



DNA: Theological, Personal Development and Mentoring

DNA is accredited by Open College Network South East Region (OCN SER) under licence from the National Open College Network. Successful students will be awarded a nationally recognised Credit Certificate showing how many credits have been earned.

Credits are awards given for the successful completion of learning. You will be asked to prepare a number of pieces of work, or do some practical work, and take part in group discussions.

Think of credits as a kind of educational or training currency you have earned for your work. You can save them up and use them at different times and in different places. They can be:

- Shown to employers as evidence of your skills
- Used for entry to a college course
- Traded in as part of another qualification

In addition to this, The London School of Theology (formerly London Bible College) regards DNA as equivalent to an Access course for entry to the first year of either the B.A. in Theology or the B.Th. in Christian Life and Ministry. Mature students (over the age of 23) without the normal A Level qualifications could be recommended for admission on the basis of having completed DNA.

Credits can be obtained at different levels to suit your skills and needs, and are the learning equivalent to other qualifications. Twelve credits at Level 2 are considered to be the learning equivalent to a GCSE Grade C, while learning achieved at Level 3 is in parity with A Level work. DNA has a total of 66 credits available to you.

You can choose to pursue DNA at either an accredited academic route or a vocational route. The benefits of following the accredited route will be fully explained during our first week together so that you can make an informed decision. If you choose to follow the accredited programme however, there will be an additional fee to pay before Christmas to cover costs we are charged for registering you as a learner with the certificating body.

You choose at which Level to work to - 2 or 3 although some units are only available at Level 2 - for these everyone will do them at Level 2.

Level 2:	At this level the participant is required to complete assessment work to show a broad level of competence, knowledge, understanding, reflection and application.
Level 3:	At this level the participant is required to complete assessment work to show more complex competence, knowledge and understanding, with more analytical and critical responses and application.



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There are no exams to sit! We will require you to keep a portfolio of your learning throughout the year, which will form the basis of assessment. There are *15 units*, worth a total of *66 credits* which we require you to complete. Some units are worth 3 credits while others are worth 6

These will be assessed at different times and in different ways - some will be worksheets that you have written, others book reviews given, others the production of work at home and others from small group discussion at set times.

Unit Title	Available at Level 2	Available at Level 3	Credit Value
Christian Disciplines	✓	✓	3
Prayer	✓	✓	6
Practical Christian Living	✓	✓	6
Voluntary Work in the Community	✓		6
Spiritual Gifts in the Church	✓	✓	6
Organising Public and Community Events	✓		6
Communication Skills	✓		6
Self Assessment for Volunteers	✓		3
Evangelism in the Church	✓	✓	3
Church and Young People	✓	✓	3
Church and the Community	✓	✓	3
Working with Young People	✓		3
Leadership in the Church	✓	✓	3
Production of Research Assignment	✓	✓	6
Teamwork	✓	✓	3