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CELEBRATING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS: HIGHLIGHTING APEL.C INITIATIVE AND OUR SUCCESSSES

Greetings! We are thrilled to present to you the first edition of our newsletter from the Department of Professional and Continuing Education (PACE). As a newly established department, our aim is to bring Sunway University's mission of providing diverse opportunities for professional and continuing education to life.

PACE plays a crucial role in advancing the University's objectives by spearheading the execution of the Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) process. This process is specially formulated to evaluate a student's experiential learning, acquired through formal, informal, or non-formal means.

In addition, PACE is tasked to support the offering of a broad selection of courses such as micro-credentials and short courses. This responsibility encompasses the formulation and execution of strategic and operational plans for the development and management of such courses.

As we have been hard at work since June 2022, we feel that we have made substantial progress to start communicating with our stakeholders (that's YOU!) about our efforts so far and the planned future ahead of us!



The PACE Introductory video. Read on to find out more!

INTRODUCTION TO PACE

If you'd like to know more about PACE and the provisions of the department, scan the QR code below to watch a 3 minute introductory video of us! You can also visit our portal at university.sunway.edu.my/PACE, or visit our Vine page at vine.sunway.edu.my/vinecms/pace/home



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To watch the PACE
Introductory Video!



SPOTLIGHT ON APEL.C

INTRODUCTION TO APEL.C

Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning for Credit (APEL.C) is an MQA process that involves assessing and evaluating a learner's experiential learning, gained throughout their work or personal life, against a set of Course Learning Outcomes (CLO) to determine if a learner is eligible for credit award for specific courses.

Once in the APEL.C programme, learners will undergo a stringent assessment process by way of a Challenge Test or a Portfolio submission, which records their personal experiential learning development. The answers provided will be evaluated by assessors; experts in their fields, against a set of CLOs to determine credit eligibility.

The University recognizes APEL as a valuable resource in promoting adult learning within the traditional higher education system. This aligns with the nation's objective of fostering a lifelong learning culture. APEL has the potential to expand access to higher education and promote participation from non-traditional learners, thus enriching the teaching-learning experience through their diverse perspectives and experiences.

SUCCESSFUL APEL.C ACCREDITATION AND COMING LAUNCH



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PACE department is more than ecstatic to announce that Sunway University has successfully completed the entire APEL.C accreditation process with the MQA.

PACE is now hard at work preparing for the launch of APEL.C in the coming months, the full launch of the University's APEL portal, as well as communicating with internal stakeholders to garner interest and taking the first steps towards welcoming non-conventional learners into our academic programmes. So, mark your calendars, folks!



APEL.C is now available at Sunway University!

APEL.C PILOT STUDY TESTIMONIES

As a component of the APEL.C accreditation procedure, we carried out a pilot study that included several learner applicants in the background. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to these students for their valuable support and active participation in this study. Our hope is that the perspectives they have contributed will prove highly beneficial to all. Please continue reading below for their feedback on APEL.C.



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MASTER IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

APEL.C in Sunway University had awesome faculty staff and lecturers who were very involved in the process with sufficient guidance, time, feedback and information provided to complete the application.

APEL.C offers an academic relief from having to strive for an academic subject that students have a specialty in (From working experience). This lets students focus on other subjects and their own research!

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MASTER IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

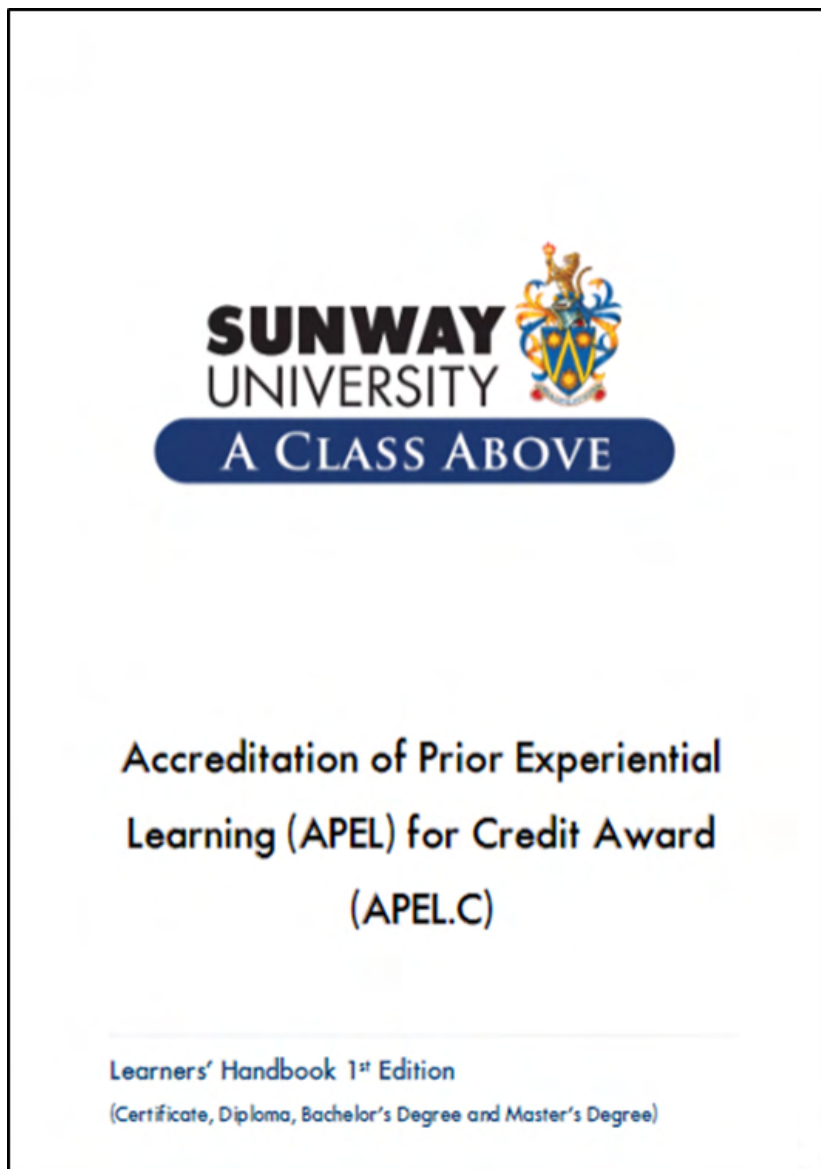
The APEL.C process by Sunway University provided good support and was coordinated well. I was given an overview of the process, objectives and expected outcomes as well as guidance throughout every step of the way.

Furthermore, APEL.C allowed me to leverage on my working experience and prior learnings thus completing MSDM in a shorter timeframe while not compromising my personal learning objectives.



WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON APEL.C?

Learners interested in participating with the APEL.C initiative can gather information and apply through the newly minted APEL portal, university.sunway.edu.my/PACE/APEL, or directly contact PACE. Furthermore, any parties interested in the APEL.C process can also download the APEL.C Learner's Handbook at the APEL Portal or directly through vine.sunway.edu.my/vinecms/pace/home.



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To download a copy of the APEL.C Learner's Handbook

The APEL.C Learner's Handbook available at university.sunway.edu.my/pace/apel



MICRO-CREDENTIALS

LAUNCH OF 26 NEW MICRO-CREDENTIAL COURSES

Apart from all the APEL related updates, the PACE department is also proud to announce the launch of 26 new micro-credential courses in time for the 2023 intake! Micro-credentials are certifications that demonstrate the learning achieved in a single course or a set of courses.

These certifications are intended to provide learners with knowledge, skills, values, and competencies in a specific area of study or practice. The exciting set of new micro-credential courses were done in conjunction with Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development (JSC), Center for American Education, and the School of Engineering and Technology (SET).



View the full list of Micro-credential courses available at university.sunway.edu.my/PACE/micro-credential-courses



PACE UPCOMING EVENTS

APEL.C LAUNCH EVENT (JUNE 2023 TENTATIVE)

To mark the remarkable achievement of obtaining accreditation for APEL.C, the PACE department is planning for an APEL.C Launch event to promote APEL.C to internal and external stakeholders of Sunway University. Stay tuned!





CLOSING

2023 holds great promise for the PACE department, with several exciting developments on the horizon. These include the successful conclusion of the APEL.C accreditation process, the launch of more micro-credentials courses, and other initiatives. We remain steadfast in our commitment to providing individuals with exceptional professional and continuing education opportunities through our current and upcoming plans.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working together to make 2023 a great year for our department and Sunway University.

Signing off,

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