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NEWSLETTER

From the Academic Office

Welcome Message from the General Manager



“Welcome to the September edition of the George Brown College (GBC) update. GBC is excited to present you with updates via a monthly Newsletter.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected us all and despite the restrictions associated with it, we are continuing to provide classes and online support. GBC remains committed to providing such assistance and support via email and phone calls, to its stakeholders.” Naz Hasan

Announcements



The Australian Industry Skills Committee (AISC) endorsed updates to 33 qualifications. This move was made to streamline the training package and consolidate many qualifications. Courses which are offered at GBC are also affected by this update and GBC will be transiting all the qualifications to the new BSB Training Package starting from term 4/2021.

GBC announced it has started Transitioning to the new Business Training Packages from Term 4, 2021. Students enrolled in Certificate IV in Leadership and Management, Diploma of Leadership and Management and Diploma of Project Management are in the GBC's priority list to be transitioned.

Training packages in Australia are developed by Skills Service Organisations in consultation with industries, enterprises, and/or professional organisations. The purpose of Vocational Education Training in Australia is about people developing the skills at standards required by the industry.

Therefore, as an RTO, GBC makes sure graduate students in all courses will receive the updated qualifications to align with the new requirements. GBC students will be equipped with the most updated skills.

Upcoming Intakes

The table below lays out the courses offered at GBC and their respective intake dates in the remaining months of 2021. Seats are still available for those who would like to start their learning experience at GBC in the next month or the ones following

Course Name	Intake date 1	Intake date 2	Intake date 3
Certificate III in Business	11.10.2021	8.11.2021	22.11.2021
Certificate IV in Human Resources	11.10.2021	1.11.2021	6.12.2021
Certificate IV in Leadership and Management	11.10.2021	1.11.2021	6.12.2021
Certificate IV in Marketing and Communication	11.10.2021	1.11.2021	6.12.2021
Diploma of Human Resources Management	11.10.2021	1.11.2021	29.11.2021
Diploma of Leadership and Management	11.10.2021	1.11.2021	29.11.2021
Diploma of Marketing and Communication	11.10.2021	1.11.2021	29.11.2021
Diploma of Project Management	11.10.2021	N/A	N/A
Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management	8.11.2021	12.12.2021	N/A
Advanced Diploma of Management (Human Resources)	1.11.2021	N/A	N/A
Advanced Diploma of Marketing and Communication	25.10.2021	N/A	N/A

Orientation for New Students



We are looking forward to getting to know the new GBC students, and the best way to do this is during student Orientation.

We will be meeting the new students virtually on Wednesday, 6th October 2021 at 12 pm.

Our friendly team will send an invitation via email for the Orientation. If you are a new student, make sure you check your email regularly for updates.

OUR STAFF

Staff of the Month



Naresh Lekhraj Mohnani is the Team Leader of the Student Support & Services department.

Naresh plays an important role in the college, making sure that every student issue is addressed and resolved. He is also the gate keeper of the GBC management systems ensuring that all the data is accurate, up-to-date, and readily available.

Naresh joined GBC in November 2017 and has a thorough understanding of the College and the VET sector.

Testimonial

Naresh Lekhraj Mohnani, Team Leader Student Support & Services

"I enjoy every moment of my work in George Brown College, and it is so pleasing to see students from different parts of the world come to study at GBC. The best part about GBC is that we offer so many study options, from Leadership & Management to Human Resources Management, Marketing & Communication, Project Management & Graduate Diploma of Management. We keep on extending our scope which makes me even prouder to be part of this great team. We believe in providing highest Quality of Education to our students.

My biggest contribution at GBC is leading a very efficient team who is always willing to help our students whether it is in relation to their studies, administrative or personal matters. We take pride in striving to reach out to every GBC student to provide them with useful information so that they can finish their studies on time and earn a good name in the society. During the COVID times we have been consistently taking feedback from our students on our online classes and we have strived to make necessary changes as suggested by our students.

I appreciate our Director Mrs Preeti Singh & Ms Naz Hasan for their valuable suggestions on student services. They both are always keen & willing to help when needed. I would like to thank both on behalf of the whole team."

OUR STUDENTS

Achievements



At George Brown College we take pride in the quality of the services and the education we provide to our students, and we are thrilled to see how they grow in knowledge and develop skills that will equip them with great career and life opportunities once they graduate.

Amongst many of our successful students, we cannot avoid mentioning the name of Afreen Asma Taher, a very accomplished GBC student, whose attendance has always been kept above 95% and whose contribution during the classes has been pleasantly noticed by the trainers.

Testimonial

Afreen Asma Taher, “Leadership and Management” Student at George Brown College

“I came to Australia in October 2019. I have chosen George Brown college because I was looking for a college with hands-on approach to learning and that provides quality education. I have studied a lot at GBC; the college not only has helped me with gaining subject knowledge but it has also helped me with real-world knowledge and also helped in developing confidence and critical thinking skills.

I have had a great learning experience so far and the college and its staff exceeded my expectations. Not only does GBC have excellent staff who provide great learning opportunities but the trainers are also skilled and highly experienced. I would personally like to thank Mr. Stuart Sinden who has contributed enormously to my learning experience at GBC.

The admin staff are very helpful and understanding, and they are always available to help you with college-related issues.

I would highly recommend George Brown to my friends and relatives or anyone thinking to study in Australia.”

STUDENT EXPERIENCE AT GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE

Learning & Development and Social Life Program

Students studying at GBC are encouraged to enjoy a variety of activities which are designed to enhance their professional and social skills.



We promote the following programs at GBC:

- GBC International Learning and Development Program, which involves educational seminars or workshops presented by GBC academic and/ or professional staff, including guest speakers from related industries; and
- GBC Social Life Program, a program that includes social events and activities based on interactive games and/ or physical activities to keep students mentally and physical healthy during the lockdown.

For September we have proposed the following events:

- Wednesday, 15th September at 7.15pm: Latin Dancing
- Saturdays, 18th September at 10am: Zumba Fitness
- Friday, 24th September at 3pm: Workshop – Resume and Interview Skills
- Wednesday, 22nd September at 7.15pm: Latin Dancing
- Saturday, 25th September at 10am: Zumba Fitness

Register to attend GBC events by submitting your name and ID to sstl@georgebrown.nsw.edu.au

WHERE TO FIND HELP AND INFORMATION

Student and Academic Support Services

For matters related to your enrolment, finances, and assessment and academic records, please contact:

Naresh at: sstl@georgebrown.nsw.edu.au and/or

Chanida at: compliance@georgebrown.nsw.edu.au

And/or call the GBC number: + 61 2 9279 4949

Job Trends and Insights



In this issue we would like to draw on the importance of Leadership and Management training for our students:

Here are 5 reasons why you will benefit from leadership training.

1. It will improve your career prospects

Businesses are generally looking for people with skills and accomplishments that far surpass those of all other applicants, and they generally assess a candidate's leadership skills during job interviews.

Leadership training gives you a thorough overview of the qualities of a good leader, while also allowing you to put these skills into practice in classroom and business settings.

2. It will boost your confidence

Self-confidence is a vital skill, both in the working world and in your social life. Leadership training, public speaking, group activities and similar exercises will put you in a position where you are required to exercise confidence in yourself and your opinions, even when faced with opposition.

Leadership training programs can help teach you the essential skills and techniques needed to look at challenges from different perspectives. It will also add clarity on how to approach a difficult situation, which will give you more self-confidence.

3. Helps you communicate better

Leadership training teaches leaders to communicate better with their team.

Leadership training will help with communicate across ages, backgrounds, traditions, cultures and other factors in securing shared agreements, team motivation, or team cohesion in order to succeed. When leaders are taught to realise that different people hear, respond, accept and act very differently from each other in similar situations, they become better communicators.

4. Develop Better Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence is one of the main personality traits that makes for a great leader. Understanding how emotions affect others ensures that people lead efficiently and considerately.

In a book by Daniel Goleman 'The New Leaders', it states that "emotional intelligence is critical to the success of a leader." Emotional intelligence involves being smart about emotions and using empathy effectively to empower and engage employees. Leadership training that encompasses emotional intelligence can make you a better leader.

5. Teaches you how to influence people

Part of leadership training is about teaching you the power to influence those around you. You will learn how to motivate your team and how to discriminate between good and bad sources of power, and between strong and weak methods of influence.

“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one who gets people to do the greatest things” Ronald Reagan

You’ll gain insights on how to pick a good team, how to build a team capable of delivering your vision, and how to give orders without sounding too weak or too overpowering.

You may also want to check out this article on “How to become a Better Leader”:

<https://www.businessnewsdaily.com/4991-effective-leadership-skills.html>

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