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Dear student,

RE: Welcome to MSc Healthcare Management

Welcome to MSc Healthcare Management at Anglia Ruskin University. I am your Programme Director or often known as Course Leader. I would like to take this opportunity provide you with some key information that you will need to start engaging in your studies. The Course has two points of entry, January and September. Depending on when you start, you will go through the same route.

When you receive your offer from the admissions team you will need to read it carefully to make sure the information is correct. You will need to reply to the admissions team to accept the offer and provide any additional documents requested by the Admissions Officer. Once any conditions of your offer have been met, this will instigate the registration process and all of the other IT processes that will be available to you during your study. You will not receive information about registration until nearer the start of the course, but it is important that you respond to your offer promptly since any delays may impact on your timely access to the University IT systems. A username (Typical format: *abc123*) and email address, also used as full username, (typical format: *abc123@student.aru.ac.uk*) will be set and sent to you. Make sure that you read the details carefully to learn about your password. Make sure that you check your university email frequently as this will be used to send you important information about your study.

During your study, you will have access to multiple systems. The most important of these are your student profile portal E-vision where you can monitor your progress and find assessment deadlines. E-vision can be accessed through <https://e-vision.anglia.ac.uk/>. Your learning platform is Canvas, <https://canvas.anglia.ac.uk/>. In Canvas you will find all your learning material and recordings for live webinars. To access these systems, you will need your username and password.

If you face difficulties to access any of the above systems, please use the Virtual Desktop, <https://desktop.aru.ac.uk>. Select *VMWare Horizon HTML Access* option. Use your username and password to access the desktop and all ARU systems, including your email, Canvas, E-vision, Library and others.

We have a number of preparatory initiatives which I wish to tell you about, and each of these will help to prepare you for studying. They are as follows:

Introduction to ARU and MSc Healthcare Management: This is an ARU online interactive resource which helps students transition to university. You will have access to this in Canvas as soon as you are registered.

- Many activities are organised by colleagues in the Distance Learning Support team. These activities are often organised on the MSc Healthcare Management page on Canvas, <https://canvas.anglia.ac.uk/courses/1867>. One of the primary objectives of induction is that it enables you to 'meet' other students so that the feelings of isolation that can exist with distance learning are minimised. As such you will be able to meet, share practice and



ideas with your peers which should be beneficial to your online learning experiences. **You are expected to participate in the online induction.** This is an asynchronous induction; this means that you do not have to be sitting in front of your PC all day waiting for something to happen, because clearly that is not feasible. What it does mean is that you can participate at any time on each of the days at a time to suit your work and home commitments. Please make sure that you check this page as soon as you join the Course in addition to your university email for more details and most importantly ensure that you participate.

- A live webinar is organised a week before the formal start of the trimester. This will be your opportunity to learn more about the course and the support you have access to successfully complete your studies. Links to these webinars will be made available on the MSc Healthcare Management Canvas page / Announcements <https://canvas.anglia.ac.uk/courses/1867/announcements>. The time of these webinars have been selected carefully so that it fits with your local time.

Your first module: The first module is Postgraduate Research Design (MOD006278). You will be allocated a supervisor who will be working with you to design your research project. You will also have access to live webinars with the Module Leader. **Engaging in your studies and working with the supervisor is mandatory.** Failing to do so can lead to discontinuing your studies so please make sure that you engage. If you have difficulties that might affect your study and performance, you need to make the DL Support team aware of this as soon as possible, DLSupport@aru.ac.uk. University has several support teams to help you complete your studies successfully.

Below is the schedule for your learning including the mode of assessment. Please review these carefully to plan your studies over the next 12 months.

Trimester	Module name	Assessment	English requirements
Tri 1 (Sep – Dec) OR Tri 2 (Jan – Apr)	Postgraduate Research Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live presentation and Q&A (15+15min) • Submission of stage 1 ethics form 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spoken - Written
Tri 2-3 (Jan – Sep) OR Tri 3-1 (May – Jan)	Major Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrated power point presentation • 7,000 words paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spoken - Written

PS. All your studies are in English. Expectation is that you have a good level of both spoken and written English. If you think that you do not meet this criterion, please let me (Nebil.Achour@aru.ac.uk) know as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to welcome you again and I look forward to working with you and supporting you through your journey in MSc Healthcare Management at Anglia Ruskin University.

Kind regards

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