

Professional Practice Award – Registered Care Ambassadors

As a care ambassador have you;

- applied your skills and knowledge at your workplace, in your voluntary work or in the community?
- influenced others and helped to changed negative attitudes about working in social care?
- actively sought to improve how people are recruited into the sector to ensure there are the right people with the right skills and attitude?
- Spent time with young people or job seekers to help them make informed choices about working in or studying about social care?

If the answer is yes to any of the above then you may be interested in the Professional Practice Award.

Skills for Care is working in collaboration with Northumbria University to provide an opportunity to study for a work-based Professional Practice Award. We have a limited number of fully funded places for the award this year. This award aims to give academic recognition for the learning and experience of care ambassadors and its implementation in the workplace or voluntary activity. You do not need to have been to university before to undertake the award and applications are welcomed from people from a wide variety of backgrounds.

The Introductory day for the programme will be held at :

***10.00am – 2.30pm on Monday 2nd November 2009
at Durham County Cricket Club, Durham***



What is the commitment required?

The programme takes 9 months to complete. There are learning sessions held one afternoon per month 2pm-5pm at accessible locations in the region. You will need to be prepared to give your time to reflect and study.

What will I gain?

As well as gaining life long learning skills and increased confidence, upon successful submission of all assessed work you will gain

The Professional Practice Award

This 60 (CAT points) credit award is offered at several levels depending on the academic level which you agree at entry to the programme.

Depending on level agreed the University Award will be offered as:

- **University Certificate – level 4**
- **University Diploma – level 5**
- **University Advanced Diploma – level 6**
- **Postgraduate Certificate – Level 7**

What will I have to do?

There are 3 stages to the programme

- Development of a learning plan and evidencing study skills training
- Production of a reflective commentary on how Continuing Professional Development activity has impacted on your work or volunteer role and personal development, or an independent study activity
- A *Work-based project* assessed by an oral presentation and a short report.

What help will I get?

You will have access to on-line Northumbria University study and library resources and will be able to meet with academic tutors for group learning sessions. In addition a work place advisor (Skills for Care officer) will provide day to day learning support, guidance and advice on care ambassador related queries including resources and project support. Northumbria University will provide training in IT, literature search and critical appraisal skills.

What should I do next?

Please complete the attached form to attend the Introductory Day or call Karen or Anna for an informal chat.

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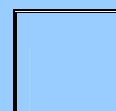
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I wish to attend the Introductory Event on:

2nd November – Durham Cricket Club



Do you have any special requirements? e.g. access or dietary

Signed: