

Assessment

The programme is assessed by a combination of assignments and submission of evidence while working with a student within the workplace. Examples of this are student reports and direct observation of your practice. At the end of the course, a Portfolio is completed containing a record of all course work.

Reading Material

There is a great deal of relevant course material provided online. Candidates on the course will be directed to core texts, recommended books and useful websites. Candidates will be able to access recommended books from UHI Learning Resource Centres.

Fees

Cost for the full PDA is £772.25.

Students may be eligible for an Individual Learning Account (ILA) of £500. Please contact 0808 100 1090 or your local college for more information.

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Information Leaflet
for
The Professional Development
Award in Practice Learning (SS)



Programme Description

Places are available on a course being offered by UHI called the Professional Development Award in Practice Learning (SS) (PDA in Practice Learning). This award is a qualification for those working within the field of social services and other related occupations. The programme replaces the earlier Practice Teaching award and has, at its base, 8 units which have been approved by the Scottish Qualifications Authority and the Scottish Social Services Council. (July 2008)

Length and Contact of Programme

UHI has designed the course in partnership with others, including service users and carers, to run flexibly over the course of one academic year. The 8 units are covered in 5 knowledge blocks which focus upon the following themes:

- Evidence Based Practice; Assessment of Learners
- Create an Environment for Learning; Evaluate Learning
- Support Learning in a Social Service Practice Context
- Facilitate Learning; Establish Effective Working Relationships
- Leadership for Learning

It is a requirement that applicants will supervise a student during the course and that appropriately qualified assessors within the workplace will directly observe their practice with a student. The course is also suitable for managers involved in extensive staff supervision or staff training. The programme is taught mainly by distance learning but there are 2 induction days and 5 course tutorial plus 5 additional tutorials throughout the year.

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Facilities and Resources

Learning Resource Centres (libraries) across UHI partner colleges have an extensive range of publications and texts available. Learning support teams in each college can provide assistance to students with special needs, eg dyslexia.

Entry Requirements

The entrance criteria for those who wish to undertake the PDA in Practice Learning (SS) is that they are registered or eligible for registration with the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC). We also offer the PDA in Practice Learning for those who are not registered or are not eligible for registration. Applicants must have well developed communication and inter-personal skills and a relevant professional qualification at level 8/9 (equivalent to 3rd year university or ordinary degree level, for example, DipSW, CQSW, or equivalent qualification in health, housing occupational therapy or education, as well as relevant experience.

