godmersham Park
Godmersham
Canterbury
Kent
CT4 7DT