

## **INTESOL – Accredited by Ascentis (formerly OCNW)**

As the leading provider of **quality** TEFL/TESOL courses across the world INTESOL is proud to be accredited by Ascentis (formerly OCNW) to bring you, the student, qualifications on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) which is recognised worldwide!

The Awarding Body for your TESOL qualification is of paramount importance, consider it carefully.

Ascentis is a unique organisation, enjoying the status of a National Awarding Body (NAB), approved by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) and an Authorised Validating Agency (AVA), licensed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA).

### **What does this mean to you, the student?**

It means your training is of the highest quality.

It means your course fits into the National Qualifications Framework (NQF), a requirement often asked for by potential employers worldwide.

It means your course work is externally moderated as all courses should be!

It means you will receive 2 certificates, one from INTESOL and one from Ascentis with no extra expense to you.

It means that you will receive a Course Transcript with your qualification.

It means that employers worldwide will know that your course is of a high academic standard:

Certificate in TESOL - NQF Level 4

Certificate in TESOL PLUS - NQF Level 4

Diploma in TESOL - NQF Level 5

Additional Diploma in Teaching English (ESOL) in the Life Long Learning Sector - NQF Level 5

## **BACKGROUND TO ASCENTIS**

This National Awarding Body was established in 1975 as a partnership scheme between universities and colleges of further education. It was the very first 'Open College' and its initial aim was to provide innovative Access to Higher Education Qualifications for adult learners. Over the past thirty years the membership has increased significantly and the portfolio of qualifications has expanded to include a wide range of curriculum areas.

Throughout this period, Ascentis has maintained its independence in order to ensure that it can continue to respond promptly to the requirements of its customers and provide a consistently high standard of service.

Ascentis is distinctive in that it is both:

# a National Awarding Body, approved by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA)

**and**

# an Authorised Validating Agency for 'Access to Higher Education' Programmes, licensed by the Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)

Ascentis is an unincorporated association of its members institutions and is governed by a Board, supported by three committees:

# Quality Standards

# Finance and General Purposes

# Access Co-ordinators

Ascentis is managed by a Chief Executive, a Deputy Chief Executive and managers responsible for - Qualification Development and Marketing, Operations, Finance and Systems and Secretariat Services.

Lancaster University functions as the employer of the Ascentis staff and provides a range of services, including personnel, financial accounting and information and communications technology.

Membership at HE level consists of :- Lancaster University, the University of Liverpool, the University of Central Lancashire, Edge Hill University, St Martin's College and Northumbria University. They supply both educational expertise and academic validation.

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