



# Global Education Counselling

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# Education *news*

GEC is committed to assisting students in finding the most appropriate university placement worldwide, while promoting excellence in education.

## GEC Franchises now 12!

GLOBAL EDUCATION COUNSELLING (GEC) is pleased to announce an important development in the range of services offered to students aspiring to a university education in the UK or other overseas countries.

The International Degree Foundation Programme (IDFP) which up to this point in time has only been taught by GEC schools and colleges will, from January 2012, be taught in a number of colleges in Nigeria in collaboration with GEC. This programme is equivalent to A Levels for the purpose of university entrance and better suited to the needs of Nigerian

students.

It is fully validated and the schools and colleges where it is taught approved by the leading UK validating body EDEXCEL. The qualification is recognized by universities in the UK, mainland Europe, Canada, the US and elsewhere. Certain universities with which GEC has collaborative arrangements guarantee a place to those students achieving a satisfactory level on the IDFP.

The schools and colleges that will be offering the IDFP in collaboration with GEC in January 2012 range from Boarding schools to Day Schools. GEC offers a full range of academic and visa services to students wishing to study outside their own country. The Company has been serving students for the last 15 years and has established itself as a leading provider in the field. ■

### *Note from the Editor*

Dear Colleagues, Students and friends,

We are very happy to be sending you our very first edition of our quarterly newsletter "**Education News**"! Our aim is to be in touch with you more often, giving you a heads up on our education news front and keeping you informed of what's going on in our field, e.g. new university courses, new contracts, new opportunities and benefits for students, etc.

Please take a few minutes from your precious time to have a read through.

We really hope you will enjoy reading our news and anticipate your feedback and input, being confident that we will get to know each other better through the process. ■

# Seasons Greetings

*Dear Colleagues, Students and Friends,  
We wish you and your families, heartfelt  
greetings for this holiday season and a  
prosperous New Year 2012!*



## New MSc Professional Accounting at Dundee University!

*Gives exemption from the first 9 papers of the ACCA exams!*

Global Education Counselling (GEC) proudly announces that the School of Business at Dundee University (one of its partners) has launched its MSc Professional Accountancy. The programme is the first in the UK to combine master level study with full ACCA accreditation, enabling successful graduates to claim exemptions from ACCA knowledge and skills papers F1-F9. This is a challenging, high-quality post-graduate

degree which is targeted at outstanding students who want to become professionally qualified accountants.

"The new accounting degree at Dundee is really something many students worldwide would jump for," said Theo Theodorou, Director of International Affairs of GEC. The entry requirements for this course are slightly higher than for other Business / Accounting courses. An honours degree at 2.1, or

above, in accounting or a related discipline with significant accounting content will normally be required, though a consideration of relevant and advanced professional practical experience will also be considered. UK/EU fees for the MSc Professional Accountancy is £3,400 in Jan 2012 and £5,000 in Sep 2012. ■



### Pearson and GEC join up to help international students reach higher education goals – even faster!

With this new collaboration we hope to see more of the students GEC works with, taking Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) to fulfil higher education admissions requirements and student visa applications.

PTE Academic was designed by Pearson to be a secure and reliable measure of English language proficiency for international students needing to prove their academic English language skills to English speaking countries. Fast and convenient, students can register 48 hours in advance and typically receive their results within 5 business

days via a secure online verification system.

Theo Theodorou, Director of International Affairs, GEC said: "Over the years, we've helped thousands of students gain admissions to higher education institutions. We recommend that our students take PTE Academic because we think that it measures their English language skills accurately and reliably to our partnering institutions such as the University of Nottingham. Our partnership with Pearson is based on our dual desire to provide an efficient and convenient service that enables our students to register for the test and receive their results quickly. This partnership with Pearson will help the students we work with to gain admissions and student visas faster so that they can reach their education goals." ■

**GEC courses  
approved by  
EDEXCEL**

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Global Education Counselling Ltd (GEC) is proud to announce that it has had the majority of its courses approved by EdExcel in the United Kingdom

Edexcel, a Pearson company, is the UK's largest awarding body, offering academic and vocational qualifications and testing in the UK and in over 85 countries. For more detail look at their website [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com).

GEC runs International Degree Foundation Programmes (IDFP) in Business Studies, Computing, Science and Pre medicine. In addition it runs Certificates and Diplomas in Business Studies and Computing.

In recent months staff at GEC have worked extremely hard with colleagues at EdExcel to achieve recognition of its courses by EdExcel.

Its IDFP's are deemed equivalent to EdExcel Certificates which are suitable for entry onto UK first degree programmes whilst its Certificates and Diplomas are deemed equivalent to level 1 and 2, respectively, of UK degrees. ■