How to Complete Formal Hours Remotely During COVID-19 Campus Closure

During the campus closure, we will be adapting the requirements of the DCU Engage Award to facilitate students in completing their formal engagement hours remotely.

Here are some of the ways that you will be able to complete your formal hours while off campus:

- **Participate in an Online SS&D Workshop** – Student Support & Development are delivering online workshops for students via Zoom, for example the popular Pathways to Success Programme. Each session in the four-part series will qualify as one hour of formal engagement.

  Check out [dcu.ie/students](http://dcu.ie/students) for virtual event listings & keep an eye on DCU & SU social media for updates. SS&D also have a team of Digital Ambassadors in each faculty who regularly post updates on events, as well as supports & services available. See their Instagram handles below & follow the Ambassador in your faculty to keep up to date with the latest Engage news.

  - dcu_ssd_huso  (Humanities & Social Sciences)
  - ddc_ssd_busines  (Business School) dcu
  - ssd_engcom  (Engineering & Computing)
  - dcu_ssd_sciencehealth  (Science & Health)
  - dcu_ssd_edu  (Institute of Education)

- **Engage With Online DCU Online Learning Resources** – DCU have a wide range of online learning resources available for students, including video tutorials on study skills, academic writing, time management & library research skills. Given that in class workshops are currently suspended, completion of these online resources will now count as formal engagement.

  Student Support & Development have created a [home study toolkit web page](http://homestudytoolkitwebpage) full of advice, tips & supports for students & this includes [links to all of these online resources](http://linkstalldesonlineresources). The [Student Data Protection course on Loop](http://studentdataprotectioncourseonloop) will also count as formal engagement This course will be a valuable addition to any CV & will benefit all students in their chosen future careers.

  Those of you who claim engagement credit for online study will need to complete a [post study reflection](http://poststudyreflection) to verify engagement. The template for this will be emailed to you on request.

  All online study participation forms should be sent, along with the completed reflection form, to Siofra at [engageaward@dcu.ie](mailto:engageaward@dcu.ie) to be digitally signed & stamped. Please note that online study participation forms can’t be signed & stamped without a reflection.

- **Complete a One-on-One Remote Writing Centre Consultation** – The DCU Writing Centre will continue to offer services to students during the university closure period. To book an online appointment, go to the Writing Centre webpage under [dcu.ie/studentlearning](http://dcu.ie/studentlearning) & click on a time slot that suits you. When you book your appointment you will receive an email with instructions on how to log into your online session. This session will qualify as formal engagement.

- **Engage in an Online Maths Learning Centre Session** – The DCU Maths Learning centre will also continue to offer services to students. To participate in an online Maths Support session go to the MLC page on Zoom & click into the meeting. You will then be asked to register using your DCU email address. The online sessions will take place on **Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays** from 11am – 1pm & 1pm -3pm. These sessions will qualify as formal engagement.
- **Complete a One-on-One Remote Careers Consultation** – Log onto [engage.dcu.ie](http://engage.dcu.ie) to make an appointment for an online career consultation appointment or contact [careers@dcu.ie](mailto:careers@dcu.ie) for more information. This session will qualify as formal engagement.

- **Take Part in an Online Mindfulness Session with DCU Healthy** – DCU Healthy be holding online mindfulness sessions at lunchtime on **Tuesdays (1pm – 1:40pm)** for DCU students & staff. A Zoom link will be sent out each week via email for participants to click on to join the practice. This session will qualify as 40 minute of formal engagement.

There will be more formal engagement opportunities available over the next few weeks so check back on this document for updates, read the Engage Award newsletter & keep an eye on the SS&D Digital Ambassador Instagram accounts, as well the DCU & SU social media channels for updates.

If you have a query about completing your formal engagement hours remotely, or on any other aspect of the Engage Award process, please email Siofra on engageward@dcu.ie.